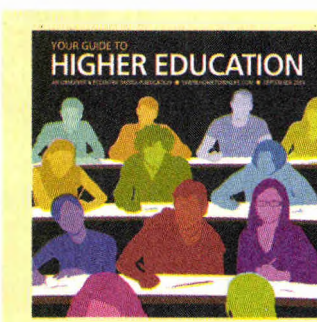


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Parents air bus complaints at transportation forum

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A change to the shuttle schedule for TAG and other students, along with a misjudgment of the number of students who'd be riding buses, was among many factors that caused huge transportation problems for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students in the first week of the school year.

Tardy pick-ups, late drop-offs, crowded buses and a host of other issues contributed to nearly 800 complaints from parents into the district's revamped transportation department, where Durham Bus

Service had been hired to provide drivers and mechanics and TransPar Group, Inc., had been brought in to improve a system that buses some 10,000 students a day.

But one week in, parents were not happy and district officials were pledging to get the problems fixed. To lay out the case the district's team could right the ship, district officials hosted a 90-minute forum designed to let parents air their grievances and allow the team to point out corrective actions.

"It is our responsibility to get this right ... and take corrective action fast," Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen

said. "We know there are problems, we admit there are problems and we're working on that. We aim to get this right."

Meissen said earlier in the week the problem was one of routing and not drivers. Durham and TransPar were brought in this year, at least in part, to solve driver and routing issues inflicted by the previous vendor, Michigan Educational Transportation Services.

No excuses

On Tuesday, TransPar's Francisco Duprey admitted Meissen was right.

"TransPar is responsible for this, we are accountable for

this and we are working hard to fix the problems," Duprey told the crowd gathered at Discovery Middle School for the hastily called forum, announced just 24 hours earlier on the district's website. "We tried to do something we were asked to do and we didn't do it well."

Duprey laid out several things TransPar got wrong in the first week, including:

» Dramatically underestimating the number of students, particularly at the high schools, who would be riding the bus, causing over-crowding on more than a dozen buses

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BRAD KADRICH

Plymouth-Canton parent Cathy Vredeveld holds up a visual aid depicting the size of a bus seat on which officials were expecting three students to sit.

Fun at the festival



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James Van Horn seasons chicken getting ready for the Rotary chicken barbecue at last weekend's Plymouth Fall Festival. Mike Dunn was chairman of the barbeque back in 1990 and he's still at it. For more on the festival, turn to page A6.

Plans for amphitheater moved off center stage

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plans for a \$350,000 amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park were put on hold Tuesday pending next year's scheduled review of the township's recreation plan.

A resolution to make the amphitheater proposal part of the 2015 recreation plan review was approved with a 6-1 Board of Trustees vote. Supervisor Richard Reaume, who had placed the resolution on the board's Tuesday agenda, says public input on the amphitheater proposal will be sought through the review process.

The abrupt turnaround - the board three weeks ago voted down a resolution to delay the project while seeking public input - didn't placate some board critics. Reaume and three other board members are targeted in a recall effort launched late last month.

"What we need is a fundamental change at the root, not just shifting money around and putting things off until next year," recall activist Polly Wise told the board after the vote. Wise spoke of a "growing level of frustration" that got her to start attending board meetings and researching issues about a year ago.

Voting for the resolution were Reaume, Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold, who are also named in the recall effort, plus Trustees Mike Kelly and Chuck Curmi, who are not recall targets.

Earmarked nixed

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, also not a recall target, voted against the resolution. Doroshewitz, an outspoken critic of the way amphitheater plans have been handled, argued for setting aside money budgeted for the amphitheater until the issue is resolved.

If the recreation and open space plan review finds sup-

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School district restores kindergarten classroom help

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

More than a dozen people showed up at Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting ready to implore district administrators to replace paraprofessionals they'd removed from kindergarten classrooms because of a funding mistake.

But administrators rendered their comments moot by announcing a plan to put the paraprofessionals back in the classrooms before the citizen comments portion of the meeting

could begin.

Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, told board members he feels the move was "important to provide support to our kindergarten teachers."

"Our intent is to make a (budget) adjustment," Meissen said. "We think this would be most effective for our children."

The plan now is to return the paraprofessionals to overcrowded kindergarten classrooms on a tiered basis. Classrooms with between 24-27 students will get three hours

of paraprofessional time per day; classrooms with between 20-23 students will get 1½ hours of daily support.

The district's two sections of Young Fives program will also get three hours per day of paraprofessional support.

The administration had taken the paraprofessional support out of the classroom at the start of the school year after a Michigan Department of Education audit found the district was improperly using its Section 31A program money, intended for at-risk students, to pay for the kinder-

garten paraprofessionals.

Considering the program came with a \$500,000 price tag and the district was already looking at a budget with a \$3.1 million deficit, administrators made what they called a "painful" cut.

But when the administration took a look at the first enrollment numbers for the 2014-15 school year, they discovered there were 17,145 students enrolled, some 30 students more than the total on which they'd built their



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Officials take 'wait-and-see' view of water deal

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The city of Detroit struck a tentative 40-year deal with Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties to create a regional water authority that will provide \$50 million annually to finance badly needed upgrades and help low-income residents avoid water shutoffs.

The historic accord comes after months of feverish negotiations between political officials. To complete the deal, Detroit City Council or Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr must sign off — along with one other county board.

Even if two county boards refuse to sign off, Gov. Rick Snyder would force the counties into the accord, underscoring the fact that Detroit held the political cards to get the deal done.

Shannon Price, the 10th District Wayne County commissioner who represents Plymouth and Canton, said the commission began meetings on the agreement Wednesday, but that a vote likely was a few

weeks away. Although he said he wants a closer look at the details, Price said he's "happy on the surface."

"The plan does three major things," Price wrote Tuesday in an email to the *Observer*, shortly after the agreement was announced. "It stabilizes rates, it gives the suburbs a voice at the table and requires a super-majority for any rate increases and infrastructure improvements and we start to fix the infrastructure problems that have been neglected for decades."

The deal will become part of Detroit's sweeping Chapter 9 bankruptcy restructuring plan, which must still be approved by Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes following a trial that could stretch into October.

"This is an agreement that I would not have hesitated to make even if we weren't under the pressure of the bankruptcy," Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said at a press conference Wednesday morning at the federal courthouse, where the bankruptcy trial was also taking place.

The regional assets of the Detroit Water and Sewerage System — which serves 4 million people in southeast Michigan — will be operated by the newly created Great Lakes Water Au-

thority. The DWSD will continue to maintain the plants and pipes that are located within the city's physical borders.

The deal also means water rates will increase at up to 4 percent each year for the first 10 years for Detroit and suburban customers.

Under the accord, the mayor of Detroit will get two appointees to the authority, each county will get one appointee and the governor will get one appointee. Five of six votes will be required to raise rates or make other major decisions.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who has been a proponent of a regional water authority, said the proposal needs to be examined more carefully.



Heise

"I have some major concerns about this plan," Heise said. "There are a number of issues I see with this plan that deserve a closer look. Our local communities will have to do the proper due diligence to make sure this is a good deal for the hard-working taxpayers we serve."

Under the plan, \$54.5 million would be transferred from the new Great Lakes Water Authority to the city of Detroit each year. Of that money, \$50 million would go to infrastructure repairs, which raises questions for Heise.

"It wasn't made clear during the presentation whether the \$50 million would go solely for fixing the infrastructure for the city or if that would be used to fix the infrastructure throughout the whole region," Heise said. "This question needs to be answered. Suburban ratepayers

should not have to foot the bill for the repairs in the city of Detroit and then pay extra to fix the system they actually use."

Heise is also skeptical about the lack of unanimous approval needed from the government units involved in the plan.

"The plan, which could create a heavier burden on suburban taxpayers than is being stated currently, doesn't even need to be approved by all four government entities involved," Heise said. "Our local communities have never had a seat at the table with Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and that has been a huge failing in southeast Michigan. Let's not continue that by allowing only two of the four governmental units involved in drawing up the plan approve it for the whole region."

The city said the \$2 billion regional water

deal will help finance \$500 million to \$800 million in water system upgrades. DWSD will still be responsible for more than a half-billion dollars in pension contributions to help resolve Detroit's bankruptcy.

Duggan said the upgrades would create "thousands of jobs" in construction to rehabilitate the aging infrastructure.

"We are going to go through this city and rebuild our water system the way it should have been built years ago," Duggan said.

Approval is required by Oct. 10 to solidify the deal, which will be followed by a 200-day due-diligence period to obtain the necessary legal sign-offs.

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Price

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budget. The extra money will be used, among other things, to help offset the cost of the paraprofessionals.

Still, administrators will need to find some

\$260,000 of the \$402,000 cost of the kindergarten paraprofessionals elsewhere in the general fund budget.

"We've been listening to our community since before the start of the school year," Trustee John Barrett said. "We feel, as they feel, this is a much-needed resource."

Trustees agreed with Meissen the administration could pay for the program out of the general fund and Meissen said administrators would find the money somewhere in the budget.

Board President Judy Mardigian said the paraprofessionals were "worth the fight."

"I'm extremely supportive of this," Mardigian said. "It's something worth fighting for; I'm willing to work with my colleagues for some off-setting reductions. It's a much more worthwhile fight."

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port for such a project, he said, then the money will be in reserve. If support is found for a different recreation project instead, then \$350,000 will be available.

"We should protect the money," Doroshewitz said.

"I don't see the reason to put a hold on it," Reaume said.

After the vote, Doroshewitz called the move "a total smoke-screen" and said he fears the amphitheater money will be spent on something else. Reaume said any spending of the \$350,000 would be restricted to parks and recreation improvement projects.

The amphitheater, a planned all-season pavilion at Township Park, park maintenance, upgraded fields at Lake Pointe Soccer Park, changes at Hilltop Golf Course and other improvements to recreation facilities are all part of a \$2.55 million capital improvements budget passed last year.



The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to delay the proposal for a \$350,000 amphitheater pending results of a review of the township's recreation plan next year.

The township borrowed \$1.9 million for the improvements through a bond sale; the rest of the money is to come from grants and money already budgeted for capital improvements. The purchase of several pieces of equipment for the public works department is included in the improvements plan.

The township's recreation plan, formally called the Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, is required for grant eligibility and is updated

every five years; the last update was in 2010.

Public meetings

Reaume said a series of public meetings will be held next year as the plan is reviewed and revised and that a proposal for an amphitheater will be part of those discussions. The 2015 recreation and open space plan revision is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of next year.

The amphitheater, with seating for between 300 and 350 people, is proposed for an area of the park west of the baseball fields.

Officials said it would be a venue for small concerts, puppet shows, outdoor theater and other entertainment. Opponents say it would bring too much traffic, noise and litter to the area and disrupt the neighborhood, that the money would be better spent on other projects and that the project was developed without much public input.

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BUS

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right from the beginning. The result was having three students to a seat on all the buses, on some of which kids were even sitting on laps and in the aisles.

"A hundred and twenty kids don't fit on a bus that seats 84," said Cathy Vredevel, who brought in a small piece of cardboard depicting the size of a bus seat to illustrate the seats aren't made for three high school-age kids. "It's ridiculous."

» Making changes to routes that intersected

with shuttles bringing riders from other programs, such as special-education classes and the district's Talented and Gifted Program. Adding students to those runs dramatically delayed afternoon runs, Duprey said.

"We took a gear out of this tightly wound clock," Duprey said of the shuttles. "We have to put that gear back in."

» Not obtaining the proper data to draw up routes to begin with. Duprey has told administrators for a few weeks now TransPar's lack of access to accurate data has been a hindrance. Planners have split

some of those over-crowded routes and added buses in a couple of places, Duprey said, and as of Tuesday afternoon had reduced the number of over-crowded buses to eight.

Safety concerns

Shanna Hill, whose 5-year-old kindergarten was riding the bus for the first time, was irate her son had to be on the bus more than 90 minutes. In fact, she said, the child fell asleep and the driver didn't even realize he was still on the bus.

"His face was flushed red," Hill said. "It doesn't matter whose fault it is. We just want more buses. At this point, it's just sad."

Hill joined a host of parents who started clamoring right from the

start for more buses. John Parker, the district's new director of operations, said additional buses would be done.

"That's part of the solution, is adding buses," Parker said. "But you have to put it together with the other pieces ... re-routing, over-crowding."

After Duprey and other TransPar officials laid out changes that have been made or will be made, parents were still a little skeptical.

"It's just lip service, in a way," said Kevin Shankie, whose child was nearly two hours late getting home on the first day of school. "Until we see it work out, we're not satisfied."

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CRASH AND LEARN

Auto supplier ups game with new crash-test lab

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

As the automobile industry evolves in terms of vehicle design, safety standards and increasing globalization, the technology behind making cars and trucks evolves as well.

It's that change that prompted Johnson Controls to build a new test laboratory at its Automotive Experience facility in Plymouth Township. The division supplies major automakers around the world with seating, instrument panels and other vehicle systems.

The lab, outfitted with a new Seattle Safety ServoSled for crash testing, gives engineers, designers and technicians precise information about what happens during specific kinds of crashes to vehicle seats, to individual seating components and to the human beings who might be riding in those Johnson Controls seats.

"We're proud of this lab because it's a mixture of science and engineering – and art, in some respects," said Rodney Szerlag, the division's director of engineering and validation. Szerlag spoke Wednesday as the new sled was being prepared for a low-speed whiplash test.

Measuring force

The test was to simulate a rear-impact crash in order to measure how a given seat model is



A whiplash test is run on Johnson Controls' new ServoSled at the company's automotive seating headquarters in Plymouth Township. The new sled allows technicians to measure exactly what happens to a seat – or even a single seat component – in specific kinds of crashes.

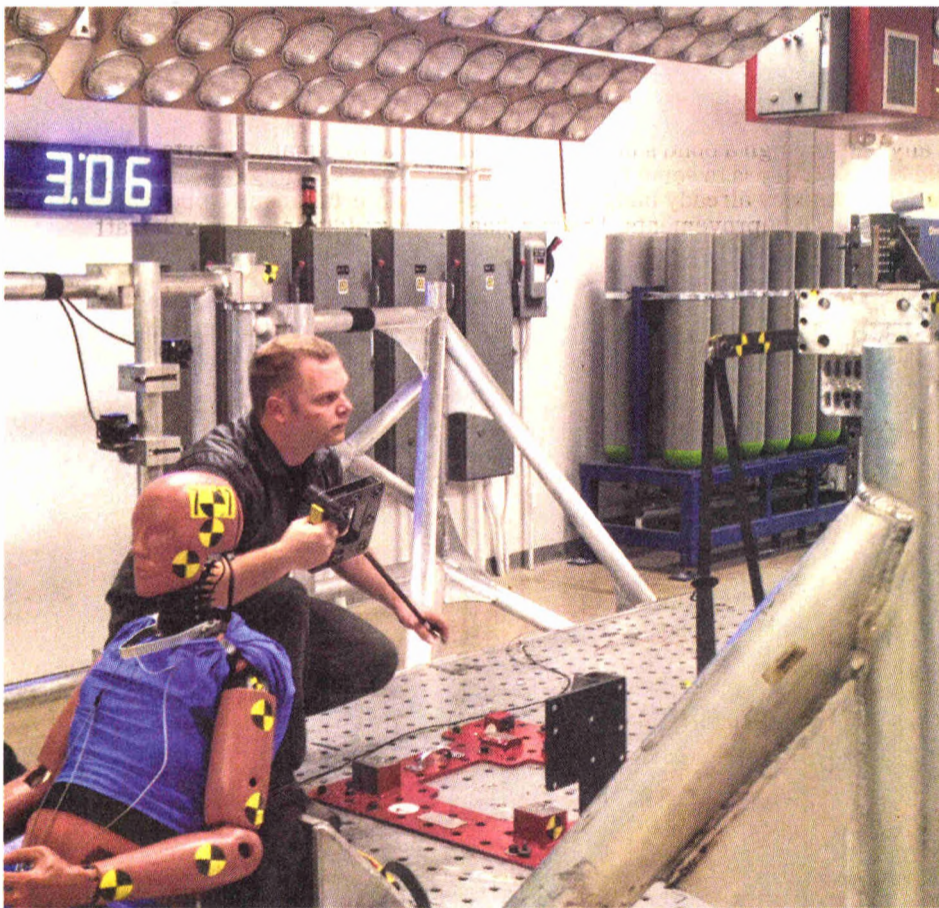
affected by the forces a real crash would bring – the energy the seat would absorb. Using a dummy called a Bio-RID (the acronym stands for Rear Impact Dummy), specifically designed for whiplash tests, the test was also to measure how the head and neck respond, in that seat, to crash forces. That data, the company said, give engineers and designers insights on how to make seating systems that better prevent whiplash injuries.

"We need to understand safety and design safety into our products," Szerlag said. Much of the seat testing is done by computer simulation, he said, but live crash tests are needed to validate the results of virtual tests. "Testing is very critical. It's the baseline for what we do," said Linda Rivers, Johnson Controls' vice president for engineering and industrial design in the seating department. The company also has an older-model test sled, still used for

some crash tests. The crash dummy – the company uses dummies that represent humans of all sizes – is supposed to closely model how a real person of a specific body type would respond to a specific kind of crash and is fitted with sensors, such as accelerometers (to measure acceleration) and load cells (to measure force) that provide that data. Johnson Controls uses dummies from Humanetics ATD (for Anthropomorphic Test Dummies), a worldwide company with headquarters in the township. The dummies are occasionally sent back to Humanetics for

inspection and recalibration. **Labs worldwide** The Plymouth Township lab is Johnson Controls' fifth ServoSled location; the company also has one in Germany, one in Japan and two in China. The lab locations around the world, officials said, help the company compete as vehicle production becomes more globalized and the five different labs collaborate to ensure test results are consistent regardless of location. Wednesday's whiplash test couldn't be completed due to a computer

glitch, but it's the resulting data and the frame-by-frame video the testers want. The "crash" itself is over in less than a second. Rivers, a 29-year veteran of the auto industry, mused as she watched a sled-test video that a lot of drivers and passengers likely don't stop to think about what went into making their cars or about the many factors in those cars on which their safety depends. "Whenever I see this test, I always rethink how I'm sitting in the car," she said.
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Using a device that measures specific points in three-dimensional space, Johnson Controls test technician Troy Nelles prepares the company's new test sled for a rear-impact, 15.5-kilometers-per-hour (not quite 10 mph) whiplash test Wednesday. The new sled can be set up to duplicate the interiors of many different vehicle models in terms of seat-belt placement, seat height, leg room and other features that would affect crash-test results.

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Assault suspect waives prelim exam

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Schumann

The man accused of stabbing a Canton Police officer while the officer was responding to a domestic dispute last month will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The accused, 24-year-old Nicholas Gregory Schumann, waived his preliminary exam Friday before 35th District Judge Ron Lowe.

He bound over Schumann for trial and set a Sept. 12 date for his circuit court arraignment.

Schumann is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), assault with a dangerous weapon, assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer causing injury and aggravated domestic violence. If convicted, Schumann could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison.

Bond for Schumann was set at \$100,000 and he was ordered to wear an alcohol tether, according to officials at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

The veteran Canton police officer was responding to a domestic dispute and escaped serious injury when he was "stabbed in the face" by a suspect wielding a piece of wood from a broken door jamb, Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

The officer, described as a veteran of 22 years, sustained only minor injuries when he

was struck near his eye while intervening to help the suspect's girlfriend, who received medical treatment for an assault that left her eyes and face swollen, Baugh said.

The incident unfolded about 4 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at College Park Estates, a mobile home community on Mott, east of Ridge. Police had received a call for help amid accusations the suspect was assaulting the woman.

The police officer dodged a potentially serious injury as he forced open the door to the

home to help the suspect's girlfriend, Baugh said.

The door jamb broke and the defendant was accused of picking up a small piece of wood.

"The officer was stabbed in the face near his eye," Baugh said.

The woman was more seriously wounded when she was assaulted. She received medical treatment.

A 2-year-old boy and a 3-month-old girl were in the house at the time, Baugh said, but they were not injured.

Canton man and woman injured in separate accidents

Canton Police are investigating a pair of Monday evening accidents they say left a 32-year-old man and a 77-year-old woman hospitalized, both in critical condition.

The first accident happened shortly before 6:30 p.m. Monday, when police were called to the scene of the first accident on westbound Michigan Avenue, near I-275.

The 32-year old Canton man was riding his bicycle across Michigan Avenue between I-275 and Lotz, in the pedestrian/bicycle crossing, when he was struck by a Dodge Ram 3500 pickup truck being driven by a 62-year-old Brighton man.

The victim was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia and police said he was in

critical condition Monday evening. The Brighton man was uninjured.

Fewer than three hours later, police were called out to eastbound Michigan Avenue at Belleville Road, where the 77-year-old Canton woman was driving north on Belleville Road.

After stopping at the stop signs posted at the intersection

due to a power outage, she continued north into the intersection. Her 2010 Ford Escape was struck by a 2005 Chrysler Sebring traveling eastbound on Michigan Avenue driven by a 26-year-old woman from Ypsilanti.

The Canton woman was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, where police said she was listed in critical condition

Monday evening. Police said the Ypsilanti woman was transported to Oakwood Hospital in Wayne with unknown injuries.

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate both accidents. Police said neither alcohol nor excessive speed appeared to be factors in the crash.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Traffic stop leads to pot bust

An Aug. 28 traffic stop led to the arrest of a 19-year-old Milford man on charges of possessing marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia.

Patrolling officers spotted the man, who was driving a Ford Contour, just after 1 a.m. Aug. 28 on eastbound Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. They stopped him, the report said, because a graduation-cap tassel hanging from the rear-view mirror obstructed his view.

Upon speak to the man, who was alone in the Contour, one officer noted a marijuana smell, police said.

The man denied having anything illegal in the car, did not have a medical marijuana card and consented to a search of the Contour, police said. The search turned up cigarette pa-

pers, a scale, pipes, a marijuana grinder and two grams of suspected marijuana, police said.

Shoplifting

A 60-year-old township woman was arrested Aug. 27 in the theft of groceries from the Kroger supermarket at Ann Arbor and Sheldon.

A police report said officers were dispatched around 12:30 p.m. on a report of a woman who had been detained by store security. A security worker reported seeing her put a package of chicken and two cans of tuna fish into her purse, then leave the store without paying for them after paying for other items.

Police confiscated an assortment of pills also found in the woman's purse.

— By Matt Jachman

Police investigate assault of G.C. student

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery is thankful for the help of neighbors who came to aid of a Garden City High School student who was assaulted on his way to school Tuesday morning.

The incident happened at about 7 a.m. on Harrison between Alvin and Florence. The teen, a freshman at the high school, was approached from behind by a youth riding a bicycle.

According to the teen, his assailant ordered him to take off his shoes and pulled out a gun. The teen struggled with the suspect. He was knocked to the ground and struck several times in the head. The assailant didn't get the young man's shoes, but did take the teen's iPhone before fleeing.

"He left his bike and we are proc-

essing it for evidence and we were actively searching for the phone in Inkster yesterday," Muery said.

Neighbors heard the commotion and responded, calling 9-1-1 for the teen. A motorist helped get the young man home. Muery confirmed that the teen was struck repeatedly in the back of his head. He was treated at the hospital and released, he said.

A police K-9 was brought into track and lead police to a vacant home in Inkster about a quarter-mile from where the assault occurred, Muery said.

Anyone with information or who witnessed the assault can call the Garden City Police at 734-793-1700.

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Trio of eateries opens in Plymouth

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

William Fryer had long wanted to open a coffee shop, while son Steven, a veteran kitchen worker and a vegetarian, made running a health-food restaurant his dream.

Together, the pair late last month opened La Strovia, a coffee house-cafe combination and one of three new dining choices in downtown Plymouth that opened this summer.



William Fryer

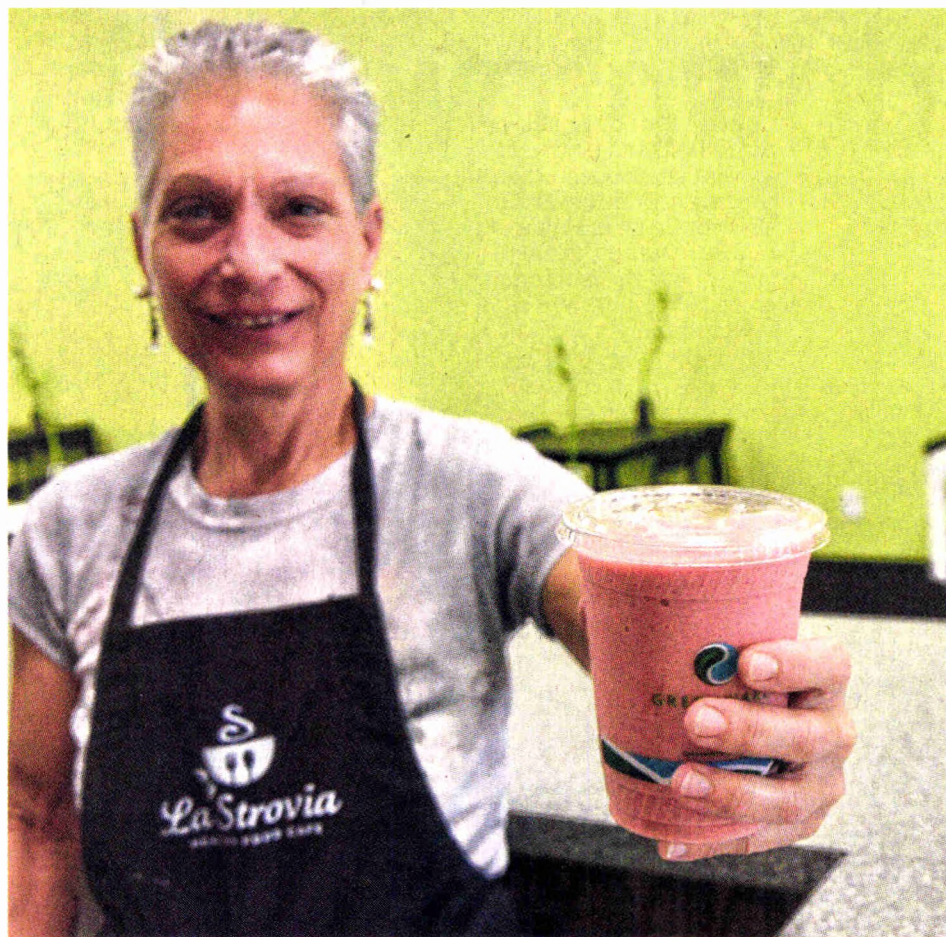
They are joined by a third Fryer, Billy, who like his brother Steven has worked at other downtown restaurants.

"This area is ready for it," William Fryer said Monday, taking a break from placing a product order. "There are lots of people looking for healthy meals, healthy choices. The consumer's getting smarter."

La Strovia is an airy, casual space on Forest Trail and Wing. It offers both table and counter seating, a partially open kitchen, a children's activity area and a retail space that's still being set up.

The place has a menu of simple soups, crepes, sandwiches, salads and sides, with meatless and vegan options, such as a kale wrap, a quinoa burger and a couscous and quinoa salad. There are coffees from the Plymouth Township roaster Coffee Express and a juice and smoothie bar. Nothing on the menu is more than \$10.

Produce, William Fryer said, is organic and locally sourced to the extent possible, while meats are raised without



Anna Bandoian offers a strawberry/banana/coconut smoothie at La Strovia, a coffee house-cafe combination on Forest in downtown Plymouth.

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Billy Fryer looks over the menu that will be mounted on the wall.

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antibiotics, steroids or growth hormones. Most of the breads are from the Avalon Bakery in Detroit.

"I have a personal interest in this kind of food, because it's the kind of food I like to eat,"

chef Mike Horvath said.

William Fryer, who has a background in retail, said he plans for La Strovia's retail area to offer healthy drinks and snacks and cookbooks and other books on healthy living. And he has a special goal for the coffee shop side of the business.



Horvath

"I want to see the coffee shop beat the kitchen," he said with a smile.

La Strovia (www.lastrovia.com) is at 581 Forest. The phone number is 734-667-4444.

The Slice

The Slice, a pizza-and-hamburger kiosk, is in the first-floor food court in the 789 Building, at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

The Slice offers whole pizzas and pizza by the slice, burgers and hot dogs - coney and Chicago-style. There are gluten-free and thin-crust pizza options.

The place joins the Cafe Jorge coffee shop, Yummie Yogurt and Aladdin Shawarma Ex-

press in the 789 Building. It is owned by building owner Omar Hamdan, who is looking for two more tenants to fill the food court.

"It's a great downtown area," said manager Mike Schmidt, who formerly owned The Burger Spot. "It's a great little town to own a business."

Hamdan is still looking for a restaurant tenant for the second floor of the building, but said interested restaurateurs get discouraged when they find no liquor licenses are available in town.

"To make the building complete, we need to have a restaurant upstairs," Hamdan said.

Extreme Pizza

Extreme Pizza, opened about a month ago on



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The kids' area at La Strovia gives parents a break.

Forest, brings California-style pizzas to Plymouth.

Pizzas like Mont Blanc (alfredo sauce, bacon, white cheeses), Pandora's Box (spinach, artichoke

hearts, feta cheese and more) and The Bunny Slope (mozzarella, pine nuts, tomatoes, arugula and goat cheese).

There are whole pizzas, salads, subs and desserts and ready-to-go pizza slices. Pizzas can be made with whole-wheat or gluten-free crusts.

Manager Chuck Mahew said Extreme has built a following, particularly for lunch time, in its few weeks in business.

"Everybody that leaves out of here loves this place," Mahew said. "Everybody's satisfied."

Extreme is a popular chain on the West Coast; the Plymouth location is the third in Michigan. The shop is in the spot formerly occupied by a sandwich shop.

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Baseball, barbecue highlight annual downtown festival



Dad and the kids – Nick Haratsaris, with 2-year-old Livia, Chase, 5, and Marissa, 7 – wave at friends on the ground.

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By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

William Almaraz, 11, of Plymouth has a pretty good pitching arm. He'll show that Sept. 23 at Comerica Park, when the Detroit Tigers take on the Chicago White Sox.

William was the winner Sunday during the Plymouth Fall Festival of a game with eight young people their elders may recall as "Hot Potato." The youngsters passed a Disney toy to music that stopped periodically during a Radio Disney Detroit contest, with William as winner taking home four Detroit Tigers tickets and the chance to throw out the first pitch that evening.

"I feel grateful," the winner said in Kellogg Park. "It's awesome." He's had some Little League experience when younger and plans to practice for his debut in the big leagues.

He got some cool Disney swag that afternoon, with other contestants also winning prizes. The crowd cheered the kids on the final day of the festival in downtown Plymouth.

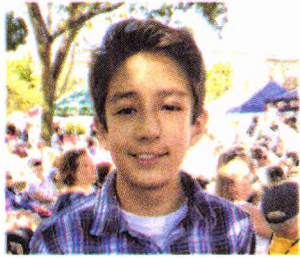
Kellogg Park was packed with many enjoying the Plymouth Rotary's chicken barbecue. The tempting scent of chicken hung over the park – not surprising, since the club cooked nearly 11,000 chickens.

"Oh, we always enjoy the chicken," said Shirley Zaetta of Plymouth Township, who visited with husband Bob. "It's delicious and we enjoy it."

The couple also joins a group of 10-12 for the spaghetti dinner of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, also a benefit and held the evening of Saturday, Sept. 6.

Shirley Zaetta recalled their move to Plymouth Township in 1972 and nearby Canton friends at Joy and Main who didn't know of the fall festival, which is nearly 60 years old. The friends were grateful to attend the fest.

"I think it shows how groups come together and they support each other," she said. Bob Zaetta is president of the committee for the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, so the couple understands what volunteer efforts entail.



JULIE BROWN
William Almaraz, 11, of Plymouth will throw out the opening pitch Sept. 23 at the Detroit Tigers game against the Chicago White Sox after winning a Radio Disney Detroit contest Sunday at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

At the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail was a booth for the Plymouth Lions Club, with membership chair John Marshall of Plymouth Township fielding questions.

His club was founded in 1948 and, like other Lions Clubs, works extensively with the blind and visually impaired, as well as on other causes. Its booth included service dogs from the Rochester Hills-based Leader Dogs for the Blind, as well as Paws With a Cause.

"We've had a booth for years, ever since it started, I think," Marshall said of the fall festival. He noted a Leader Dog costs some \$40,000, so Lions fundraising and support is key. Marshall said the dogs retire after eight or nine years.

"Oh, it's super," Marshall said of the club's work and being at fall festival. "You can't beat it. It brings people downtown. Kellogg Park is perfect for it. It's good to see families together."

Marshall welcomes potential Lions Club members to contact him at HuggyBear@travelleadersply.com.

Nearby on the edge of Kellogg Park was George Belvitch of Plymouth Township, a retired Plymouth-Canton schools administrator. Belvitch is active in PFLAG Plymouth-Canton (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

This was the first year for PFLAG at fall festival. "The reaction's been great," said Belvitch, whose son Michael, 32, is gay. "Very positive. People have inquired about who we are. We've had an opportunity to share with them what our mission is."

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Four-year-old Tyler Pritula of Livonia tries S.A.F.E. archery with coaching from Sunil Shrestha.

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American iron, like Ford Mustangs and British MGB roadsters, share the road at the festival.

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Ellie and Anna Harris look at the festival sights. Mom and dad, Emily and Bryan Harris, pull the wagon. The Harris family is from Canton.

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Irish step dancers are from the O'Hare Studio.

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Olympic Coney says thanks with Customer Appreciation Week

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Next week will be special for Olympic Coney Island in Westland, which will celebrate its grand reopening and 16th anniversary.

The restaurant has been in the process of remodeling its exterior for almost two months and "we want to give back to the customers with a customer appreciation week," said Matt Tyranski who manages the restaurant at 7011 N. Wayne Road.

"We are very grateful for the support we receive from our customers," said Tyranski, a Northville resident. "We wanted to put back into our business and reinvest in the city that has been so supportive."

Customer Appreciation Week kicks off Monday, Sept. 15, with 89-cent coney dogs all day long and continues with 20 percent off the entire bill through Sunday, Sept. 21.

The route to a restaurant in Westland came by way of the Little Fennell Bakery at the Five Mile and Middlebelt area in Livonia for Bill Skotanis, who lives in Plymouth. It was a family operation and when the family decided to go their own ways, he and his wife Fay opened their first Coney Island restaurant at Joy and Morton Taylor in Canton.

After 10 years, Skotanis discovered a closed Kenny Rogers restaurant on North Wayne Road, just south of Warren



Manager Matt Tyranski and his father-in-law Bill Skotanis have kept Olympic Coney Island in Westland open through all of the construction.

Road, and was considering buying it when he asked his father what he thought. His advice was to do it, so Skotanis spent a month redoing the restaurant, opening it in 1998 as the Olympic Coney Island Restaurant.

"I fell in love with Westland and then I found the location," Skotanis said. "My father told me, 'You're doing such a good business in Canton, how can you not do good here?'"

'Accepted us'

He found city officials encouraging. They were glad to see him clean up the mess of the restaurant that had been closed for at least five years, he said.

"From day one, we got good cooperation from (Building Director) Bob Fritz, who told me not worry," Skotanis said. "It was overwhelming. Westland accepted us very, very well from day one." The interior was



New stone and stucco, along with a new roof, are the visible renovations for Olympic Coney Island in Westland.

opened up with the wall coming down, replacing the two small doors that led to the kitchen area.

"When we bought building, it was a mess and within 1½ months, it was finished," Skotanis said. "For whatever reason, people were afraid to put in money into it. It's like you see the glass half-empty, I see the glass half-full."

The response from the public was immediate and the restaurant has enjoyed strong customer support ever since, even through exterior renovations, which are slated to be wrapped up in time for Customer Appreciation Week. New brick work and painted surfaces are dressing up the business' exterior.

Skotanis and son-in-law Matt Tyranski, who with wife Kathy manage the Westland restaurant, appeared before the Westland City Council about the exterior renovations, which had their regulars coming in and telling them they had seen them on the city's cable channel.

"People are excited about it," Skotanis said. "We've gotten a lot of

compliments. Matt has proven that he likes what he does and is capable what he's doing, so I said let's invest the money and fix it up the way it should be so it will be here another 200 years."

Olympic Coney Island's menu consists of Greek specialty items and the freshest Detroit-style coney food, according to Tyranski.

"We specialize in breakfasts that are served all day and has been called 'the best breakfast in town,' he said. "We also carry local Michigan-made pies and ice cream from Blazo's Pie Shop and Guernsey Dairy Farms. So much of our menu is homemade and prepared from scratch. These are some of the things that separate us from other coney islands."

Grateful for customers

Tyranski is grateful for customers who through tough economic times "stood by us and supported our business."

"We would like to thank our customers for that," he said.

Skotanis has a second

restaurant in Brownstown, managed by his son Nick, also a Northville resident. He chose Brownstown because it reminded him of Canton with churches and schools in the neighborhood. That, too, is doing well.

And as much as Skotanis sings the praise of Westland, the family also has been involved in the community. They all attend St. Constantine and Helen Church and Skotanis even manages the banquet center. When a fire destroyed an apartment at Waywood just down the street, the restaurant held a fundraiser for the families who were displaced. They also staged a benefit for the family of the late Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehleke.

"Westland is doing great things — bringing in new stores, building a new city hall as well as a fire station," Tyranski said. "We just wanted to continue the trend to reinvest into this great American city."

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Business mixer

Ribar Floral in Plymouth hosts its next monthly Business 2 Business mixer 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Rose Catering, Monaghan Banquet Center, 19801 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

With no fees and no groups to join, the event is designed simply as a mixer for businesses in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and surrounding areas. Participants are encouraged to bring business cards to exchange with fellow business owners.

For more information, call 734-455-8722 or email ribarfloral@aol.com

Futures Class

ADCOLOR, the only diversity-focused organization operating across the marketing, advertising and media industries, has selected Sara Mahmood of Team Detroit LLC in Dearborn as a member of the Futures Class of 2014.

Mahmood will receive her honor Sept. 17-20 at the ADCOLOR Awards Conference in Beverly Hills, Calif. ADCOLOR, which celebrates diversity within the industry and highlights the groups and individuals who are making change, is recognizing Mahmood for leading by example and making an impact on the world.

A recipient of more than 30 honors, Mahmood most recently was recognized for organizing the refurbishment of a Detroit playground and leading efforts to attract young talent to Detroit. A communications professional with global corporate, integrated marketing, social media and advertising agency experience, Mahmood officially joined Team Detroit in March 2014 after becoming part of a Team Detroit-led social and digital media campaign geared to a millennial audience.

Mahmood is active as a leader in professional industry organizations. She is an elected board member of the Adcraft Club of Detroit (the PM young professionals sector); a chair of the AdCon Career Conference; a moderator of the Lean In Detroit Lean Startup Circle; past president of the American Advertising Federation chapter at Wayne State University; and a former

American Advertising Federation board member serving as millennial brand strategist and adviser.

"I want young professionals to know there are many opportunities in Michigan," Mahmood said. "You just have to reach out and lend a hand to have an impact on the way people see Detroit."

Senior associate

Plante Moran, PLLC, named Canton resident Brian Camiller, CPA, a senior associate in the firm's Southfield office. He previously served as associate with the firm.

Camiller specializes in providing assurance and consulting services for several local municipalities.

Camiller, who joined Plante Moran in 1998, received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association.

He lives in Canton with his wife and two children.

Super lawyers

Super Lawyers magazine recognized 10 attorneys from Southfield-based Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller P.C. (www.maddinhauser.com) for inclusion on the 2014 Michigan Super Lawyers list.

Three additional attorneys, including Canton resident Mark Plaza (appellate, 2014), were named as "Rising Stars."

The attorneys featured in the magazine are selected through a multi-step process. Candidates are nominated through a survey of more than 30,000 attorneys, direct contact with law firms and by reviewing trade journals, periodicals, databases and online sources. A blue ribbon panel of the top attorneys in each respective practice area evaluates the candidates. The final selection is then made by dividing the candidates by their firm size and selecting the top 5 percent.



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Seaman Matthew Miller (right) from Monticello, Ky., and Seaman Randi Groover from Canton heave a mooring line aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) during a scheduled port visit to Okinawa. Peleliu is the lead ship in the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group and is on its final regularly scheduled Western Pacific deployment in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility before decommissioning early next year.

FIRE STATION TOURS

Dates: Oct. 5-11, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Plymouth City Hall fire station

Details: The city Fire Department celebrates Fire Prevention Week by hosting a daily open house at the City Hall Fire Station. Firefighters will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Oct. 6-11, to give tours of the station and provide fire prevention information. The department is also now scheduling tour groups for Fire Prevention Week. The department has tours geared to both youngsters and adults, so all groups are welcome.

Contact: To schedule a tour time during Fire Prevention Week, call the city Fire Department at 734-453-1234, ext. 280.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Fire Station No. 1, 9911 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Fire Department hosts its popular Fire Safety Open House. The event, free to the public, will feature the Fire Safety House for kids, free food, fire station and apparatus tours and demonstrations of how to use a fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication and how to handle a stove fire.

LANTERNS OF LOVE

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

Location: Harbour Club Golf Course, 48356 Denton, Belleville

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice hosts Lanterns of Love. Memorial sky lanterns will be released at dusk by anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one who has died. Registration begins at 7 p.m. and there is no charge to attend. Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended for seating. An indoor candle lighting will take place if weather is not conducive for the launch.

Contact: To reserve a lantern, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

SPOKEN WORD

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Cherry Hill Village Studio Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Interfaith Community Outreach and Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit sponsor "Spoken Word: If You Knew Me." The program is open to grades 8-12. Admission of school supplies for local schools is being asked. RSVP via email to plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com or on Facebook at plymouthcantonico.

Contact: For more information, call 734-502-2508.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Dates: Sept. 26-27

Location: NorthRidge Church, Beck and North Territorial, Plymouth

Details: For one weekend at NorthRidge Church, bestselling author and nationally known

speaker Gary Thomas will be holding the conference "Sacred Marriage," where attendees will learn how to transform a "tired" marriage into a relationship built on love and respect. Thomas explains and expands on how a marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other at this conference.

Contact: To purchase tickets or learn more, visit NorthRidgeChurch.com/SacredMarriage.

CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 5, lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; chocolate affair 2-5 p.m.

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, hosts the 10th annual "A Chocolate Affair and Luncheon" to benefit First Step, the program for counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Luncheon tickets are \$25, as are tickets for the "Chocolate Affair."

Contact: For tickets or more information, call First Step of Plymouth at 734-416-1111, Pat at 734-981-1702 or Kittie at 734-646-5212.

ZUMBA GOLD

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon

Location: Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township

Details: The Plymouth YMCA will offer Zumba Gold fitness classes free with participating health plans or \$39 annual YMCA fee, plus \$25 per six-week session. Sessions run continuously year-round. Zumba Gold is a specialty dance inspired fitness class that takes the Zumba flavor and modifies the moves and pace to suit the needs of active older adults, baby boomers and the beginning fitness person.

POKER FUNDRAISER

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 12, registration 11 a.m. to noon; ride starts at 12:15 p.m.

Location: Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills

Details: The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. hosts a Poker Run fundraiser that starts at Motor City Harley-Davidson. Recreational and serious bikers are invited to ride to raise money for military veterans and Blum's Landing, a northeast Michigan bed & breakfast for War on Terror military personnel and their families. Registration fee is \$25 per bike in advance, \$30 the day of the event (additional riders are \$15). The ride will be approximately 60 miles, with several stops and dinner at VFW Hall in Plymouth included. There will be prize drawings and raffles along with awards for most patriotic bike and furthest traveled.

Contact: To register, go to www.plymouthamrotaryfoundation.org. For questions, call 734-454-7335 or email dschmidt@americanbus.com.

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

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: Jazz @ The Elks presents Interlochen- and Juilliard-trained Walter White and his Quartet. Walter White plays trumpet, Jeff Trudell (son of Johnny Trudell) on drums, Gary Schunk on keyboard, and Ralphe Armstrong on Bass. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

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.

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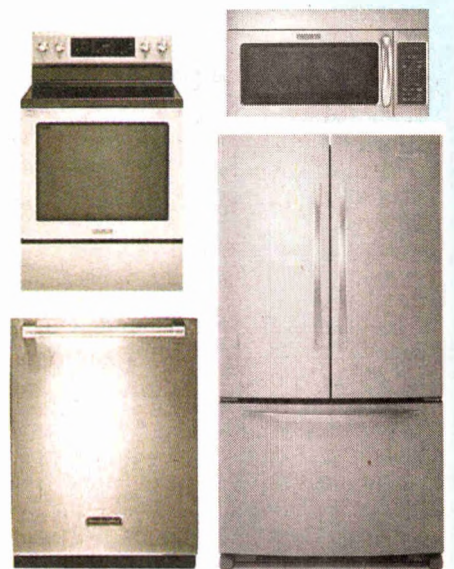
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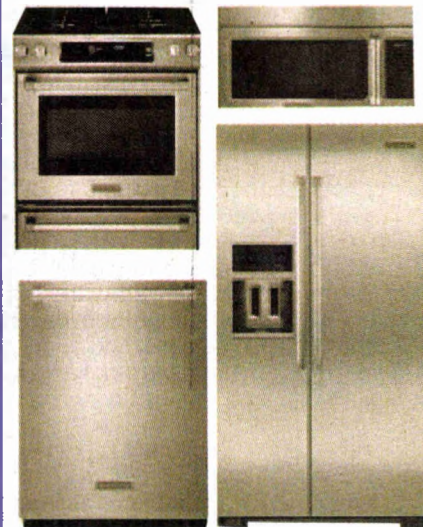
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Grants fund literacy programs at Canton Public Library

The Canton Public Library has been awarded two grants to develop literacy programs to serve the Canton community.

The first, a \$1,500 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, will help fund literacy programs for patrons with special needs, an underserved population of the community.

Librarian Deb Sobczak worked to secure the grant. As a librarian of 22 years and mother of a special-needs child, she knows the isolation felt by families with special needs and how such programs can fill the void with both socialization and literacy development.

"I also wanted to bring special families together to feel comfortable in a place where special is normal," Sobczak said.

Beginning in September, the library will offer two such programs: Folktales Fridays, an interactive, sensory-friendly story time filled with folktales and fairy tales designed for children ages 13 and over and adults with developmental delays or other special needs, and Count Me In, a fun, interactive and sensory-friendly story time especially designed for children ages 12 and under with developmental delays or other special needs.

The Dollar General grant helped fund read-



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ing mats, which allow the patron to get out of their wheelchair and sit or lie comfortably on the floor. Two "sit by myself seats," which help support individuals with neuromuscular weakness, were also purchased, plus other materials including oversized books and puppets for these story times.

The library also received a \$2,000 grant from Target Corp. to continue the popular Target Family Reading Night program. The program offers stories, games and snacks to families with children ages 4-9 and provides a book for the family to take home and share. It encourages early childhood literacy by demonstrating techniques and supplying a book for families to model at home.

Program Librarian Nichole Welz applied for the grant on behalf of the library.

"This program is important because it brings families into the library, but also it helps them take literacy home," Welz said. "By giving them a book that they can keep, families can build a library of their own at home and make reading part of their everyday life. It's been a popular program for several years and, with this grant, we are able to continue offering it."

The grant is part of Target's ongoing efforts to build strong, safe and healthy communities across the country. These efforts include Target's long history of giving 5 percent of its profit to communities, which today equals more

than \$4 million every week. As part of this commitment, Target is on track to give \$1 billion for education by the end of 2015 to help kids learn, schools teach and parents and caring adults engage.

"At Target, we are committed to serving local communities where we do business," said Laysha Ward, president of Target's community relations. "That's why we are proud to partner with the Canton Public Library as we work to strengthen communities and enrich the lives of our guests and team members."

Interested patrons may register for any of the programs by visiting www.cantonpl.org or calling 734-397-0999. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton.

Take advantage of 401(k) plan match program

A couple of weeks ago, I met with a new client about managing their money. Both husband and wife work and each has a 401(k) plan through their employer. They both participate in the plans, but do not contribute the maximum allowed. In addition, they have saved other money outside of the retirement accounts.

As I was going through their affairs, I noticed that the husband's 401(k) plan offered a nice match, while the wife's 401(k) had no matching provision. I asked the couple why they weren't fully taking advantage of the matching program offered by the husband's employer. Their answer was silence. In other words, they never gave much thought about the matching provisions.

According to statistics, the majority of people take advantage of their company's 401(k) match. However, there are a substantial number of people who do not. They either choose not to participate in the plan or they don't fully take advantage of the match.

I believe in the great majority of cases, it is a slam-dunk to take advantage of the employer's matching program. Not taking full advantage of the matching program is like turning down a raise from your employer. For those who do not take advantage of the 401(k) match, you're leaving money on the table. In addition, it is not just the matching contribution, it is also the years of tax-deferred growth that are lost.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

What I recommended to this couple is to fully fund the husband's matching plan, then put money into the wife's plan. This worked because the couple was married for a long period of time and kept their finances together.

In a situation where you have a second or third marriage where the parties don't combine resources and may have a prenuptial agreement, my strategy may not work.

It is important to understand your company's salary deferral program. Companies add and/or change investment alternatives and matching programs all the time. It does pay to spend a few minutes to make sure you understand your employer's current policies.

Free is one of my favorite words in the English dictionary. Free money is even better. That is exactly what you get when you take advantage of an employer's match. If you're like me and don't like to walk away from free money, make sure you take advantage of any matching program available.

Good luck.

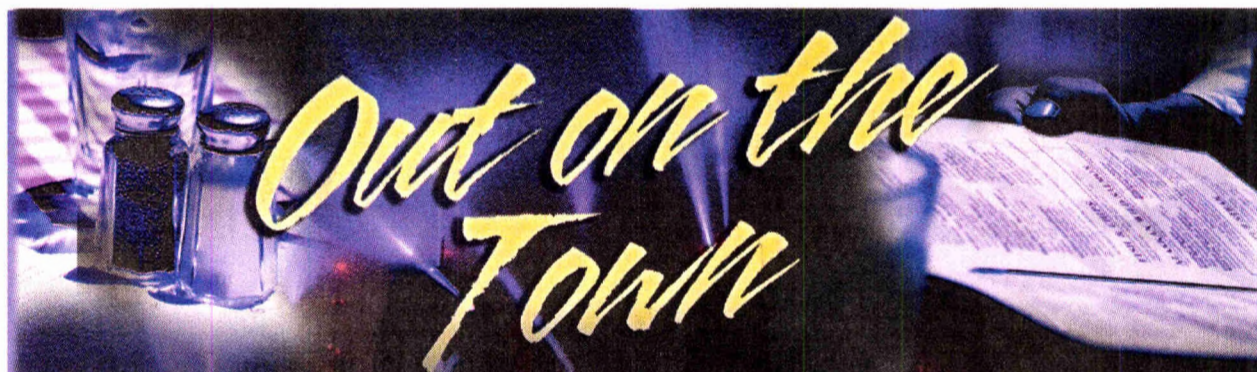
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Birmingham church hosts Oktoberfest Celebration

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church hosts its 10th annual spectacular Oktoberfest celebration Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20. Organizers say this very family-friendly event that started as a simple idea to celebrate all things German has blossomed into one of southeast Michigan's most authentic and best-attended Oktoberfests.

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at 2225 E. 14 Mile Road in Birmingham.

This year's event includes many free things for kids, including a petting zoo Saturday, carnival games and bounce houses, balloon art and G-rated movies under the stars at dusk. The festival schedule is:
» Friday, Sept. 19 - Live DJ and Karaoke Party, 6-11 p.m.
» Saturday, Sept. 20 - Oktoberfest from noon to 10 p.m. featuring live music, games, German foods and lots of free things for kids.

The festival will feature authentic German sausages from Dearborn Brand, pierogi from Srodek's in Hamtramck, homemade German potato salad, sauerkraut, red cabbage and more, the best German beers, beer from Griffon Claw, wine, free games and activities for kids, moonwalks, plus German dancers, the Schnitzelbank song and

more.

"This is by far the best Oktoberfest lineup you will find anywhere in the area," event chairman Franklin Dohanyos said. "We've worked hard to make this event very authentic and family oriented and have kept food and drink prices low so people can stay and enjoy it more. It's a fun time for all and it's also a great way to do community outreach and share fellowship. It seems that every year someone from the old country will stop one of our volunteers and say how much our festival reminds them of home. There's just not another around like it."

Saturday's music lineup includes the Raggle Taggle Band at 1:15 p.m., The Riverboat Ramblers at 3:30 p.m. and Eric Neubauer's Die Dorf-musikanten Orchestra 5:30-10 p.m. At noon there will an Elvis impersonator doing his last performance.

Admission for this year's Oktoberfest is \$5 for people ages 3 and up. Special 10th anniversary commemorative T-shirts and mugs will be for sale at the event.

For more information about the 2014 Oktoberfest and Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, call 248-646-6100 or visit www.osloktoberfest.com or <http://www.ourshepherd.net>.

Canton teen wins Miss Wayne County title

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Anna Dai, 19, of Canton was named Miss Wayne County in a pageant held Saturday evening at St. Valentine School in Redford.

Her talent was a contemporary dance number called "I Was Here." She plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Also competing were first runner-up Arianna Quan of Bloomfield Hills, second runner-up Kaitlyn Krizanic of Birmingham, Demi DeShazor of Inkster, Christina Milne of Garden City and Sarah Johnson of Plymouth.

Dai received scholarship money, a crown and sash, a trophy, crown pin, wardrobe allowance for the state competition and a personalized website for one year.

"Saturday went great," pageant director Sheila Sigro said. The power went out during the dress rehearsal Friday, she said.

"We got lucky the power came back on Saturday morning," she said. "What was really exciting was that it was a strong group of girls and we didn't know who was going to win."

Founded pageant

Sigro, who founded the pageant in 1991, is a former Mrs. Michigan who lives in Livonia and is a former Redford resident.

"I always wanted to direct my own pageant," she said. She applied to get the Miss Wayne County franchise and "I've been running it ever since."

"I'm now the longest running local director," she said.

Sandy's by the Beech provided the judges lunch and Floyd's Flowers handled the flowers.

Dai will compete in the Miss Michigan pageant next June.

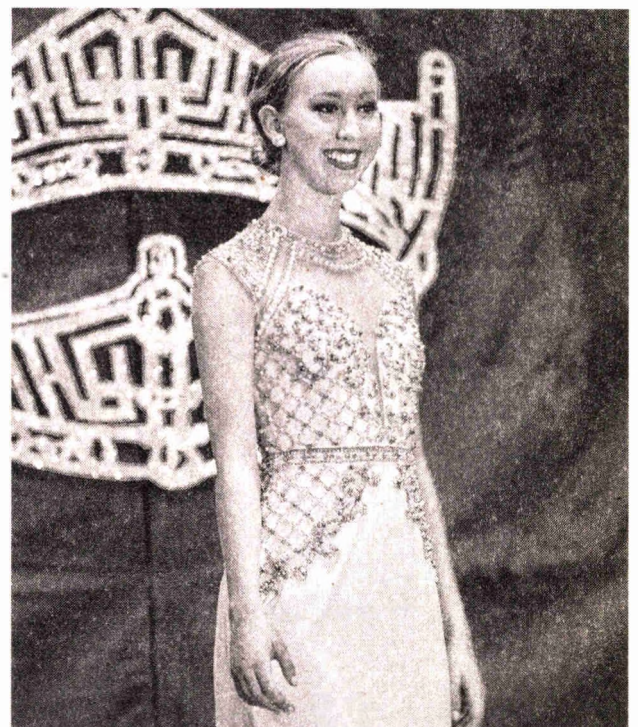
"We work with the winner for almost a year to get her prepped for



Anna Dai from Canton is all smiles Saturday after she is crowned Miss Wayne County 2014 at St. Valentine School in Redford.



Christina Besh, Miss Wayne County 2013, performs "Ave Maria" during this year's pageant before the new winner is announced.



Sarah Johnson of Plymouth looks stunning in the evening gown competition during the Miss Wayne County 2014 event held in Redford.

Miss Michigan," Sigro said.

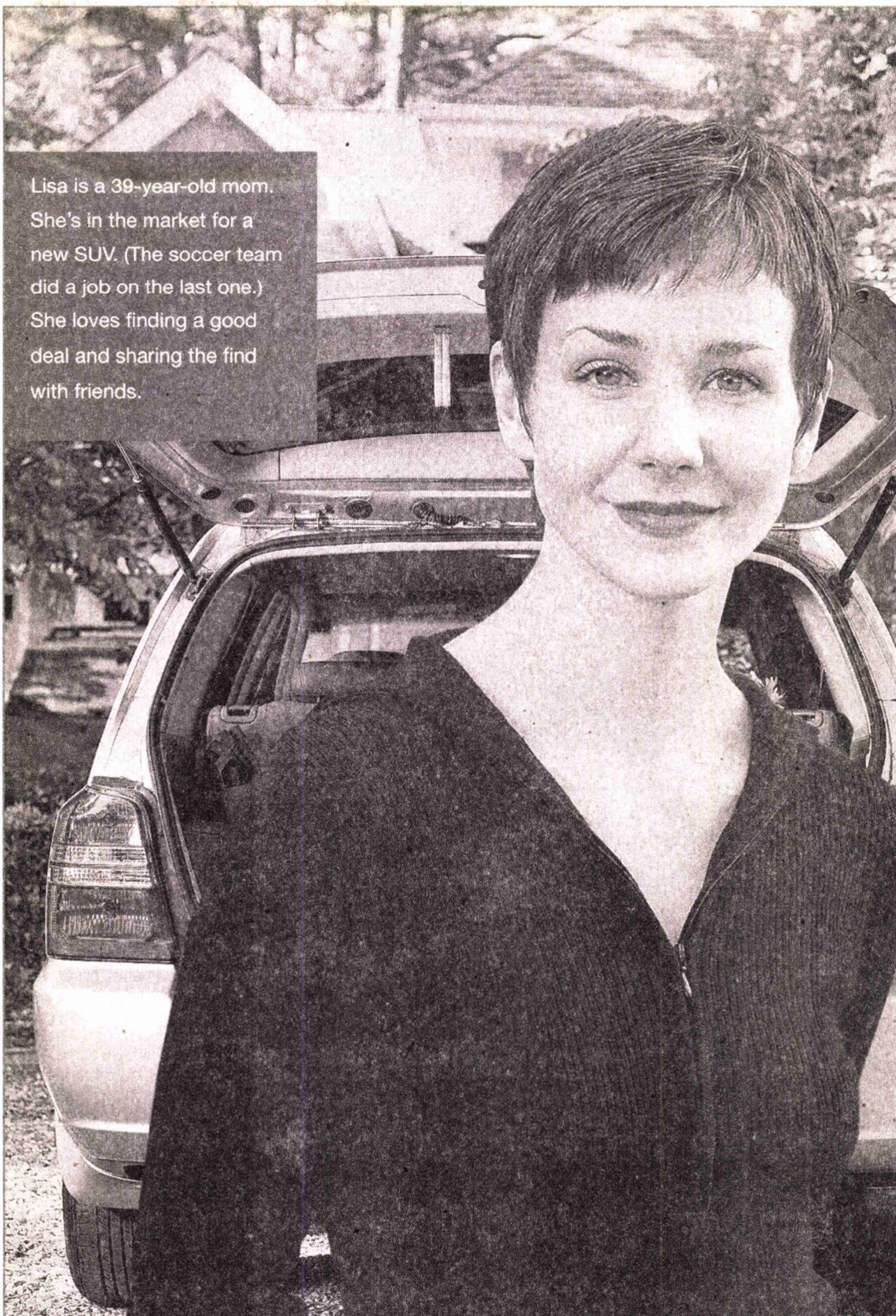
Six of the Wayne County winners have gone on to win the state pageant and compete in the Miss America pageant, Sigro said.

One of them is Ashlee Baracy of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) in Detroit, who sponsors the community service award, won Saturday by Krizanic.

"We're a nonprofit

organization," Sigro said. "We're there for scholarships for the girls and to help them achieve their dreams."

Miss America is being televised this Sunday on ABC, Sigro said.



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OUR VIEW

Time better spent

Recall group might do better finding candidates

When we asked Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume his reaction to the idea of the Concerned Citizens trying to recall him, he called the effort "frivolous."

We think the more appropriate word might be "futile."

The Concerned Citizens are trying to recall Reaume, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold for transgressions the group believes renders those four unsatisfactory representatives of the township government.

The latest topic fanning the flames is the controversial amphitheater project. The recall targets have been the primary force behind the \$350,000 project at Plymouth Township Park. The four simply refuse to listen to reason, the group contends, and are pushing on with the idea despite serious objections and without the results of a promised recreation

survey of township residents.

But the amphitheater project appears nowhere in the language filed with the Wayne County clerk's office. Instead, the language draws attention to issues that have drawn far less attention. Among them:

» The board's decision to pay Conzelman's bar association dues, despite the fact being a lawyer would seem to have little to do with her job. It should be noted the board has paid professional fees for other employees, including former Clerk Joe Bridgman, whom the group supported.

» Their lack of support of a motion which would have required Conzelman to include citizen comments in all township board meeting minutes. Failure of this motion, critics say, shows the desire of the "Big Four," as they're derisively called, to squelch citizen participation.

» Support of a motion Ed-

wards made in January that precludes the township from participating in any joint authority with the city of Plymouth until 2016. This motion was a pretty clear attempt to kill the PARC arts complex project at Central Middle School.

The Wayne County Election Commission hasn't yet ruled on the language on the petitions. Former Plymouth Township Deputy Clerk Sandra Groth believes the language will be approved.

Even if the language is approved, petition circulators must get nearly 3,200 signatures on each petition to get the language on a ballot. Any recall election couldn't be scheduled until May because of state election law.

The prevailing opinion is that recalls don't work all that often. But three Westland City Council members were recalled several years ago over

the controversial firing of a city clerk. In May 2013, voters booted three council members in Charlevoix who supported putting a fireplace in a park. And Troy's mayor was removed in November 2012 after making comments about gays, opposing federal funds for a transit center and publicly scolding a city official.

Still, that's not much of a success rate when you consider how many elected officials face recall in a given year. According to a July 2013 story in the *Detroit Free Press*, the non-partisan Citizens Research Council of Michigan showed more than 450 elected officials faced recall from 2000 through 2011.

Reaume noted, and we absolutely agree, the citizens have every right to express their dissatisfaction with the township board. But we think the group might be better served—and its time, effort and re-

sources better spent—by finding qualified candidates to run for those offices in 2016.

Members tried it two years ago when, in 2012, several of them ran for township trustee using the cuts to the Plymouth Community Fire Department as a rallying point. But those candidates, a group that included Groth, wound up splitting votes and only Charles Curmi, a former township board member with name recognition, ended up getting elected.

The recall movement comes as no surprise, but any success would be. Assuming they can get a majority of voters to agree with the group, focusing on an issue-oriented campaign to draw the distinctions between those they dislike and those they would rather see elected might be a more productive way for Concerned Citizens to get the government they want.

OUR VIEW

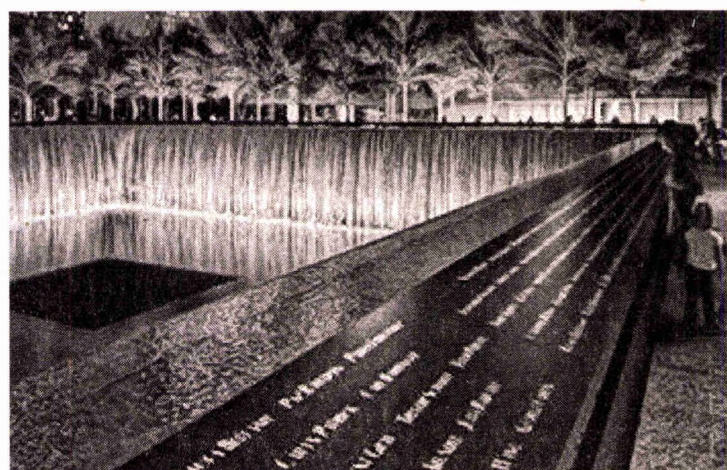
Remember the price we paid for freedom on 9/11

Thirteen years ago today, our lives changed forever.

Up until Sept. 11, 2001, we believed we were safe and secure from terrorism. That happened in other parts of the world, not the United States of America. Yes, Americans had been lost in terrorist attacks in the air, on land and at sea in places like Lebanon, Germany, Italy, Scotland, Kenya and Tanzania, but it was nothing like the losses experienced on 9/11.

We stood and watched as the tragedy unfolded. Many of us, after hearing that a plane had crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, stood in front of televisions and watched in horror as the second one slammed into the South Tower. Our sense of security was further shattered when a third plane plowed into the Pentagon and yet another crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pa.

The tragedy became our life 24/7 for more than a week. Within hours of the attack, we knew who the terrorists were and how it had happened. The photo of a New York City firefighter racing up the stairs of the North Tower as people fled



Reflecting pools mark the footprints of the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center and serve as a memorial to those who died there Sept. 11, 2001.

the horror became the poster child of our new heroes, while the photo of Mohamed Atta became the face of terrorism.

It was the largest loss of life on U.S. soil since Pearl Harbor in 1941. It became our new Day in Infamy and a rallying point for patriotism. Firefighters raised the American flag over the rubble of the World Trade Center like the Marines over

Iwo Jima in 1945. And just like FDR, George W. Bush addressed the nation and assured us that the culprits would be caught and punished and that we would go to the ends of the earth to stamp out terror.

That day in September, we learned a lot about ourselves and a lot about the world around us. After the Vietnam War, it took years for many to

reclaim the right to wave our flag and be proud to be American. Thirteen years ago, we stood together and collectively waved our flag, sending a message to the world that, even in the face of great tragedy, this is America and it remains the land of the free.

In 2001, President Bush had warned that the War on Terror would not be won in a day, a month or a year and it would not end until terrorism was eradicated. He was right. It took almost 10 years to hunt down and kill Osama bin Laden, but others have stepped in to take his place. The War on Terror is like fighting the mythical Hydra. Each head cut off is replaced by two more. The names and faces of our enemies have changed over the years, but their determination to impose their twisted beliefs on others remains. We continue to fight the Taliban in Afghanistan and now face the challenge of ISIS, successor to al-Qaeda, in Iraq.

In the years immediately following 9/11, we gathered annually to remember the tragedy and honor the dead. But as time goes by, the remem-

brances have dwindled. We have begun to slip back into our old ways, our old comfort zone. Our support for the War on Terror has declined. Life goes on.

We were committed then to stamping out terror and we need to continue to be committed. Any weakness we show will give our enemies a new foothold, a new opportunity to inflict pain on us. On this Sept. 11, we need to once again acknowledge the sacrifices that have been made.

Firefighters, police officers and everyday people lost their lives that day and many thousands of our soldiers have been killed or injured since in the War on Terror. We can't return to our peaceful past, nor can we ignore the violent present. We know where we are going—the road we travel today was paved by the tragedy of 9/11.

Sometime today, pause for a moment to reflect on 9/11. Say a prayer for those who died and a prayer for those who allow us to remain free. And remember, we still are the land of the free and the home of the brave. No one can take that from us. No one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critics or hypocrites?

The comments from Patrick Colbeck and Mike Maloney regarding emails being accidentally sent to teachers only showcase these two individuals as political opportunists, NOT elected representatives (*Canton Observer*, Aug. 22, 2014). Trustee Maloney's past behavior and his current efforts to obstruct the P-CCS Board of Education diminish his credibility to speak about "ethics" issues. As such, let us withhold comment in hopes of limiting his opportunity to seek further self-attention.

But the comments from Patrick Colbeck beg us to question him and his motives. Sen. Colbeck, where was your condemnation of the Mackinac Center for using those same email addresses to shove political propaganda on our dedicated teachers back in June? I confidently predict that Colbeck's followers will rationalize this action through an illusion of difference and in a way that portrays candidate Colbeck as a sympathetic underdog.

But given Mr. Colbeck's desire to be senate leader, do

we need to remind him that a leader does not hide behind blurred lines and technicalities in order to safeguard political pals? Let us be clear of the fact that the Mackinac Center (a group of people who also are supporters and financiers of candidate Colbeck) emailed political propaganda to our teachers' school accounts (Plymouth-Canton, Northville, Livonia, etc.).

Since Mr. Colbeck chose a moral path in judging his opponent as being "wrong," then integrity dictates his judgment should not be reserved for political targets. As such, we should expect Sen. Colbeck to publicly condemn the Mackinac Center for its intentional misdeeds. Unfortunately, we should not hold our collective breath waiting for candidate Colbeck to actually do the right thing when his political trajectory could be jeopardized.

We are still waiting for Sen. Colbeck to keep his word on publicly denouncing the governor's pet educational project—the Educational Achievement Authority. One only needs to look at his history of transgressions against our community's schools to see his alle-

giance. It is a story of a person who willingly steps on the backs of the P-CCS students, teachers and parents in propping up his political and financial allies.

Stephen Wellinski
Canton

Wealth disparity

While reading the two daily newspapers this past Labor Day, I noticed several stories and opinions about Rick Snyder's signing of the "Right to Work" (for less) bill passed by Republican lawmakers.

Naturally, the billionaire-backed Americans for Prosperity (for the rich) and the Mackinac Center, along with labor malcontents, highly laud Snyder's action.

I won't bother to comment on the first two organizations as they are obviously doing their masters' bidding.

I formerly served on the executive board of a local union. I have seen members who refused to support the union and only paid dues because they were required to. I have also seen these same people gladly accept the benefits gained by the negotiating committee. And, on many occasions, they were the first to run to the union for help when they got their teat caught in a wringer.

The Koch brothers, et al, sent their bought-and-paid-for politicians to Lansing to, among other things, weaken both public and private unions. And that is exactly what they have done.

The great wealth disparity in this state will continue as long as the "new" Republican

party wears the crown in Lansing.

James Huddleston
Canton

Supports Slavens

The recent *Observer* article regarding Dian Slavens' email to district teachers is a great example of the political smear technique that is so prevalent today.

While public attention is focused on emails that the Michigan Election Commission has already ruled perfectly legal, Patrick Colbeck hopes people will forget his votes that have been so terribly destructive to our state and especially Plymouth-Canton's schools. While Colbeck's operatives begrudgingly admit the legality of the emails, they have accomplished their goal of distraction and even hope to confuse some.

Colbeck followers try to confuse the issue saying the "use of teachers' emails violates the district's policy against politicizing the workplace." That policy refers to the teachers or school employees engaging in political activity, it is not intended to abridge the first amendment right of freedom of speech of others. While Slavens has graciously apologized, as a candidate for our state Senate she has the right to make her positions clear to all citizens of the Senate district she is running to represent.

Colbeck goes on to say, "I would love to have access to that system." This is more intentionally foggy distraction on Mr. Colbeck's part. Mr. Colbeck has access to sending to

anyone's email like everyone else. Mr. Colbeck hopes his misleading statement will leave the impression that something more than sending an email occurred.

Now, while I've been defending Dian Slavens' first amendment rights as a state Senate candidate, Mr. Colbeck has been laughing up his sleeve. His reaction? "Oh boy, I have another naïve, gullible voter."

Like any good illusionist, Mr. Colbeck is aware that misdirection works even when the audience knows they are watching a conjurer or a slippery politician.

Less gullible voters know that while his patter and verbal sleight of hand have some watching this faux issue, Mr. Colbeck is leading the charge in Michigan's Senate to turn our public schools over to private, for-profit companies.

Mr. Colbeck and his Tea Party followers in the Michigan Senate have sold much of Michigan's public education system to profiteers. Like the companies that sell \$500 hammers to the military, the for-profit charters have reaped millions of dollars from our tax money by leasing over-priced school buildings, with fewer safety regulations required and creating a revolving door of underpaid teaching positions.

I for one hope that Mr. Colbeck has underestimated the voters and that Dian Slavens' high road is one we will all follow on election day.

Tim Rorabach
Plymouth

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Marlies Budesky, Novi - Attending a day for special needs people. She went fishing, boating, played games and hiked.



Joshua Eaton, Farmington Hills, Went camping with family at Higgins Lake. "I had a blast!"



Alyssa Martin - Southfield - "Went bike riding with family at Higgins Lake. Loves to go bike riding"



Jonah Koilpillai - Northville - Went camping at Wilderness State Park as and went to Mackinac Island and in the U.P. for the first time. "They let me drive the ferry!"




Brandon Lewandowski, Garden City - Played Batman & Robin with his little brother Adam. "We love superheroes and playing them".

Fun & Facts

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PREP FOOTBALL - WEEK 2

WILD FINISH FOR 'CATS

Field goal in OT lifts Plymouth to comeback win over Pinckney

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Thunderstorms halted Friday's high school football games, but for the Plymouth Wildcats, action really cracked when their match-up against Pinckney resumed Saturday morning.

The proceedings Friday night were stopped with the teams deadlocked 7-7 midway through the second quarter. As for Part 2, the host Wildcats absolutely shocked the Pirates 39-36 in overtime on a 20-yard field goal by Van Nguyen.

Plymouth's offense really had a field day, rolling up 508 yards, including 287 on the ground, led by junior Cameron Stella's 179 yards on 15 carries (11.9-yard average) and two touchdowns.

Making Nguyen's winning boot possible was a 12-yard touchdown run by Plymouth's Anthony Kenney with just 2:19 remaining in regulation and Nguyen's successful extra point to tie the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover game at 36-36.

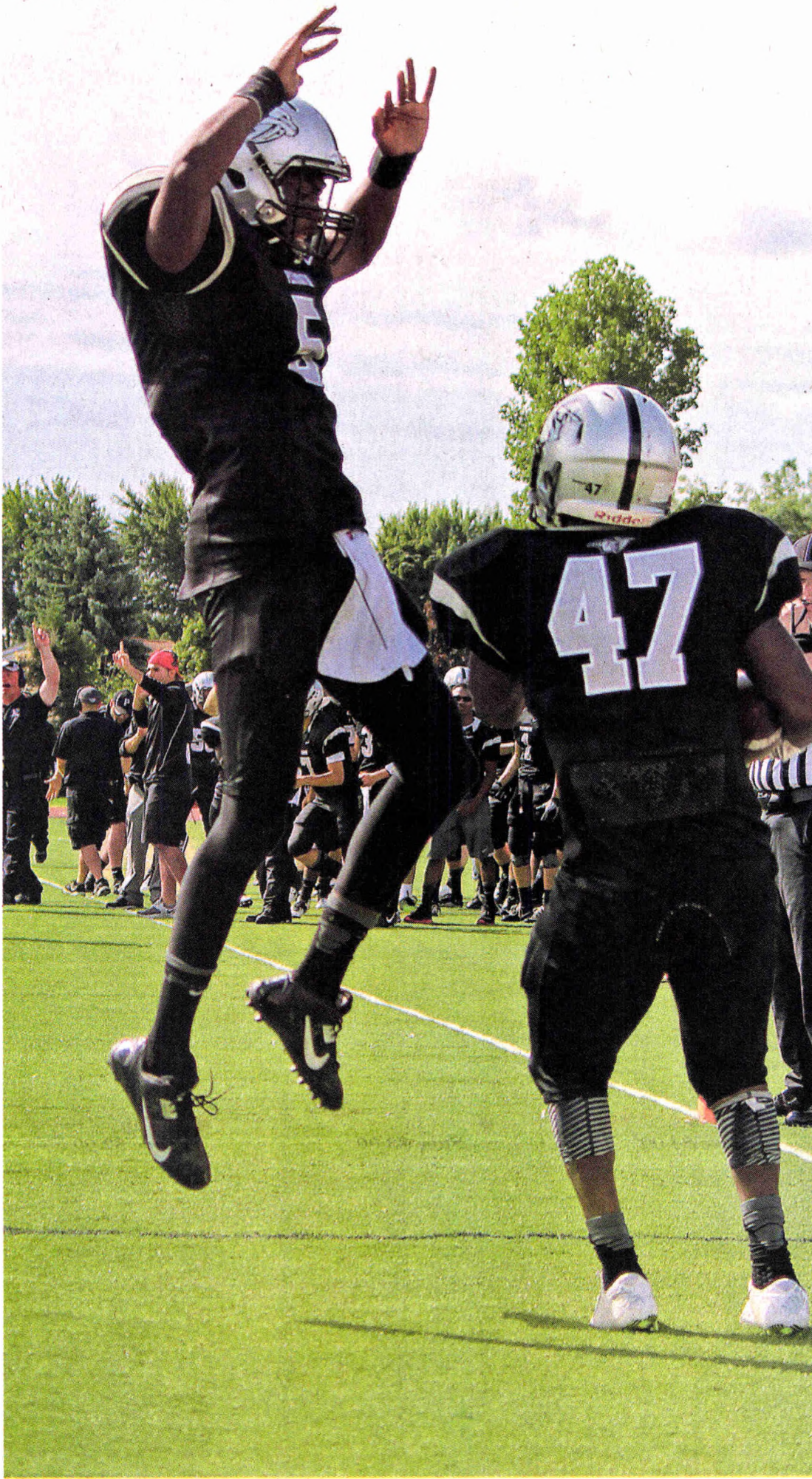
Plymouth (2-0) trailed 36-21 with 6:08 left in the fourth quarter following a 36-yard TD run by Pinckney's Joel Blankenship — who earlier in the quarter scored on a 63-yard run.

The Wildcats had gotten closer (36-29) with 4:13 to play, when senior quarterback Deji Adebisi completed a 17-yard TD pass to Kalen Dunham, followed by Adebisi's two-point conversion run.

When the contest resumed Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, it was a 7-7 game following first-quarter scores by Pinckney's Josh Hess (57-yard run) and Plymouth's Stella (77 yards).

With 5:41 to play in the second quarter, quarterback Hess (10-of-17 passing, 138 yards, two TDs) threw a 69-yard scoring strike to Justin Eagy to put the Pirates up by a touchdown.

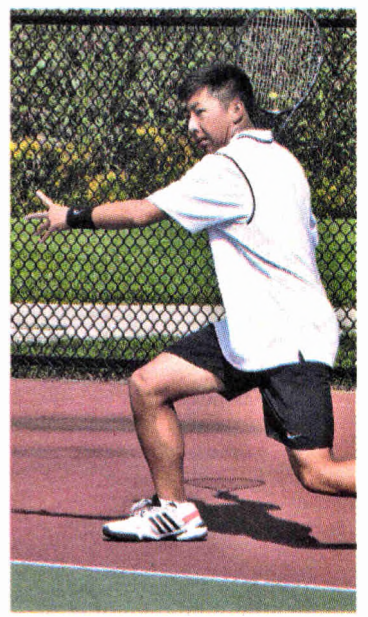
It didn't take long for the Wildcats to respond, however, as Adebisi (13-of-35 passing, 221 yards, two TDs) found Victor Abraham for an 8-yard touchdown to make it 14-14 with 4:06 remaining in the half. Abraham caught six



Jumping for joy after Plymouth's Anthony Kenney (No. 47) scored the tying touchdown Saturday morning is quarterback Deji Adebisi (No. 5).

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BOYS TENNIS



PLYMOUTH TENNIS

On top of his game for the Wildcats is No. 1 singles player Jordan Lu.

Wildcats on target

Plymouth boys netters roll to convincing win at Wildcat Invitational

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

From top to bottom, the Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team lineup is hammering opponents with regularity.

Such was the case Saturday, when Plymouth captured the Wildcat Invitational at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for the team's second consecutive invitational triumph this season.

"The team is firing on all cylinders right now and they show no signs of slowing down," Wildcats head coach Tom Kimball said. "I've coached this team since the day the school opened its doors (in the early 2000s) and this is the most talented and hard-working group of guys we have ever had."

"We have faced nine straight teams without losing so much as a set in our singles lineup."

The Wildcats prevailed with 25 points, well ahead of runner-up Walled Lake Central (12). Dearborn Divine Child and Dexter rounded out the standings with 10 and seven points, respectively.

Plymouth won 25 of 27 matches and swept the gold medals in every flight other than No. 1 doubles and No. 3 doubles, where silver medals were earned.

In singles play, Jordan Lu, Matt Decker, Charlie Hou and

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OHL PRESEASON

Milano's magic lifts Whalers over Saginaw in shootout

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Brand new Plymouth Whalers player Sonny Milano showed Compuware Arena fans Saturday night what they can look forward to in 2014-15.

Milano, who recently opted to play this season with the Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League rather than at Boston College, flicked a backhand under the crossbar during the

shootout against Saginaw to give Plymouth a 2-1 preseason victory.

Spirit goalie Nikita Serebryakov had absolutely no chance against Milano's sleight-of-hand move, which provided a happy ending to the inaugural P-C-S Fundraising Night game.

The crowd was announced at about 2,200, with a large chunk of those fans buying discounted tickets sold by student-athletes from Canton, Plymouth and

Salem teams.

"He's good with the puck, so obviously he should have some success in the shootout," Whalers first-year head coach Don Eland said about Milano. "He's played two of the three games and he's been great. He works hard, he listens, he's been really good for us."

Plymouth (2-1-0) also got a goal during the shootout by

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Saginaw goalie Nikita Serebryakov watches glumly as Plymouth's Sonny Milano celebrates his game-winning marker in Saturday's shootout.

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passes for 99 yards in the game.

Pinckney (0-2) scored the lone touchdown on the third, on a 16-yard TD pass from Hess to Griffin Peterson, and the Pirates padded the lead to 28-14 on Blankenship's first touchdown run of the fourth quarter at the 3:15 mark.

Stella's 24-yard run sliced the deficit to 28-21 just 39 seconds later, but the Pirates added two more points when Adebiyi was tackled for a safety midway through the quarter.

Only 19 seconds following the safety, Blankenship scored again as Pinckney built what

looked like a commanding 36-21 edge.

All that did was set the stage for the Wildcats to thunder their way back to victory.

HARTLAND 24, CANTON 21: Saturday's resumption of play wasn't as sweet for Canton, as the Chiefs dropped a hard-fought KLA A crossover to the visiting Eagles when junior quarterback Noah Marshall plowed over the goal line from the 1-yard line with 2:20 to go in the third quarter.

With more than a quarter to go, the Chiefs were unable to flip the switch and get the offense going again.

The Chiefs (1-1) led 14-7 in the first quarter Friday, when thunderstorms forced the game to be picked up Saturday at P-CEP. But Hartland

would only give up a 2-yard scoring run by Canton senior tailback Chuck Turfe the rest of the way.

Turfe's second scoring run of the contest (his 69-yard run Friday opened the game's scoring) put Canton up 21-14 with 25 seconds left until halftime.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, Hartland (2-0) roared back out of the locker room to start the second half and scored all 10 points of the third to take a 24-21 advantage.

John Goodlaski's 40-yard field goal with 6:58 remaining in the third closed the gap to 21-17 and Marshall followed with his lead-changing TD.

Hartland registered 337 yards of offense, compared to Canton's 282, with Marshall completing 12-of-18 passes for 169 yards.

Canton quarterback Greg Williams completed 4-of-7 attempts for 83 yards, with senior tight end Nolan Gilo reeling in two catches for 56 yards.

Turfe led the Chiefs' ground game with 98 yards in 12 attempts, although sophomore Marcus Sanders — who scored on a 7-yard run in the first quarter Friday — chipped in with 73 yards in 20 carries.

A thorn in Canton's



PLYMOUTH WILDCATS

Plymouth running back Anthony Kenney (No. 47) finishes his game-tying 12-yard touchdown run late in regulation against Pinckney.

side was Hartland senior running back Ryan McRobb, who gained 113 yards in 22 rushes (5.1-yard average).

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SALEM 7: Saturday night at Walled Lake Western, the visiting Rocks were completely dominated by the Warriors in this KLA A crossover game.

Salem dropped to 0-2 with the loss, while the Warriors improved to 2-0.

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North	North	North
Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Robichaud	Robichaud	Robichaud
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P-C-S FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Event strengthens Whalers/P-CEP bond

Park athletes peddle Whalers tickets to help their teams

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every season, a number of Plymouth Whalers players go to school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Other students might not know they do.

But they do now, thanks to efforts that culminated with Saturday's inaugural P-C-S Fundraising Night at Compuware Arena.

Players on Canton, Plymouth and Salem teams were given the chance to sell blocks of bargain tickets to Saturday's Whalers-Saginaw preseason hockey game, with 100 percent of proceeds from those sales going right back into the coffers of their respective squads.

"I think it's awesome that the Plymouth Whalers could help all the Park," said Lauren Clemons, a senior co-captain for the Plymouth varsity volleyball team. "A lot of them (Whalers) go to our school, so I think it's cool that they can help out."

"I think it's a great opportunity to be able to be here and help out Plymouth volleyball and support other P-CEP athletics."

Clemons, who sat at a table along the Compuware concourse selling 50/50 raffle tickets with teammates Taylor Smith and Keara Warner, said the endeavor should boost awareness of the Whalers and Park athletics.

"I think it will be great for all of us," Clemons said. "Getting more equipment and trying to get more people to come to our games and it's really good to get awareness, too, of the teams at P-CEP."

Strengthening the bond with the Whalers is a natural, she explained.

"Tyler Sensky (Canton native and Whalers defenseman) is one of my friends and there's some others I know of that go to our school," Clemons said. "It's really cool to see them

walking around. It's cool to know somebody who's on a semi-pro team."

Her coach, Sarah Marody, said money generated by her players for selling \$10 Whalers game tickets will go into a fund to help purchase training equipment, warmup clothes and perhaps pay for next year's team camp.

Marody stressed that the event was an equal-opportunity chance for all Park athletics teams to help their own cause. Some did so more than others.

"They all had the opportunity to participate in this fundraiser and we took advantage of it," Marody said. "The girls sold their butts off. They worked hard and they're having a good time tonight trying to conjure up some support for the Whalers and Park athletics."

"The Whalers do a lot for this community and we're just thankful that we can participate in this."

Their bonus

At a nearby table, the Salem and Plymouth high school hockey booster clubs were selling so-called Chuck-a-Pucks to customers.

For a dollar, a fan could heave a soft-rubber "puck" onto the ice in-between periods, trying to hit a target and win prizes.

According to Salem mom Anne Driscoll, the two rival varsity clubs were rewarded with the Chuck-a-Puck chance because players from both teams got out and sold plenty of game tickets.

A crowd of about 2,200 was announced for the game, a 2-1 Plymouth victory.

"The Salem hockey team, we were excited about it," Driscoll said. "We set a quota of tickets we wanted to sell and we sold more than what we set, so we were excited about that. It's a good opportunity."

Driscoll, who co-hosted the Chuck-a-Puck table with Michelle Bauer of the Wildcats' boosters, echoed others who said they hoped the night would strengthen the bond between Park teams and the Whalers.

"This is probably a good start," Driscoll said. "I'd like to



Plymouth volleyball players (seated from left) Keara Warner, Taylor Smith and Lauren Clemons sell 50/50 raffle tickets to fans during Saturday's Plymouth Whalers game at Compuware Arena.

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see it kind of maybe build and foster. I would hope they could build on this."

Gerry Vento, varsity hockey coach for the Plymouth Wildcats, tipped his cap to the Whalers for the fundraising chance.

"It's great for the Whalers to do it for us," Vento said. "It's an easy way for us to raise money and we could always use the help. We're grateful to be a part of it."

"We were involved with it, Salem was involved with it, we were able to move quite a few tickets. It helps everyone."

The Canton varsity girls track and field team raised nearly \$700 through the event, head coach Alan Jones said.

"They basically gave me as many tickets as we wanted and told us we could get as many as we could sell," Jones said. "My girls ended up selling 69, so \$690, toward our fundraising. That's pretty good."

Jones emphasized that there aren't many fundraisers where

100 percent of sales goes right to the teams. He is hopeful to have another opportunity to sell Whalers tickets next year.

"I'm just happy to be here and I'm very grateful to Bill Keith and all the people from the Plymouth Whaler organization that put this thing together for the Park teams," Jones said. "It's not just my team, it's everyone who wants to be involved's team."

"I'm really appreciative and really grateful for that opportunity to be able to raise some money for our sporting teams. Next year, if I know ahead of time that we're going to do this, this will be our main fundraiser."

Nice to see

Whalers head coach Don Elland, meanwhile, said the fundraiser is mutually beneficial.

"They do so much for us," Elland said. "We're thankful how much they do for our guys

and anything we can do to help, we try to do."

"We have (Whalers educational consultant) John Seidelman here that works with our guys that helps us from the school, he's tremendous. They do so much for us, anything we can do to help, we'd love to do."

And Elland said the players undoubtedly were thrilled to see plenty of students from the Park yelling and screaming for them during the Whalers-Saginaw contest.

"Guys kind of get to know them," Elland said. "They miss a lot of school, they don't get to go to a lot of the football games, basketball games or the hockey games because they have their own stuff going on."

"So it's hard, they're kind of on the outside looking in. But it's always nice to see some of their classmates here, because they do form a bit of a connection."

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Plymouth's Matt Mistele (No. 22) stickhandles past Saginaw defenseman Jacob Ringuette (No. 79) Saturday night.

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center Mathew Campagna. Both Saginaw bids were turned aside by Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, who stopped 32 of 33 shots.

Getting the Whalers on the board during regulation was center Francesco Vilardi and Plymouth maintained a 1-0 edge midway through the third period.

With 12:10 left in the final period, however, Marcus Crawford beat Nedeljkovic high to the stick side on a power play chance to knot the score at 1-1.

"That was a power-play goal and we just backed in a little too much, gave him too much room," Elland said. "That was a hell of a shot, it was bar down."

Standing tall

Saginaw followed that up with several prime scoring chances, but Nedeljkovic held the fort. He made a big pad stop against Nick Moutrey on a play that started with a Plymouth giveaway at the Saginaw blue line.

"Right after they scored to make it 1-1, they had a couple real good chances and Ned was Ned," Elland said. "He just stood tall and does what he always does for us."

Elland said the game was sloppy, but that merely followed the blueprint of preseason contests. This week, sev-

eral Whalers with big-league ties will leave to take part in NHL-related camps.

That exodus leaves the Whalers with a bit of a skeleton crew for Friday's preseason contest in Guelph.

"It's not pretty to watch, as a coach it's frustrating," Elland said. "But you know in preseason that's what it's going to be."

"It's a work in progress. We'll get better, we'll get some systems in and we'll get a little bit more structure to our game. We'll be fine."

Nedeljkovic (Carolina), defenseman Alex Peters (Dallas), forward Connor Chatham (New Jersey), center Victor Crus Rydberg (New York Islanders), defenseman Josh Wesley (Carolina), left wing Matt Mistele (Los Angeles) and Milano (Columbus) are the Plymouth players who will be going to camp with their NHL teams.

Elland stressed that the team will only have "eight full practices with everybody here" before the start of the OHL regular season Sept. 26.

"We have a lot of work to do," Elland said. "We haven't put any systems in. We just want to look at guys, there's a few new faces we want to get a good look at, and then guys coming back for their second year that I thought are going to have to have a bigger role."

"So tonight we just wanted to let them play. We'll start to put in systems (this) week."

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Rocks 'ramble' to second-place finish

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem had a solid opening to the regular season with a second-place finish at Saturday's Ramblin' Rock Invitational.

Plymouth also took part in the race at Willow Metropark in New Boston, finishing eighth (out of 12 teams), but still showing plenty of potential.

"It was a great showing today as we finally got to compete and see what kind of team we might have this season," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "There is still a lot of unknowns, but this competition was a perfect way to open the season."

The Rocks finished with 45 points (just five behind victorious Brighton) and also boasted the top two runners in

seniors Lauren Arquette (19:07) and Anya Cho (19:22).

Livonia Churchill tallied 84 points for third place, followed by Novi (fourth, 118), Livonia Franklin (fifth, 142), Hartland (sixth, 155), Ann Arbor Huron (seventh, 179) and Plymouth (eighth, 227).

Placing 10th overall was Salem senior Shekinah Johnson (20:25), while junior Kayla Hughes came in 13th with a mark of 20:31.

Other medal winners for the Rocks were freshman Madalyn Simko (19th, 20:46) and sophomore Erin McCann (24th, 21:09).

"Brighton has a very good, well-coached team and we knew coming in that they were the team to beat," Gerlach said. "Arquette and Cho competed like true veterans and ran extremely smart to start the year off in exciting

fashion.

"Shekinah Johnson, Kayla Hughes and Madalyn Simko also had great races to round out our scorers. We look forward to improving each competition."

Spearheading Plymouth was sophomore Annie Bonds, who finished 14th to medal with an impressive career-best time of 20:31.

Junior Emma Radke also had a career-best 22:47. Assistant coach Alice Ahearn said other varsity runners finished with their best times so far this year.

Those included Hailey Foster, 22:18; Charlotte Clark, 23:04; Marianne DeBrito, 23:45; Claire Curvin, 23:45; Alison Morren, 23:54; Emma Swales, 23:53; Maddie Bartek, 24:11; and Surmeet Gill, 29:11.

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BOYS SOCCER

PCA blanks Gryphons for series sweep

It didn't take too long into the varsity boys soccer season for Plymouth Christian Academy to accomplish something big.

The Eagles defeated Ann Arbor Greenhills 3-0 Saturday, finishing a series sweep of the Gryphons (PCA won 3-2 in overtime in the second game of the season).

Senior forward Lucas Albrecht opened the scoring for PCA (4-1-0) with his ninth goal of the season.

Albrecht beat three defenders and finished with his shot inside the near post.

Making it 2-0 for the Eagles was sophomore Ethan Wills, with a one-time volley to the far post for his first goal of the season. Assisting was senior defender Joseph Iacopelli.

In the second half, PCA upped the lead when sophomore Brian Schlientz fed the ball to Albrecht, who in turn pushed it past a defender over to sophomore Austin Andres

— who one-timed the shot into the net.

Earning his first shutout of the season for the Eagles was junior goalkeeper Nick Andres.

PCA 5, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 2: The Eagles improved to 5-1 with this conference win Tuesday over Oakland Christian.

Earning the win was senior goalkeeper Evan Horne, who came in after Nick Andres was injured during warmups.

Senior forward Lucas Albrecht opened the scoring in the first half with a PK. Oakland Christian tied it up with a PK goal of its own.

Still in the first half, Austin Andres made it 2-1 with his second goal of the season on an assist from Albrecht. Senior Isaac Middleton scored his first goal of the season with a shot off an assist from Albrecht to make it 3-1 at half.

Albrecht collected his second goal of the game (11th of

the season) to make it 4-1 early in the second before Oakland Christian tallied a PK marker to cut the gap to two.

The Eagles answered when junior midfielder Luke Yakubec scored his second goal of the season to finish the scoring.

PCA next plays an important match at 4:30 p.m. Thursday against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 2: Host Canton drubbed Livonia Franklin in a KLA A South Division contest Tuesday.

Scoring twice for the Chiefs was Hunter Olson, with Jack Zemanski, Mathew Causley and Sam Deloy also finding the mark against the Patriots.

Contributing two assists was Carter Schenk, with Jordan Percy and Jimmy Walkinshaw adding one each.

Dividing goalkeeping duties for Canton were Dylan DaSilva (first half) and Jay Krebs (second half).

SCHOOLCRAFT ROUNDUP

Lady Ocelots hammer Jackson to open season

Schoolcraft golfers third at Henry Ford Invite

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After jumping out early Sunday afternoon, Schoolcraft's women's soccer team did not let up against host Jackson College in the Lady Ocelots' regular season opener. Schoolcraft crafted a 3-0 halftime advantage and never looked back, rolling to an impressive 7-0 victory. "It was an outstanding performance from all of our players," Schoolcraft head coach

Deepak Shivraman said. "We were able to score early and at times looked very good in regards to possession and creating opportunities."

Shivraman added that all facets of the game clicked, as evidenced by a 37-7 margin in shots.

Of course, with seven goals on the score sheet, the offense was in sync. But the coach added that the goalkeeping and team defense were rock solid.

Kaitlyn Dangelmaier and Salem grad Aly Mann split goalkeeping duties.

Leading the charge for the Lady Ocelots were freshman Shae VanGassen and freshman Cienna Whitsitt, each registering two goals.

Chipping in with one goal each were sophomore Remi

Houtaker (Bloomfield Hills Andover) and freshmen Emily Mulcahy (Livonia Stevenson) and Emma McLaughlin. Canton alum Kelly Schmidt contributed an assist.

Schoolcraft will play its home opener at 3 p.m. Saturday against Cincinnati State.

Preceding the women's match will be the men's contest between the same schools, slated to begin at 1 p.m.

The Lady Ocelots will get right back after it at 1 p.m. Sunday against visiting Cuyahoga.

Men's golfers third

Schoolcraft's men's golf team had a solid showing Monday at the Henry Ford College Invitational, placing third with a tally of 332 (44-over) at Dear-

born Country Club.

Oakland Community College finished first among Region XII teams with a 301 score. Mott Community College trailed with 305, followed by the Ocelots.

The overall medalist was Oakland's Michael Gaulin, with an even-par 72.

Schoolcraft's top performers were Sean Hackman and Eric Perry, who tied for 13th place with 81 each.

In 21st with an 84 for SC was Jalen Teifin, followed by Chad Berger (24th, 86), Austin Harris (27th, 87) and Ray Pkerwinski (40th, 100).

Levack strong again

Ethan Levack (Plymouth Christian) finished Saturday's Titan Cross Country Invitation-

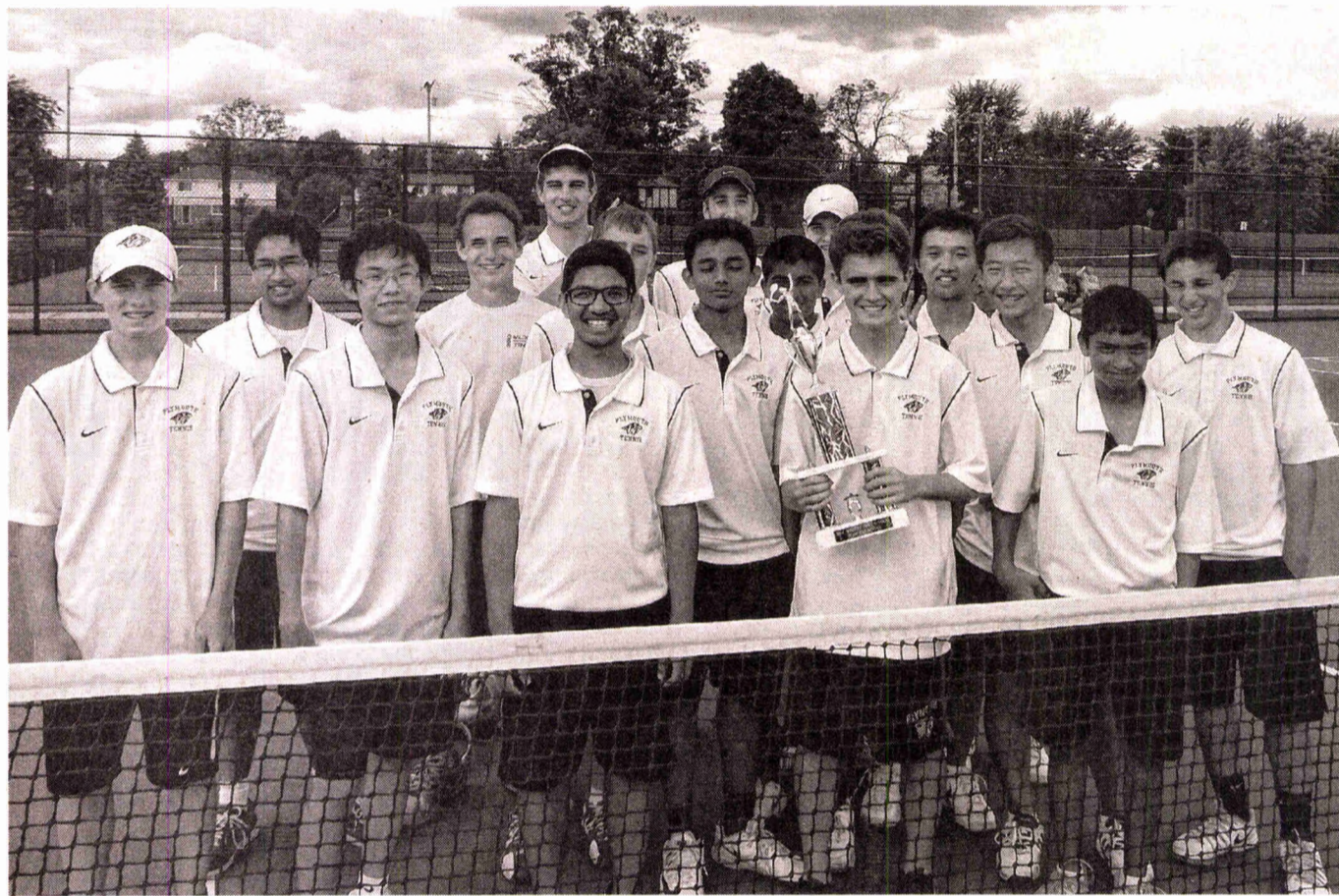
al at the University of Detroit-Mercy with an exceptional time of 24:02 — just missing being the second Ocelots runner ever to eclipse the 24-minute mark at the UDM course.

Also running for the team was Audrey Baetz in her first race after a long layoff. Baetz finished the 5K in 25:10, faster than Schoolcraft women in recent seasons.

Unofficial team member Scott Howse finished the open 5K in 20:14.

Another familiar face was Adrianna Beltran (Salem/Schoolcraft) who now runs for Concordia. She finished ninth with a mark of 21:05. In 2012, she was an All-America runner for the Lady Ocelots.

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PLYMOUTH TENNIS

Celebrating an impressive victory at Saturday's Wildcat Invitational is Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team.

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Jon Conn were victorious in Nos. 1-4.

Winning in doubles play were the teams of Kevin Hou-Justin Kapke (No. 2), Matt McDonald-Ramana Ramanathan (No. 4) and Charlie Anderson-Alex Tskoff (No. 5).

Nearly as strong were No. 1 players Devin Patel and Jared Hopf and the No. 3 tandem of Tyler Smith and Yogesh Mohanraj.

"Several players have serves clocking in over 100 miles-per-hour," Kimball said. "Our doubles teams are playing smart, high-level tennis and still are showing improvement on a weekly basis."

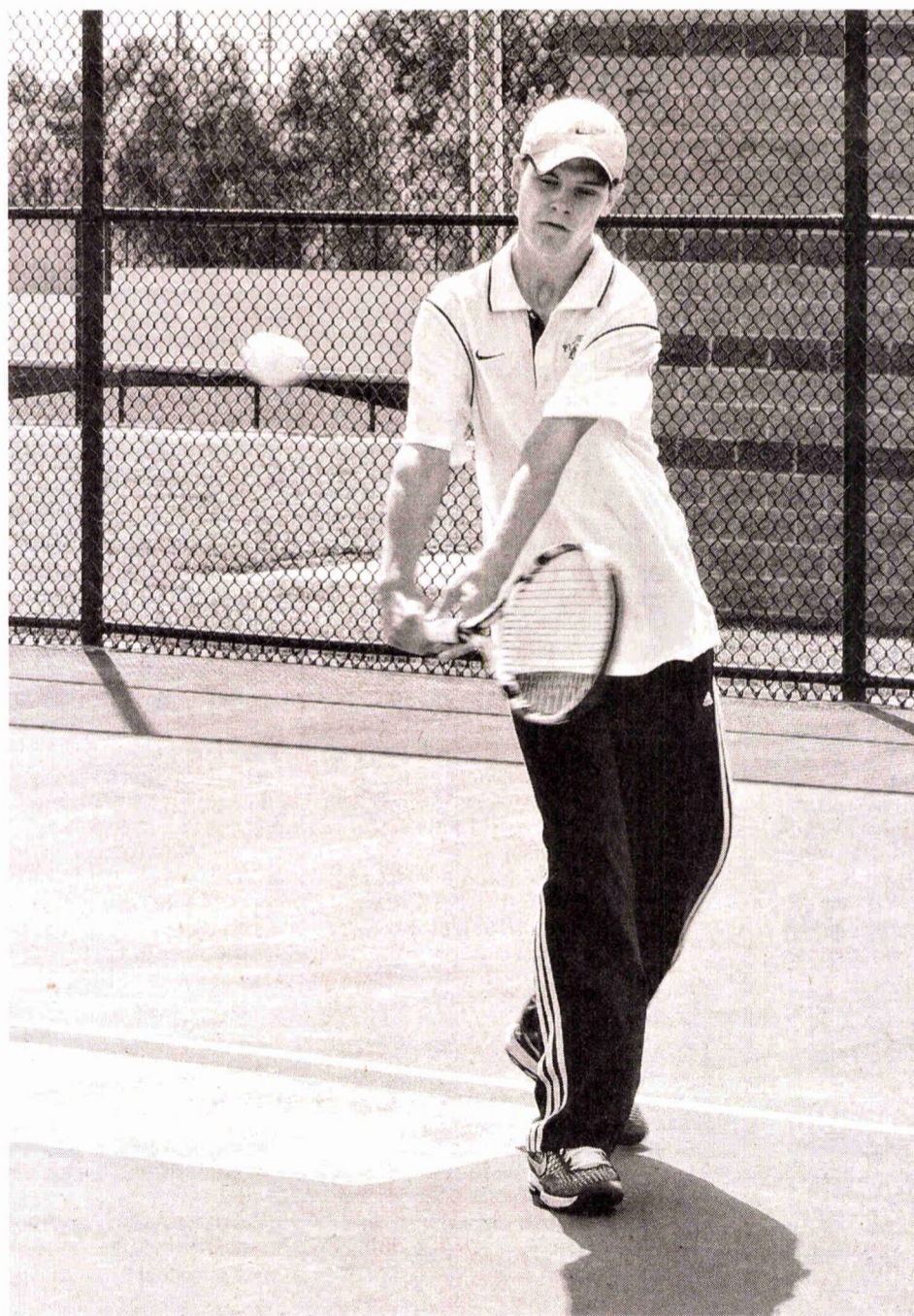
"They are aggressive and they are open to learning and using advanced strategies, shots and tactics in their matches."

The Wildcats, who are undefeated in dual match play with a record of 3-0 (2-0 in the KLAA), will have strong competition this week with contests against Livonia Churchill and Canton, among others.

"We look forward to playing the toughest part of our schedule, which begins this week," Kimball said. "Our matches against Churchill, Canton and our KLAA crossover teams will test just how far this team has come."

"A true sign of the character and success of this team is evidenced by the fact that win or lose, the players are walking off the court with a smile on their face, excited to take on their next opponent."

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PLYMOUTH TENNIS

Plymouth's No. 2 singles player Matt Decker returns the ball during Saturday's tourney.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lions, Rangers split

Canton Lions Junior Football opened the program's 50th anniversary season Sunday against the Redford Rangers at Thurston.

The four Lions squads split the proceedings.

The Lions varsity team lost 28-6 and the freshman team also fell short, 7-0.

But on the winning side were the junior varsity Lions (12-0) and the junior freshmen (no score recorded).

The Lions will take on the Ypsilanti Lincoln Railsplitters this Saturday, Sept. 13, at Lincoln High School.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the Lions will host the Westland Meteors.

Plymouth boys harriers win

On Tuesday at Cass Benton Park in Northville, the Plymouth varsity boys cross country team earned a 26-31 win over Canton.

The Wildcats featured the top two finishers, medalist Matt Pahl (17:15) and Jonny Dalton (17:47).

Taking third for the Chiefs was Mike Roberts (17:53).

Rounding out the top 10 were Plymouth's Matt Dottavio (fourth, 18:12), Canton's Nick Socha (fifth, 18:21), Canton's Zach Clark (sixth, 18:32), Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes (seventh, 18:40), Canton's Billy Toth (eighth, 18:42) and Shane Andrews (ninth, 19:05) and Plymouth's Erik Liubakka (12th, 19:28).

Tough day for Canton

At the Farmington Girls Golf Invitational on Friday at par-70 Glen Oaks, Canton shot 414 to finish 20th out of 21 teams.

In first place was Davison, with a 312 score, followed by Farmington Hills Mercy (315).

For the Chiefs, Alyce Krumm registered an 89 for 18 holes. Also finishing for Canton were Lauren Luyet (103), Meghan Meredith (106), Avery Ralston (116) and Molly Mundorf (118).

MU spikers sweep Classic

Payton Maxheimer assumed the setting duties Saturday as the Madonna University women's volleyball team completed its four-match sweep of the Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

Maxheimer, a 5-foot-10 sophomore from Fenton who was filling in for starter Spencer Stokes, finished with 48 assist-to-kills and 13 digs in a 25-16, 22-25, 25-15, 25-19 win over St. Xavier (Ill.).

Casey Gates paced MU's hitting attack with 13 kills, while Samantha Geile and Emily Johnson each added 12.

Cassie Castro and Amanda Obrycki led the defense with 16 and 15 digs, respectively, as nationally-ranked Madonna (No. 4 NAIA) improved to 11-2 overall.

Meghan Falsey led St. Xavier (4-7) with a match-high 18 kills.

Earlier in the day, MU breezed past Purdue University North-Central (Ind.) in three sets, 25-10, 25-9, 25-15, as Maxheimer finished with 18 assists and 10 digs.

Gates and Hannah Poole finished with 10 and seven kills, respectively.

Taylor Mullen paced Purdue North-Central (0-3) with 13 digs.

Madonna hits the road for WHAC matches at 7 p.m. Friday at University of Michigan-Dearborn and 11 a.m. Saturday at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Ladywood spikers capture tournament triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood volleyball team was hitting on all cylinders Saturday en route to the Sterling Heights Stevenson Tournament title.

The Blazers, who improved to 10-5 on the season, went 5-0 on the day and didn't drop a set, capped by a 25-12, 25-20

victory over Macomb Lutheran North in the final as junior Kayla March recorded 14 kills.

"After a couple of tournaments, the team finally found its stride as far as each player understanding individual roles," Ladywood first-year coach Peter Lau said. "They performed and executed their roles and their responsibilities as I expected and put it all

together."

Ladywood reached the championship with a 25-10, 25-15 triumph over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Blazers also earned pool play wins over Cranbrook (25-13, 25-14), Lincoln Park (25-12, 25-17) and Utica Ford (25-17, 25-18).

March was Ladywood's top attacker on the day with 62

total kills, while junior captain Haley Moores added 43. Senior captain Molly McClorey also contributed 41 kills and a team-best 21 blocks on the front row.

Senior setter Emily Fradette racked up 111 total assists, while senior Madison Moschetta and sophomore Abby Gluchowski paced the defense with 91 and 52 digs, respectively.

"We came out of pool play with a point differential of plus-65, which is crazy," Lau said. "Even through racket play, we continued our dominance. Only one game was close with the 25-20 set (vs. Lutheran North). Other than that, we really, really jelled and communicated well."

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Realtors Patterson, Spiro garner GMAR kudos

The Realtor of the Year award honors a Realtor for civic and association activity, business and educational experience and "Realtor Spirit" (professional competence and faithfulness to the principles of real estate, as well as to the laws and regulations of the State and National Code of Ethics). Members of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors elected Bart Patterson to receive the honor of 2014 GMAR Realtor of the Year.

Also honored as the GMAR Realtor Active in Politics is Teri Spiro.

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. In that time, Patterson has served on numerous committees and councils and has been instrumental in developing association policy and advocating for education.

He has earned 11 designations that he considers vital to providing outstanding client satisfaction. He has been vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic for eight years, where he has



Patterson

Spiro

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.

Patterson had this to say about winning, "It was a shock. 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 to 2010 and as chair in 2005 and 2006. When asked about his commitment to his community, he explained, "I live in the community, I want to be a part of the community, and I did have something that was

of use to them. So, I became very active, very quickly."

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.

The Realtor Active in Politics award is presented to a Realtor who has encouraged, educated, identified and recruited individuals by contribution, investment and efforts in all levels of the governmental and political arenas.

Teri Spiro served on the former Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors from 1998 to 2002 and as president in 2001. She has made contributions to the Realtor Political Action Committee. She is with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel.

RPAC aids in advocacy for the real estate profession by supporting legislators on real estate related issues. Spiro is ranked within the President's Circle of Golden R major investors and is in the RPAC Hall of Fame, meaning she has invested more than \$25,000 to

RPAC in her lifetime. She has served 20 years on the local RPAC committee, 10 years on the State RPAC Committee, chair for 2008, and 10 years on the State Public Policy Committee, chair for 2006.

She was a Michigan Realtors director in 2005 and 2006. For four years, Spiro has been a federal political coordinator to Congressman Sander Levin.

After being asked how she felt about receiving this award, Spiro stated, "I am happy and honored; there are several politically active Realtors in our association!"

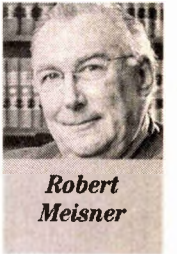
For over 25 years, Spiro has been actively working on political campaigns. "As long as I can remember, I've been fascinated by the political arena. Supporting candidates and policies that are good for home ownership and mortgage policies is crucial to our industry, and the economy."

She has organized fundraisers, coordinated door-to-door visits and hosted numerous meet and greets. Spiro has co-hosted events with national figures such as Elaine Chao, John McCain and Rudy Guiliani.

Caution called for on reverse mortgages

Q: I am advised by my banker that the Federal Housing Administration has imposed more stringent requirements on reverse mortgages, making them more difficult. Do you have any comments?

A: As the name suggests, a reverse mortgage is the opposite of a traditional home loan. With the reverse mortgage, you get cash instead of making payments to the lender. You can get a lump sum, a line of credit, or regular monthly income. The amount you borrow will be secured by your home so reverse mortgages are for homeowners with little or no debt on their home. Most reverse mortgages are Home Equity Conversion Mortgages which are offered by private lenders and insured by FHA, but borrowers must be at least 62 years of age. However, a reverse mortgage borrower still owns the home, which means they continue to have ownership responsibility. Reverse mortgages can be complicated and they require various fees and are only good for those who want to stay in their home as opposed to the flexibility of moving someplace else and are, of course, seniors.



Robert Meisner

Q: An attorney friend told me that some of these developers who sell new condos have entered into confidentiality agreements. Can you elaborate on what he meant by that?

A: I presume what he meant by that is that developers have been sued by condo associations for construction defects and deficiencies and financial irregularities. When a settlement is reached, the parent developer as well as the single entity LLC that probably developed the condominium project want a release from the association of any and all claims and want the terms of the settlement kept confidential even from the co-owners. I think that is improper, because purchasers of condos from these developers working through single entity LLCs will never know about the quality of construction that has occurred, particularly, when the same units are constructed in a new project. You are best advised to consult with an attorney who has knowledge of the litigation history of most developers in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 19 - 23, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
41438 Ayrshire Dr	\$130,000
6637 Brookshire Dr	\$101,000
6833 Chadwick Dr	\$240,000
3951 Cornerstone D	\$123,000
1779 Crestview Dr	\$225,000
2664 Daleview Ct	\$335,000
1638 E Lakeview Ln	\$170,000
43649 Emrick Dr	\$161,000
48530 Greenwich Ln	\$318,000
8243 Holly Dr	\$90,000
4676 Hunters Cir W	\$107,000
6641 Kings Mill Dr	\$320,000
4165 Kristine Ct	\$210,000
4119 Lonebridge Cir	\$228,000
891 Meadowlake Rd	\$185,000
47519 Pembroke Dr	\$138,000
1942 Preserve Cir W	\$172,000
48580 Rockefeller Dr	\$365,000
3610 Shepherd Ct	\$205,000
1301 W Crystal Cir	\$183,000
42565 White Hart Blvd	\$320,000
1427 Willard Dr	\$175,000
43575 Yorkville Dr	\$115,000
GARDEN CITY	

984 Cardwell St	\$85,000
33659 Pierce St	\$60,000
LIVONIA	
14060 Bainbridge St	\$152,000
35248 Banbury Ct	\$300,000
29524 Barkley St	\$134,000
28667 Bayberry Ct E	\$162,000
27680 Bennett St	\$90,000
27606 Bentley St	\$135,000
9101 Brentwood St	\$131,000
37610 Bristol Ct	\$250,000
36342 Curtis Rd	\$223,000
32965 Fargo St	\$35,000
29734 Grandon St	\$135,000
30170 Greenland St	\$158,000
8990 Hartel St	\$58,000
36283 Hees St	\$145,000
37862 Jamison St	\$153,000
38478 Lapham Ct	\$274,000
16573 Middlebelt Rd	\$33,000
30905 Orangelawn St	\$147,000
19482 Rensellor St	\$95,000
36530 Sherwood St	\$195,000
19700 Stamford Dr	\$215,000
14040 Sunset St	\$155,000
18927 Sunset St	\$178,000
28220 W Chicago St	\$95,000
31516 W Chicago St	\$185,000
16515 Whitby St	\$180,000
NORTHVILLE	
42158 Baintree Cir	\$280,000
18776 Bayberry Way	\$550,000
44843 Broadmoor Cir S	\$385,000

41303 Lagoon Ct	\$120,000
50574 Laurel Ridge Ct	\$726,000
50872 Northstar Way	\$803,000
18184 Parkshore Dr	\$988,000
39877 Pinewood Ct	\$472,000
39757 Rockcrest Cir	\$175,000
42713 Steepleview Ct	\$305,000
42617 Steepleview St	\$258,000
19113 Surrey Ln	\$90,000
PLYMOUTH	
1313 Carol Ave	\$271,000
13684 Eaton Dr	\$401,000
50555 Elmwood Ct	\$380,000
13150 Glenview Dr	\$308,000
40936 Greenbriar Ln	\$185,000
44857 Lynn Dr	\$123,000
581 Maple St	\$280,000
9061 N Canton Center Rd	\$288,000
REDFORD	
14062 Brook Dr	\$176,000
15573 Chelsea	\$26,000
25020 Doris Ct	\$90,000
17669 Five Points St	\$35,000
26016 Fordson Hwy	\$58,000
11323 Garfield	\$63,000
9611 Hazelton	\$35,000
8963 Hemingway	\$85,000
15832 Indian	\$25,000
19960 Indian	\$39,000
20059 Indian	\$23,000
19318 Norborne	\$20,000
14049 Rockland	\$69,000
9102 Salem	\$38,000

12944 Salem	\$76,000
9176 Sarasota	\$25,000
9176 Sarasota	\$73,000
26731 W 7 Mile Rd	\$25,000
17376 Wakenden	\$46,000
15992 Winston	\$21,000
WAYNE	
4389 3rd St	\$55,000
3032 Flora Ln	\$88,000
34434 Phyllis St	\$63,000
34434 Phyllis St	\$54,000
4309 Randolph St	\$10,000
4163 Winifred St	\$83,000
WESTLAND	
1631 Ackley Ave	\$81,000
7950 August Ave	\$100,000
32638 Bertram Dr	\$125,000
427 Brookfield Dr	\$195,000
6359 Canterbury Ct	\$90,000
32468 Cowan Rd	\$163,000
801 Forest St	\$92,000
8130 Huntington St	\$23,000
39102 Huron Pkwy	\$200,000
30515 Ledgecliff Ave	\$120,000
33004 Lynx St	\$125,000
2256 N Hix Rd	\$47,000
6006 N Walton St	\$60,000
35493 Phaesant Ln	\$105,000
38648 Scott Dr	\$119,000

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BEVERLY HILLS	
16206 Beechwood Ave	\$295,000
17880 Buckingham Ave	\$260,000
31135 W Rutland St	\$179,000
20226 Wellesley St	\$445,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30985 Timberbrook Ln	\$335,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1378 Fairfax St	\$1,599,000
973 N Old Woodward Ave	\$269,000
220 Northlawn Blvd	\$292,000
1355 Pierce St	\$645,000
1754 S Bates St	\$250,000
800 Wallace St	\$650,000
1659 Washington Blvd	\$420,000
35300 Woodward Ave # 508	\$153,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1735 Saint Johns Ct	\$345,000
3756 Lincoln Rd	\$1,430,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3231 Bloomfield Crossing	\$625,000
3260 Devon Brook Dr	\$153,000
458 Fox Hills Dr N # A-4	\$52,000

1928 Heron Ridge Dr	\$1,715,000
1195 Hillpointe Cir	\$225,000
6463 Maple Hills Dr	\$167,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
8628 Buckskin Dr	\$160,000
8733 Buffalo Dr	\$160,000
3866 Ellisia Rd	\$139,000
4888 Greenview Ct	\$270,000
9682 Nestoria St	\$119,000
3570 Raftwood Dr	\$449,000
720 W Commerce Rd	\$129,000
320 W Grand Traverse St	\$108,000
FARMINGTON	
33435 Adams St	\$120,000
23055 Farmington Rd	\$239,000
23815 Farmington Rd	\$140,000
22520 Hawthorne St	\$128,000
31959 Leelane	\$168,000
32029 Valley View St	\$105,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28501 Balmoral Way	\$278,000
34133 Banbury St	\$203,000
32115 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$185,000
33735 Cadillac St	\$198,000
31227 Country Ridge Cir	\$355,000
37650 Dorchester Dr	\$165,000
27989 Farmington Rd	\$140,000
30000 Fox Grove Ct	\$239,000
21291 Juniper Ct	\$132,000
35002 Lexington St	\$220,000
29096 List St	\$95,000
33742 Lyncroft St	\$180,000

31518 Orchard Crk	\$93,000
29601 Pine Ridge Cir	\$135,000
30940 Runnymede St	\$195,000
27729 Shawassee Rd	\$80,000
29699 Vista Ct	\$175,000
32401 W 9 Mile Rd	\$95,000
21586 Woodcrest Ct	\$265,000
29284 Wyndham Ct	\$189,000
HIGHLAND	
315 Clark Rd	\$103,000
615 Dunleavy Dr	\$59,000
MILFORD	
530 Heritage Dr	\$300,000
1714 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$140,000
314 S Main St	\$220,000
627 Woodside Dr	\$162,000
NORTHVILLE	
42162 Roscommon St	\$85,000
38616 Silken Glen Dr	\$260,000
NOVI	
44800 Bayview Dr # 30	\$71,000
22658 Bertram Dr	\$397,000
41915 Canterbury Dr	\$170,000
28349 Carlton Way Dr	\$192,000
20902 Chase Dr	\$515,000
31144 Columbia Dr	\$148,000
30895 Copper Ln	\$211,000
27458 Cromwell Rd	\$311,000
2310 Crown Dr	\$270,000
1292 E Lake Dr	\$300,000
28099 Hewes Ln	\$223,000
24826 Joseph	\$174,000

41695 Juniper Cir	\$167,000
27065 Ladbroke St	\$273,000
28027 Middleton Dr	\$230,000
24652 Naples Dr	\$346,000
24487 Perceval Ln	\$529,000
44819 Stockton Dr	\$82,000
49698 Timber Trl	\$423,000
29268 Weston Dr	\$224,000
SOUTH LYON	
54741 Brentwood Dr	\$330,000
24240 Douglas Dr	\$327,000
1035 Oxford Ave	\$155,000
24357 Padstone Dr	\$84,000
24499 Padstone Dr	\$91,000
24714 Padstone Dr	\$79,000
24582 Rosemont Dr	\$25,000
24590 Rosemont Dr	\$25,000
22726 Spy Glass Hill Dr	\$380,000
56350 Ten Mile Rd	\$210,000
832 Timber Trail Ct	\$325,000
52689 Trailwood Dr	\$500,000
60725 Trebor Dr	\$311,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18131 Melrose Ave	\$95,000
23844 Merrill Ave	\$132,000
20712 Midway Ave	\$39,000
30268 Southfield Rd # A129	\$30,000
WHITE LAKE	
9748 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$85,000
1944 Howland Blvd	\$273,000
910 Round Lake Rd	\$169,000

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Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-

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Condo operation

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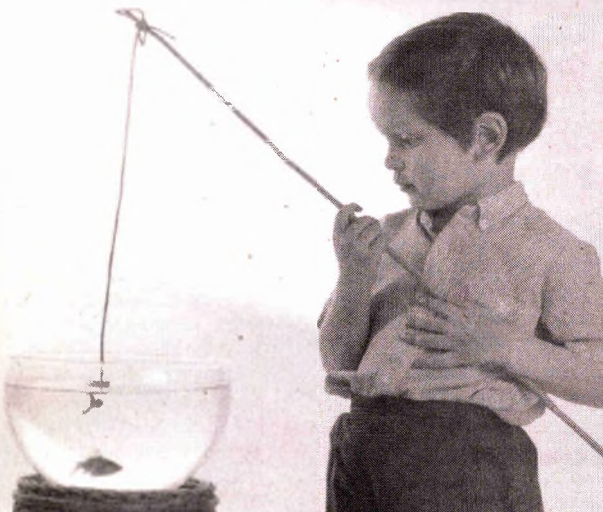
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	6		2	9				3
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		6			7			8

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

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5	8	6	9	1	4	3	7	2
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Word Search

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 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

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancake and French toast breakfast also includes sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sept. 21
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz kicks off the church's 2014-15 performing arts series. No tickets necessary. The church suggests a \$15 per person or \$25 donation.
Contact: 248-474-6170, Ext. 208

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen
Details: The Orthodox Choir of

Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Victoria Kopistiansky, performs a benefit concert to aid Christians in the Middle East, North Africa and Ukraine through International Orthodox Christian Charities. An afterglow will follow the concert. Donations will be collected. Sponsored by Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metro Detroit
Contact: www.iocc.org

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 SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Jan. 4, 2015
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia
Details: Weekly seminar and support group designed to help participants rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by individuals who have experienced grief and who want to help and encourage others.
Contact: 313-682-7491

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

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Church members will sell rummage sale items from their car trunks
Contact: Dianne Sherman at 734-812-5172 or church office at 734-522-6830

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
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 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)

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: A little something for everyone including specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only
Contact: 248-477-1410

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 Shulenberg 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.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

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

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2:30-3 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

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BENNETT, EDITH M.
 May 17, 1925 - August 23, 2014 - age 89. Wife of the late John Bennett, Michigan State Representative for 28 years. She is survived by her brother Gordon Bissell and his wife Mary of Livonia, Michigan and her daughters Linda Siggia, Carol Marra, and Barbara Wisz all of Bradenton, Florida and four loving granddaughters Gina Siggia of Chicago, Illinois, Angela Siggia of Northville, Michigan, Andrea Marra of Tampa, Florida, and Christina Wisz of Tampa, Florida. She is also survived by four great grandchildren, Lili, Drew, Luca, and Cole. A funeral service will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239 on Saturday October 18, 2014, 11:00 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239.

LaMARRE, ROBERT J.
 Age 69, of North Wales, Pennsylvania, died Sept. 6, 2014. Husband of Barbara Peterson LaMarre. Father of Kristin Snyder (Trent), Megan LaMarre (Jerry Grantland), Brother of Linda L. Meadors (Ted), Carol LaMarre. Graduate of the University of Michigan. Employed at Bethlehem Steel for 34 years, then Evraz/Claymont Steel. Services will be held Sept. 12 in Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers: the Association for Frontotemporal Dementia, www.theaftd.org. Arrangements by: Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, Lansdale, PA.

TERRY, GILBERT B.
 September 1, age 57. Dear brother of Mary Lynn (George) Smock, Edward H. (Ann) Terry Jr., and the late Carol Ann Terry. Also survived by six nieces and nephews. Memorial gathering Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Murray Lake, 7994 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com.

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Humorist brings cosmic comedy to Livonia

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Swami Beyondananda, the "Cosmic Comic," wants you to become a believer in his non-religion, "FUNdamentalism" and join his nonpolitical "Right to Laugh Party."

He guarantees you'll "wake up laughing" if you do.

"I don't do comedy clubs. I'm not on that circuit. My comedy is a little cleaner and more sophisticated," said Steve Bhaerman, who has performed his Swami character for nearly 30 years. "We've grown up at a time when humor is more cynical. But it's important to not just leave people laughing, but to also leave them smiling."

Bhaerman said his brand of comedy is meant to "heal the heart and free the mind," to "enlighten and brighten," as well as offer insights into inconvenient truths. His alter-ego, the Swami, will share "comedy disguised as wisdom and wisdom disguised as comedy," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The show is a fundraiser for Citizens for Peace and for Unity of Livonia.

Comedy transforms

Bhaerman, a former Ann Arbor resident who lives in California, performed his Swami routine for the peace organization a few years ago, offering up 15 top ways to create world peace.

"I do political humor, which is one of the reasons why (Citizens for Peace) wanted me to return," Bhaerman said. "Humor is a weapon of mass deconstruction. It can deconstruct ideas that have outlived



Swami Beyondananda will offer comedy disguised as wisdom and wisdom disguised as comedy Sept. 26 in Livonia.

their usefulness. Part of life is that we tend to think of things as this or as that. Humor gives us another way. Humor is constantly setting up the apple cart it upsets. The danger in humor is that humor often calls forth more honesty than people are ready to deal with."

Bhaerman said he pokes fun at "the silly things we do," but never judges or attacks individuals.

"Humor deconstructs opinions and beliefs but leaves people standing."

Creating Swami

Bhaerman, who grew up in Brooklyn, started an alternative high school in Washington, D.C., and taught history to auto workers at Wayne State University's Weekend College, before creating his Swami



Steve Bhaerman and his alter ego, Swami Beyondananda

character for a publication, *Pathways*, he co-created in Ann Arbor. Swami, who wrote about such topics "everything you always wanted to know about sects," became a popular feature in the publication, which focused on holistic health, personal growth, spirituality and politics. After it ceased publication, Swami wrote for several national publications.

In 1986, just a few months after marrying, Bhaerman and his new wife, Trudy, took the Swami character on the road.

"The first four years we traveled in a van with a trailer. We only took with us what we required. It was a great adventure and I got to perform something that is quite unusual," he said.

Since then he has recorded several CDs, DVDs and books, including his latest book, *Spontaneous Evolution: Our Positive Future and a Way To Get There From Here* co-written with cellular biologist Bruce H. Lipton, Ph.D.

His show combines both set routines and improvised answers to questions from the audience.

For show tickets, call 734-425-0079 or 734-421-1760. Visit his website at wakeuplaughing.com.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

GET OUT! CALENDAR

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

Zoo Brew: Sample beers from craft breweries, 6-10:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26. For 21 and over, ID required. Guests may visit animal habitats until dark. Complimentary tram tours, zookeeper talks and music by the rock band, The Hard Lessons, included in ticket price of \$40. Designated Driver tickets are \$25 and include zoo admission and soft drinks. detroitzoo.org/events/zoobrew
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

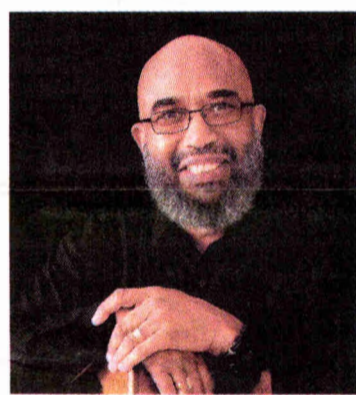
Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sept. 27
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Details: Pratapaditya Pal, a scholar on the arts and culture of the Himalayas and Southeast Asia, will talk about the essence of Indian art and aesthetic as it relates to India's three major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. The 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

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 27
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition
Fundraiser: The Painted Chair, a silent auction of one-of-a-kind chairs, 7 p.m. Sept. 18, at Northville Winery & Brewing Company, 630 Old Baseline Road, Northville. Event also includes cider tastings, music, and food. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. northvillearthouse.org/events
Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday through September



Josh White Jr. performs Saturday, Sept. 13, at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage
Contact: plymoutharts.com

AUDITIONS

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. auditions, Sept. 13
Location: Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

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@farmingtonplayers.org

MOTOR CITY PLAYERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sept. 15-16
Location: Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland, Livonia
Details: Auditions for *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged* are open to adults. Participants should bring a recent photo or head shot and prepare a 30-second to one-minute comedic monologue. Wear comfortable clothes and secure shoes for movement and improv.
Contact: 313-535-8962; nancy@mcyt.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

TLC PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 13-14; registration at 5:45 p.m.
Location: Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton
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

TLC PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 13-14; registration at 5:45 p.m.
Location: Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton
Details: The celebration of crafts,



Artist Paul Rochon shows his "Walking Chair" designed for the Painted Chair Auction on Sept. 18 benefiting the Northville Art House.

COMEDY

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 20
Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti
Details: The Uncle Hippie Show will feature Chili Challis, Thaddeus Nathaniel Challis and local comedian Germaine Gebhard; tickets \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students with ID. Pay online or call to reserve seats and pay at the door
Contact: emergentarts.com; (734) 985-0875

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Thea Vidale; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday
Contact: joeyscomeclub.net; 734-261-0555

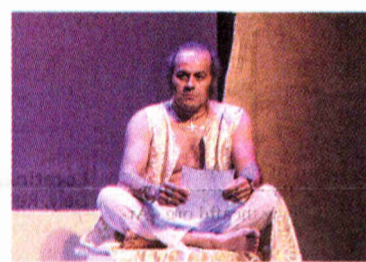
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 11-12, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13
Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Joseph Anthony; tickets \$10 Thursday; \$18 Friday-Saturday
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FESTIVAL

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,



Siamak Davarani plays the lead role in Spotlight Players' production of *The King and I*, beginning Sept. 12, in Canton.

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

VICTORIAN FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 4-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14
Location: Downtown Northville
Details: Festival theme is "The Lumbering Industry," and the event includes a parade at 6:30 p.m. Friday; carnival at Northville Downs, beer garden and saloon, strolling entertainers, vintage baseball, animal show and petting farm; Great Lakes Timber Show, Vintage Mini-Market and an art fair with 65 juried fine artists and crafters. Art fair hours are 4-7:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday
Contact: northville.org

FILM
PENN THEATRE
Time/Date: 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
Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *Begin Again*, admission \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.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

KELSEY MUSEUM
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-Dec. 21
Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood. Exhibition opening, 6 p.m. Oct. 15, includes a presentation by Ashley Dimmig, exhibition curator
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: *Wheels of Summer*, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17
Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Josh White Jr. performs; tickets are \$20
Contact: 734-560-1493; justgobarefoot.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 20
Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, corner of 13 Mile and Lahser in Beverly Hills
Details: Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers opens the 71st season of this Farmington Hills-based music organization. Tickets range from \$30-\$60
Midtown series: The Cavani String Quartet will perform 8 p.m. Sept. 26, at the Music Box at the Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The program, "Collage: Music and Poetry," features poetry by Mwatabu Otankah; tickets \$30 for adults and \$15 for students with ID
Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusic-detroit.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Walter White and his Quartet play Sept. 30. The group features Jeff Trudell, Gary Schunk and Ralphe Armstrong in addition to White. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Annie and Rod Capps, and Jason Dennie with *The Rough and Tumble*, Sept. 12; *The Yellow Room* Gang featuring Jan Krist, Jim Bizer, Matt Watroba, Kitty Donohoe and David Barrett, Sept. 13. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.
Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATRE

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12-14 and 19-21
Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: *The King and I*; tickets \$15-\$18
Contact: 734-394-5300; spotlightplayersmi.org



PECAN ROLLS

Servings: 8

3 tablespoons butter
½ cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon maple syrup
½ cup chopped pecans (divided)
1 package (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent sheet
½ cup apple butter
¼ cup raisins (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Coat 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. In small sauce pan over medium heat, combine butter, brown sugar and maple syrup. Stir until melted and pour into baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with ½ cup pecans. On cutting board, unroll tube of crescent dough into a rectangle (seal seams and perforations). Spread apple butter evenly over dough surface and sprinkle with additional pecans and optional raisins. Starting on long edge of dough, roll tightly, jelly roll fashion. With serrated knife, cut roll into 16 equal slices. Place each slice cut side down on the glaze in the baking dish. Bake 18 to 20 minutes, or until puffed and golden brown. Remove from oven and immediately invert onto serving platter. Allow to cool five to 10 minutes before serving.

Simple ways to infuse fall flavors

Apple butter adds spice to baked, cooked and grilled dishes

There's no time like fall to experiment with new recipes, especially those savory and sweet comfort dishes that highlight the season's favorite fruit — apples. Delicious when spread over a warm slice of fresh-baked bread, apple butter is also an unexpected but ideal ingredient for creating rich flavors in baked, cooked and grilled dishes that add warmth to any meal.

Traditional apple butter is made by simmering apples long and slow in kettles with sugar, apple cider and spices. This classic Pennsylvania Dutch spread is essentially a concentrated, spiced apple sauce and contains no dairy butter. The classic brown color reflects the apples' sugar caramelizing during the slow cooking process.

While apple butter makes an excellent spread, with up to 70 percent fewer calories than peanut butter and traditional dairy butter, it's also an easy way to instantly introduce fall flavors into your favorite dishes, whether dinner or dessert.

Bring the flavors of fall to your table with these simple, homestyle recipes. Two recipes blend the spicy notes of apple butter into simple, comforting crock pot dinners. The others offer sweet apple-infused desserts. One is a twist on traditional pecan rolls and the other a glazed apple cake.

For more recipes featuring apple butter, visit www.musselmans.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

SPICED APPLE CAKE WITH ORANGE GLAZE

Serves: 10

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ cup sugar
½ cup butter
2 eggs
½ cup buttermilk
1 cup Musselman's Apple Butter
1 cup powdered sugar
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 teaspoon orange peel

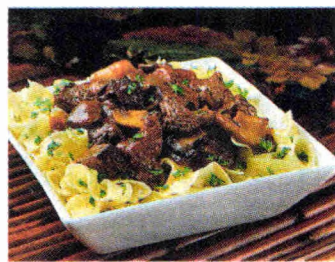
Preheat oven to 350°F. Sift flour, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves. Cream sugar and softened butter or margarine in large bowl. Add eggs, beating thoroughly. Beat in dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk. Stir in apple butter. Pour into a greased 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. Bake in 350°F oven 55 to 65 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan. Make orange glaze by combining powdered sugar, orange juice, and orange peel. Spoon glaze over warm cake.



APPLE-MUSHROOM SLOW COOKER SWISS STEAK

Serves: 6

1 cup Musselman's Apple Butter
1 10.75-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup
18-ounce can tomato sauce
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 cup onions, chopped
2 pounds boneless beef round steak, cut into serving-size pieces
18-ounce container button mushrooms, sliced

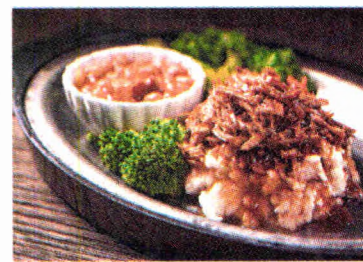


Mix all ingredients except onions, steak and mushrooms in large bowl. Place onions in bottom of 3 ½ to 4-quart slow cooker. Layer on top with half of the steak pieces and then half of the mushrooms. Pour half of the apple butter mixture over the top. Repeat the layers. Cook on Low heat setting 8 to 10 hours or until meat is fork tender.

SHREDDED APPLE PORK

Servings: 6

1 cup apple butter
¼ cup apple cider vinegar
¼ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons minced garlic
2 tablespoons whole grain Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
2 medium apples, cored and chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
6 boneless pork chops



In small bowl, whisk together apple butter, vinegar, brown sugar, garlic, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper. Place chopped apples and onions in slow cooker. Add pork chops and pour apple butter mixture over top. Cook on low for five to six hours covered. Shred pork with two forks in cooker, and let meat marinate on low in sauce for 20 minutes uncovered. Serve warm over rice or mashed potatoes.

CITY BITES

Time for brew, brats

Canton — More than 60 craft beers will be available for sampling at the fifth annual Brew, Brats & Bands At The Barn, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Admission to this fundraiser for the Canton Historical Society will include seven drink tickets good for seven beer samples, along with a keepsake beer-tasting mug and brats and all the fixings. The Dale Hicks Band will play classic rock and All Directions will play rhythm and blues standards during the event. Tickets are \$30. Designated driver tickets are \$10. Buy them online at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org, or in person at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, the Canton Treasurer's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, or the Canton Farmers Market, 500 N. Ridge Road. For more information, visit cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call 734-394-5314.

Restaurant crawl

Plymouth — Taste samples and treats from 15 restaurants and then vote on your favorite, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday,



Chef Paul Penney (left), Karl Zarbo and Noreen Rybar grill brats at Brew, Brats & Bands last year.

Sept. 16, at the Annual PENN-Taste-Tic restaurant crawl in downtown Plymouth. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Penn co-sponsor the event and benefit from proceeds. Participants

include 336 Main, Alpine Chocolate Haus, Candy Trail, Cupcake Station, Fiamma Grill, Jay's Stuffed Burgers, Jimmy John's, Kilwin's, La Strovia, Little Bangkok Cuisine, Nico & Vali, Post Local Bistro, Stella's Black Dog

Tavern, Sweet Afton Tea Room and Yogurt Palooza. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for children, 10 and under and must be purchased in advance. They are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Battling hunger

Southeastern Michigan — Donate three nonperishable food items to the No Kid Hungry movement when you dine at an Applebee's restaurant on Sept. 28 and you'll receive a coupon for a free appetizer. All donated food items collected from the area will be distributed to Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners. Also that day, 10 percent of the day's total sales at Applebee's restaurants will be donated to No Kid Hungry, which connects kids in need with nutritious food and teaches their families how to cook healthy, affordable meals. Local Applebee's restaurants are located at 36475 Warren Road, Westland; 17101 Haggerty, Northville; 47900 Grand River Ave., Novi; and 43500 Ford Road, Canton. For more information, visit teamschostak.com.

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... help students choose the right major

As recent college graduates can no doubt attest, the job market for young people can be difficult to navigate. Many recent graduates are still struggling to find full-time employment and some might be wondering if they chose the right major.

Though choosing a major is about more than just finding a job, the financial burden of earning a college degree can't be ignored. According to the Project on Student Debt, 71 percent of college seniors who graduated in 2012 had student loan debt, with an average of \$29,400 per borrower. In fact, between 2008 and 2012, the average student loan debt at graduation increased an average of 6 percent each year. So while the right major should incorporate a student's interests, skills and strengths, it's also important to find a major that can help students earn a living after they walk across the stage and receive their diplomas.

The following are a handful of tips college students can employ to ensure they choose the right major.

» **Don't jump into it.** Some students might want to pick a major before they ever step foot on campus. While that strategy might work for some, it should only be employed by those students who are wholly certain a major is for them. Some students choose a major early on because they feel they may get a head start at navigating their way through a job market that recently endured exceptionally high levels of unemployment. But the pressure of finding a job should not be what drives students when choosing a major. Unless you're entirely certain that a particular course of study is for you, give yourself some leeway and wait to choose a major. The first year or two of college is a great time to expand your academic horizons so use that time to your advantage.

» **Don't procrastinate.** While rushing into a major is a mistake, it's also foolish to procrastinate with regard to choosing a course of study. According to The College Board's annual survey of colleges, the average tuition and fees at private nonprofit four-year

colleges for the 2013-14 school year was \$30,094, while public four-year in-state tuition and fees averaged slightly less than \$9,000 for the same year. So no matter which type of college or university a student enrolls in, he or she will be making a significant financial commitment. Waiting too long to choose a course of study may find you paying for courses you ultimately won't need, increasing your already expensive tuition along the way.

» **Use the resources at your disposal.** Students undecided about a college major should make use of their schools' career development departments to help them get on the right path. Many such departments provide assessment tools to help students find a major that synthesizes their interests and skills with a field of study. In addition, the personnel within career development departments have dealt with hundreds, if not thousands, of previous students who found themselves in similar situations, and that experience can prove invaluable to

students who might feel lost with regard to choosing majors.

» **Know the requirements if you have a specific career in mind.** While many majors are not difficult to navigate, some fields of study have strict guidelines that students should be aware of almost immediately. For example, students hoping to attend medical school after graduation need to determine which courses they absolutely must take in order to qualify for medical school. In addition, students with such specific plans in mind often must choose their majors as early as possible so they can plan their curriculum in accordance with the standards they will need to meet to be considered for postgraduate work.

Choosing a major is a decision college students should not take lightly. But students who are unsure of what they want to study should approach the process of choosing a major with patience and an eye on finding a course of study that matches their interests with their skills.

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... ensure a smooth transition to college

The transition to college is an exciting time, full of anticipation for the next chapter of life. But with new opportunities come uncertainties, from financing an education to picking the right courses.

"Paying for college and having kids leave the house is new territory for most parents and children. But with research and preparation, parents can help kids learn how to maximize available funds, borrow responsibly and manage their new lives," says Jodi Okun, founder of College Financial Aid Advisors and brand ambassador for Discover Student Loans. "Parents should encourage kids to take responsibility for forming a long-term financial plan they can work through together."

Okun offers the following tips for a smooth transition:

» **Empower students:** Let students start with smaller decisions, such as what to do with high school graduation money, and then build to bigger ones, such as finding and applying for additional scholarships, and deciding

whether they can balance school with work-study or a part-time job. Encourage students to form meaningful relationships with their school's financial aid office.

» **Balance dreams with opportunities.** While students often pick a major based on childhood passions, parents may steer them toward an in-demand field with a good salary and career trajectory. In fact, 70 percent of parents say job potential after college is as important or more important than choice of major, according to a recent Discover Student Loans survey. Starting salary should also guide how much debt the student takes on. For example, if a student anticipates a \$40,000 a year starting salary, he or she should take on no more than \$40,000 in student loans over the course of college.

» **Figure out the parents' role.** The majority of student loans are for students, but there are loans specifically for parents (e.g., Parent PLUS Loans and some private student loans). Consider the advantages of each and decide



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As college costs rise, understanding the financial resources available, as well as having conversations about who is responsible for what, will provide peace of mind for students and parents.

whether parent student loans, traditional student loans or a combination is best. Regardless of what's decided, parents should discuss options and expectations with their child.

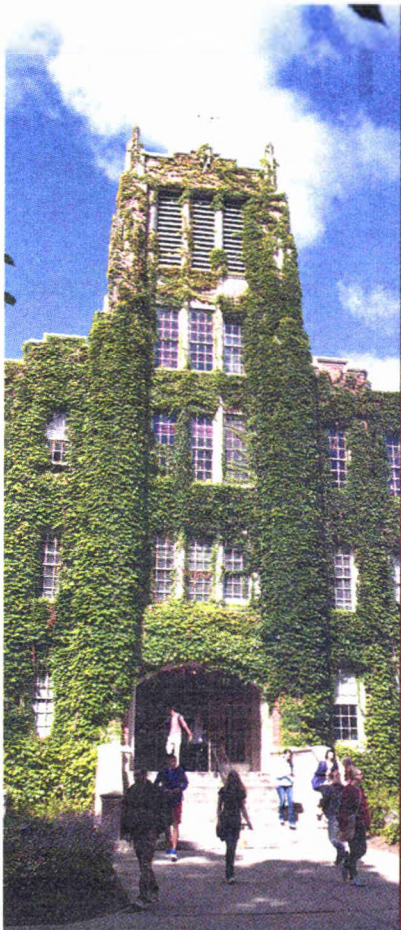
» **Exhaust free money first.** Grants, scholarships and other free financial aid can help students pay for costs. Resources such as Discover's Free Scholarship Search and Studentaid.ed.gov can help students and parents identify and apply for important free money.

» **Choose the right student loan.** With so many choices for loans, choosing the right one can be overwhelming. Families should compare federal and private student loans based on key components, such as interest rates, origination fees and repayment options and then choose the loans that best fit their financial needs.

» **Seek consultation.** Financing college can be an overwhelming and confusing process. Consider talking to a financial planner who can offer sound advice.

More tips can be found at DiscoverStudentLoans.com.

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Aquinas College, located on a beautiful 107-acre campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the state's second largest city, is a Catholic, co-educational, liberal arts college with an enrolment that exceeds 2,000 students.

Our campus is a former estate, complete with an English Style Manor and Carriage House. Our 90 species of trees, ponds, creeks and terraced gardens will show you why we've been called Michigan's "most beautiful small college."

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Completed in fall 2010, the new Sturuss Sports & Fitness Center provides a top-notch facility that benefits the entire student body in addition to our eleven-time "WHAC All-Sport Champions" ath-

letic teams. The \$7-million Performing Arts Center is home to those students who not only wish to hone their theatrical skill, but provides entertainment to the student body, alumni and the broader community.

Aquinas will be expanding the Sturuss Sports & Fitness Center and will open the new Alksnis Athletics & Recreation Building in the fall of 2014. In addition, a new apartment complex will accommodate upper class students on campus.

Faculty at Aquinas are both teachers and scholars. The education they provide challenges students to think critically, and instill a passion for learning that is second to none. Our core curriculum was designed to give students the critical foundation needed to be successful in an ever-changing world.

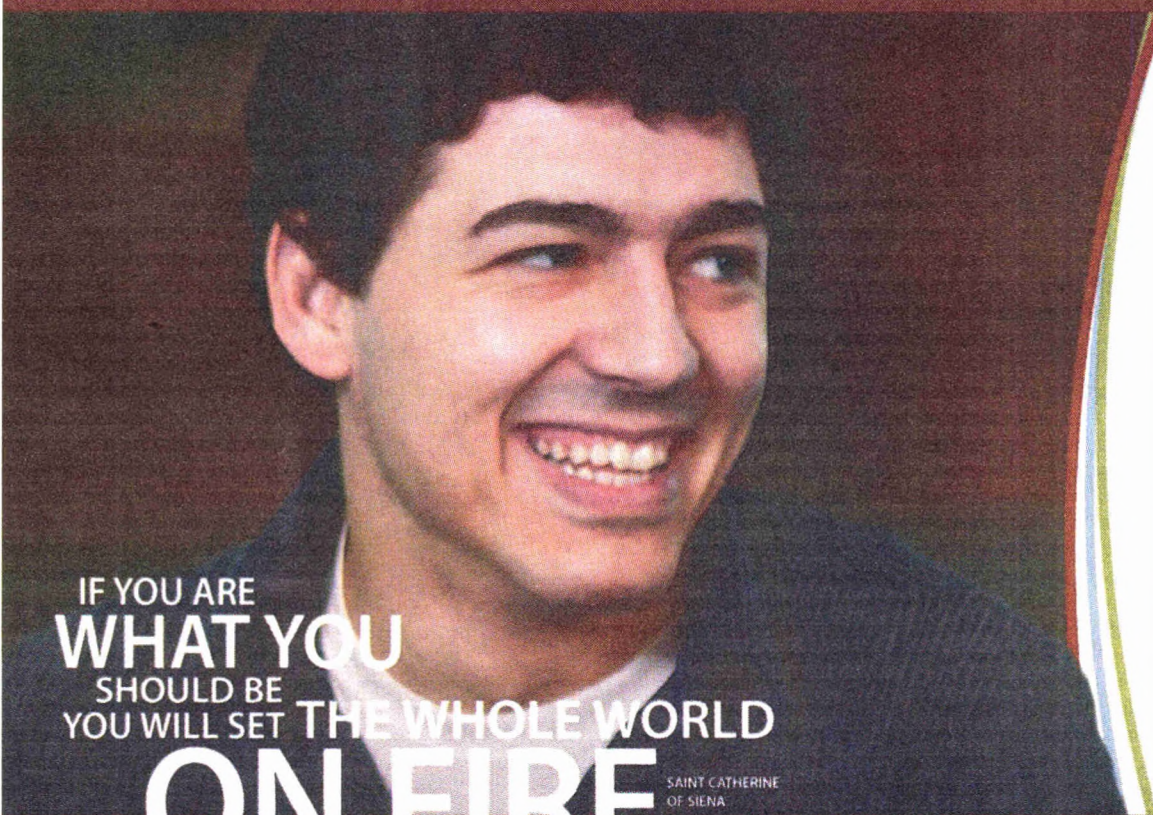
Of course, not all-learning takes place in the classroom. Students travel overseas to countries such as Germany, France, Spain, Ireland and Italy. They also are involved in many and varied service learning opportunities in places like the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Appalachia, New York, Maine and Alabama. Students at Aquinas believe in giving back to the community in which they live.

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SHOPPING TIPS ...

... for college-bound students

Preparing for college life is a must, whether you are planning to live on or off campus. But it can be overwhelming without a game plan.

To make this exciting experience as smooth as possible, the college experts at Bed Bath & Beyond are offering helpful shopping tips for students and parents.

» **Use a checklist:** Stay organized and on budget with a checklist. Some retailers offer online and in-store lists breaking down the essential gear needed for on and off-campus living.

» **Know your school rules:** To avoid any unwelcome surprises on move-in day, learn your school-specific rules before shopping. From microwaves to coffee-makers, know what you can and can't bring to your school. Look up your school rules at www.bedbathandbeyond.com/shopforcollege.

» **Create a college registry:** A registry makes a great resource for family and friends choosing graduation or college gifts. Students can also use their registry to share what they're bringing to school with roommates.

» **Meet the roomie:** Once students receive their housing assignment, they should connect with their future roommate to finalize room decisions and avoid duplication.

» **Make packing easy:** Take advantage of resources that make transporting your items to college easier. For example, Bath & Beyond has a free in-store service, Pack & Hold, which allows students to select dorm room essentials at a store near home and have everything ready to pick up for purchase at a store near campus.

» **Bedding:** The bed is pretty much the center of dorm room life, so make it comfortable and stylish. School-provided mattresses are often thin, so consider adding a memory foam topper or fiber bed for extra support. Remember that most dorms require twin extra-long sheets – and don't forget to protect the mattress against bed bugs and allergens with a mattress protector. Coordinate your bed and room on budget with a value Campus Collection. For ideas, visit www.bedbathandbeyond.com.

» **Organize:** Maximizing space is a must. Create more room with storage and organizational items under the bed, over the door and in the closet. For example, Real Simple Slimline Flocked Hangers allow students to hang more clothing per unit of space. Look for multi-functional items, such as bed risers that have an AC outlet and USB charger.

» **Make it homey:** Add an area rug and throw blankets for extra warmth or add accents like a cool side



Creating a home away from home can be a challenge. Use tools and resources specifically designed for college-bound students to stay organized and on budget.

table and colorful throw pillows. Welcome friends and study buddies with functional and stylish seating like the Bunjo Bungee Chair or Sound Lounge Speaker Ottoman. Decorate the walls with dry erase message boards, artwork and photo displays.

» **Study smart:** Make sure your work space is highly functional. You'll need plenty of storage for school supplies, lighting for late night cramming and a surge protector to plug-in all your devices.

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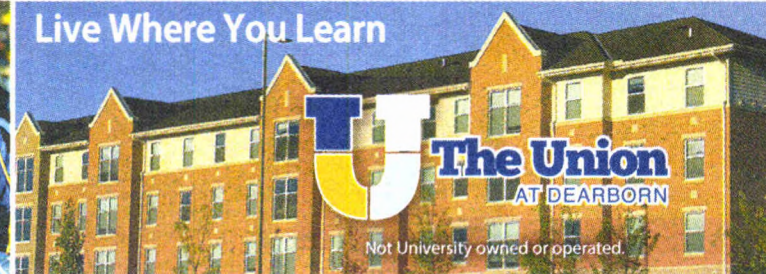
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WMU students 'Go West' regardless of where they start

For Western Michigan University students, the phrase "Go West" has nothing to do with driving directions. "West" is a state of mind where anything can and does happen.

For Broncos, "West" is all about making discoveries and finding a way to write their own stories. Going "West" for a Bronco may mean:

- Studying Chinese in Beijing,
- Developing entrepreneurial ambitions by starting a business,
- Carving out a role on a life sciences or automotive research project, or
- Showcasing some well-honed musical performance skills at Carnegie Hall. It's all "West." It all happens when students take control of their lives and use the resources of a University committed to helping them succeed.

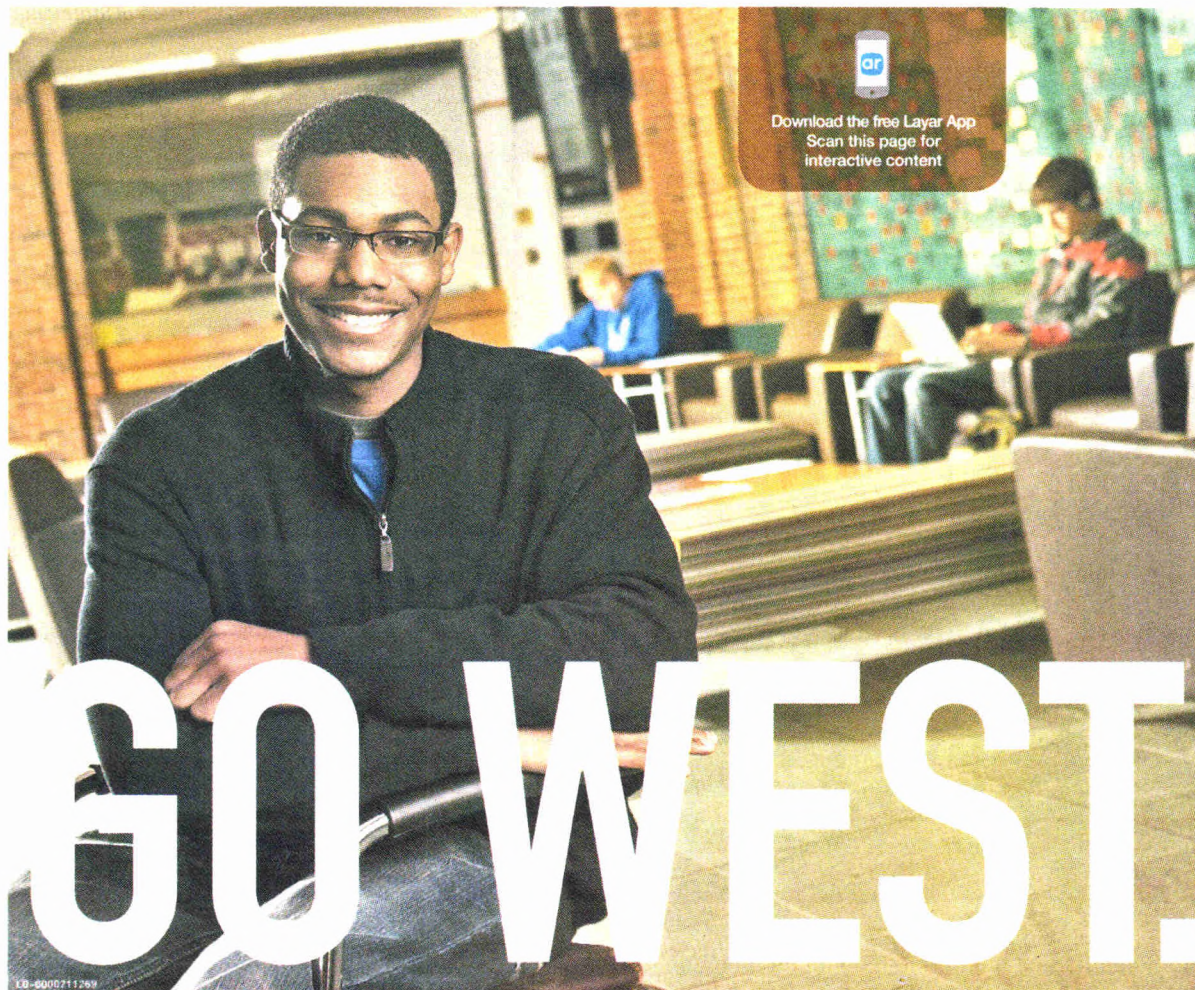
That commitment means value is always part of the equation. In fact, Washington Monthly magazine just called WMU one of the nation's "Best Bang for the Buck" colleges.

WMU students find their own personal "West" in state-of-the-art academic facilities and through opportunities geared to help those who want to push the envelope. With more than 250 degree offerings, Broncos have a spectacular array of career paths from which to choose. And many of those programs enjoy national and international renown.

For those students who know they'll need a master's degree to excel in their professional careers, WMU offers more than a dozen accelerated master's programs that lead to both a bachelor's and master's degree in as few as five years and at a lower cost.

For those who want to prepare for the global marketplace, WMU offers more than 70 study abroad programs in 30 nations. And every student has the opportunity to live, work and play with students from more than 100 other nations who study at WMU each year.

And because WMU never stops working to expand opportunity, students now have two new options open to them. The WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine opened this fall and has a preferential admittance initiative for talented WMU graduates. The University also has a new formal affiliation with the nation's largest and most diverse law school. The WMU Cooley Law School will offer expanded opportunities for WMU undergrads.



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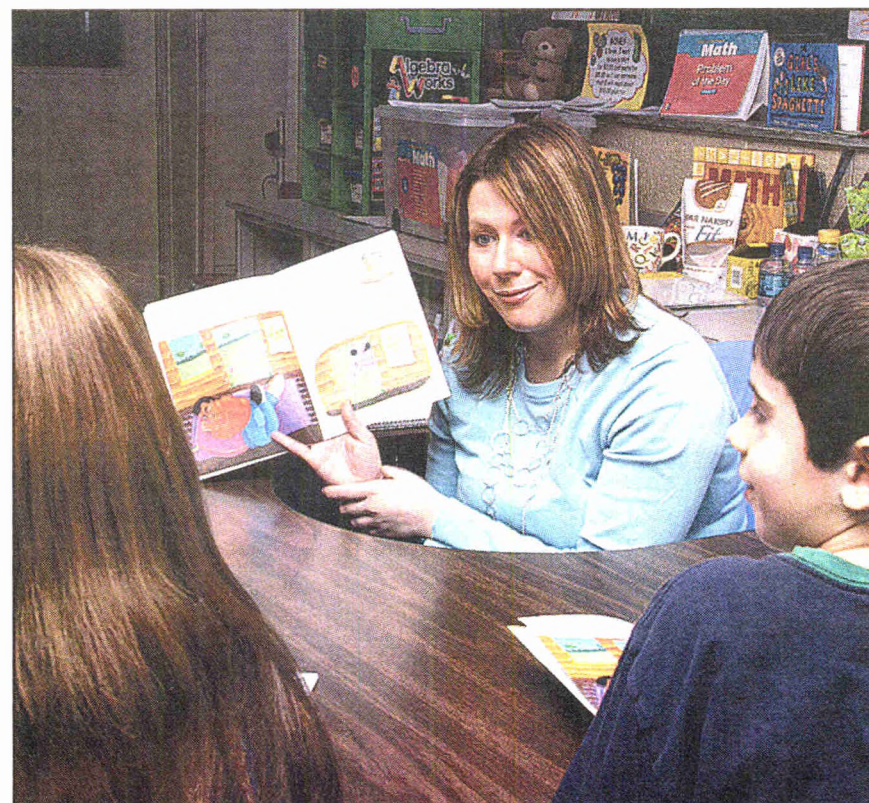
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Students in Madonna's emergency management program conducted a hazardous waste demonstration during the University's 75th birthday party.

Teachers Quench Thirst for Learning at Madonna

Year after year, Madonna University's teacher education program achieves exemplary status from the Michigan Department of Education. Every certificate, bachelor's and master's degree program is aimed at developing professional, effective teachers who are passionate about their students and schools. In addition to bachelor's degrees and teacher certification for K-12 teachers, Madonna also offers a physical education degree for elementary and secondary teachers, and a new comprehensive elementary education degree that includes an early childhood component.

Educators can take their love of learning to the graduate level at Madonna, in more than 15 master's degree or certificate programs. Areas of graduate teacher education include online teaching and e-learning, teaching English to speakers of other languages, educational leadership, learning disabilities and more. The Master of Arts in Teaching with a focus on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) is one of only a few in the state. Offered as an endorsement, or a master's degree, this program prepares certified teachers to understand and effectively

facilitate learning for students with ASD.

Building on Madonna's tradition of excellence in teacher education, the University recently launched the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) master's. This program is designed to prepare students to work as administrative leaders at colleges and universities, in areas such as student services and academic affairs. "Many of Madonna's HESA students work in higher education and find that the program helps them meet challenges they encounter daily," said Karen Obsniuk, dean of the College of Education.

Another new and innovative graduate program is the post-bachelor's certificate in Effective Inclusionary Practice which prepares the general education teacher with skills to meet the needs of students with disabilities in the general education classroom.

According to Obsniuk, Madonna has more graduate programs on the horizon that will offer educators the tools and knowledge to address the ever-changing demands of the classroom.

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