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Parents react to district boundary plan



By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

After spending months putting together its recommendations for middle school boundary changes in light of the pending closure of Central Middle School, the boundary steering committee presented its plan Tuesday night to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

And was promptly asked to do more work.

Board trustees asked the steering committee to put together some additional options to try to get students to schools closer to their neighborhoods.

Their chief concern was the idea some students from Work-

man Elementary will have to be bused to Pioneer Middle School – on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth – under the new plan recommended by the boundary steering committee. Discovery Middle School and the new, as-yet-unnamed middle school on Cherry Hill west of Canton Center are both closer to Workman.

However, reshaping the boundaries to put Workman students into one of those two schools isn't as easy as moving the boundaries. According to Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director of staffing, student services and policy who chaired the steering committee, moving Workman students into either of those

schools means other students currently scheduled to go there would have to be moved elsewhere.

"If we put together other options where we put kids into a new school, we'll have to move other kids out," Tyszkiewicz said. "That creates a domino effect with the other middle schools."

Residents speak

The new middle school options would likely be presented to the board at a meeting next week. The elementary boundary recommendations were presented two weeks ago. The board is scheduled to vote on

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Residents got their first public look Tuesday at the district's middle school boundary recommendations.

Township adopts fireworks ordinance

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials have adopted a fireworks ordinance in response to the loosening of Michigan's fireworks regulations, which led to increases in impromptu pyrotechnics – particularly around the Fourth of July – and noise and nuisance complaints.

The township Board of Trustees approved a second and final reading of the ordinance Oct. 21 by a unanimous vote.

The ordinance establishes several categories of fireworks, limits the times during which certain fireworks can be used without permits and bans fireworks from being used on public, school or church property or in a public street.

Fireworks can only be used on another person's property with written permission and all fireworks, except for "novelties" like toy caps, noisemakers and "flitter" sparklers in paper tubes no more than an eighth of inch in diameter, must be used at least 70 feet away from any building.

Holiday use

So-called "consumer" fireworks, defined as those "designed to provide visible effects by combustion" and subject to U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission regulations, cannot be used in the township without a permit except for 30 specific days a year: 10 national holidays and

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Dozens of landscapers and other volunteers helped to finish the project at the First Step shelter in Wayne.

TOM BEAUDOIN

HEALING HELP

Volunteers help First Step families with recovery process

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Theresa Bizoe spoke to a group at a Plymouth Rotary Club lunch more than a year ago, she probably couldn't have realized it would lead to the completion of a dream.

On Saturday, volunteers from that same club – along with landscaping crews and other workers who came with them – took giant steps

toward making Bizoe's dream a reality.

Dozens of volunteers worked all day Saturday at the First Step shelter in Wayne, putting the green touches on what will be, according to its designer, one of the largest playground/healing garden facilities in the country.

First Step is a shelter serving the victims of sexual and domestic violence in western Wayne County.

The facility now includes 60 shade trees, a variety of playground equipment and four healing gardens, each with its own identity, to help First Step families recover

from the trauma they've faced.

Stress relief

"We're putting together all the green parts of our playground and healing garden for all the families that come to us for help," said Bizoe, First Step's associate director. "Play and relaxation are an essential part of the healing process, especially for children. The kids who come to First Step leave their homes, their schools, sometimes their families, their friends, their toys and they come into a shelter. That can be very stressful for kids."

Jonathan Dreyfuss of Ann

Arbor-based Greenscape Systems, which designed the playground, called it "perhaps the most comprehensive playground ever developed in the United States for this application."

In addition to several pieces of pretty standard playground equipment, the facility will include four different play areas, crafted for infant/toddlers, preschoolers, school-age kids and teenagers.

Garden party

The healing gardens will include one garden near the

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Mark Schauer enters the Moshers living room. Bob Moshers (back to camera) greets Supreme Court candidate Richard Bernstein.

Schauer joins Democratic rally in Canton

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer, declaring Tuesday night he is "in fighting mode" during a campaign stop in Canton, implored supporters to ratchet up efforts to defeat Gov. Rick Snyder by getting out the vote.

"I'm asking you to close the deal," he

told a group of supporters gathered inside the home of Canton precinct delegates Bob and Natalie Moshers. "I'm asking you to finish the job."

Despite some polls indicating he is trailing Snyder heading into Tuesday's election, Schauer pointed to a CBS/*New York Times* survey and his campaign's internal polling as giving him a razor-thin edge over the incumbent. He also shrugged off a decision by the

Detroit Free Press, a Democrat-leaning newspaper, to endorse Snyder.

"It's voters who will decide it," Schauer said during a post-speech interview.

Schauer made a campaign stop in Canton for a Democratic pep rally that also included U.S. House 11th District candidate Bobby McKenzie, state Sen-

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the day before and the day after those holidays. The holidays include the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

On the 30 permitted days a year, the use of consumer fireworks is allowed only between 8 a.m. and midnight (1 a.m. News Year's Day).

So-called "low-impact" fireworks - like many hand-held sparklers or sparklers that are set on the ground - and "novelties," are not subject to the holiday restrictions.

The ordinance contains a provision for obtaining a special permit from the township in order to use consumer fireworks on a day outside of the 30 specified days each year. There is also a permitting process, including insurance requirements, for larger professional fireworks displays.

Increased complaints

Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said the ordinance will

give police a tool in responding to complaints about fireworks noise. Police responded to an increased number of complaints around last Fourth of July, the chief said.

Board members said they were concerned about the possibility of an errant firework landing on the roof of a house and starting a fire. Clerk Nancy Conzelman last summer cited an example of a missile-type firework that flew inside a house in the township after penetrating a window screen. The firework went out on its own and no fire was started.

A violation of the ordinance is a civil infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

State regulations were amended in recent years to allow the general public to use fireworks, like bottle rockets, Roman candles and firecrackers, that weren't previously permitted and to prohibit local communities from banning those fireworks from being used around certain holidays.

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the plan in its entirety Nov. 11.

Tuesday's meeting was the first chance for residents to comment on the middle school boundaries and they didn't miss their shot. More than a dozen residents spoke, the majority against it for a variety of reasons.

One resident who supports the plan was Cathy Vredevel, who has a ninth-grader at the Park and a seventh-grader. Vredevel is a veteran at this; she said her seventh-grader will have changed schools seven times if the boundary changes are approved. "It's not about my child, 'my school,'" she said. "Every child is going to be affected, regardless. As a district, we need to make changes due to the declining enrollment and the decline in revenue that's causing. We can't base these decisions on emotions."

Plymouth resident Michelle Dillon grew up here and migrated through Field Elemen-

tary, East Middle and Salem High schools. Her husband went to Isbister Elementary, Pioneer Middle and Canton High schools.

She believes the data used to come up with the boundaries is flawed, pulled from a study done a couple of years ago.

"I am discouraged by a study that lacks crucial data," Dillon told the board Tuesday. "The district didn't conduct a survey for this study. The time line is too short for careful consideration by the board or the community."

Driving force

The changes were prompted by the building of a new middle school in Canton, where some 76 percent of the student population resides, and the recommended closing of Allen and Gallimore elementaries and the Tanger Center.

Boundary changes are being driven by the building of the new middle school near Cherry Hill and Canton Center and the looming closure of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Even with the new

school, three of the district's five middle schools will be located north of Joy Road. That complicates the boundary issue, since so many students live in Canton.

Still, the committee came up with its boundary recommendations: » Discovery Middle School - the school on Hanford near Canton Center will get all of Hoben and Miller elementaries and portions of Eriksson and Tonda elementaries.

» Pioneer Middle School - located on Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon, it will house all of Workman Elementary and parts of Dodson, Tonda and Isbister elementaries.

» West Middle School - located at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, it will house all of Bird Elementary and parts of Farrand, Smith and Isbister.

» East Middle School - located on Mill north of Ann Arbor Road, it will house all of Hulsing and portions of Farrand and Smith elementaries. The middle-school TAG program will continue to be housed at East.

» The new middle school - located on Cherry Hill just west of Canton Center, it will house all of Bentley and Field elementaries and parts of Dodson and Eriksson elementaries.

District guarantee

Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, said some of the work was driven by a systems assessment the district had done before last year. He said the boundary analysis has significant resource, equity and diversity ramifications in both the short and long terms for the district.

"Our guarantee to our parents and students is that we will provide a quality education, using a strong curriculum taught by highly qualified teachers," Meissen said.

"These recommendations help us do that by continuing to drive up educational quality, while driving down costs. Our goal all along is to make sure every student who graduates our schools is college- or career-ready and everything we do is geared toward that mission."

FIRST STEP

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building, another that includes an 80-foot retaining wall - "The wall basically wraps its arms around people sitting there," Dreyfuss said - and a rock garden and water garden, with a water wall that provides a peaceful setting for families who want to listen to the water rushing.

"The healing gardens are really the component that separates this space from other spaces people go to visit in public parks," Dreyfuss said. "These are places for people to go to lessen the stress of the experiences they've been subjected to."

The playground is expected to be "95-percent complete" this fall, Dreyfuss said, with total completion expected in the spring.

Saturday's volunteer effort blossomed out of Bizoe's appearance at the Rotary meeting. Club membership includes a couple of landscap-

ing contractors and, according to Bizoe, a challenge was issued: For every Rotarian who volunteered to help, a professional landscaper would be added to the volunteer group.

Right thing

Paul Opdyke of Plymouth-based Serene Surroundings was among them.

"Rotarians are putting in the effort and the resources," Opdyke said. "I wanted to do the same. It was the right thing to do."

Plymouth Rotary Club member Eric Joy, the son of club president Tim Joy, said he was moved by Bizoe's presentation at that lunch meeting so many months ago.

"I told her at the end of the meeting I'd like to help," Eric Joy said. "First Step is for victims of domestic violence, but it's mostly for the kids. My mom is a retired teacher, so kids and I are kind of tight. I just wanted to do it for the kids."

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RALLY

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ate 7th District hopeful Dian Slavens, state House 20th District nominee Nate Smith-Tyge, Michigan Supreme Court candidate Richard Bernstein and Plymouth-Canton school board hopefuls Kate Borninski and Michael Siegrist.

Candidates who sent campaign representatives to speak at the rally included Wayne County executive nominee Warren Evans, Michigan attorney general hopeful Mark Totten, Secretary of State candidate Godfrey Dillard and U.S. House 14th District nominee Brenda Lawrence.

Standing inside the Mosher home, Schauer said he has taken his campaign to living rooms, churches, mosques, temples and other stops as he rallies for education, worker rights, women's issues, job growth and LGBT, or lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, equal-

ity. "This is how we do it as Democrats," he said, adding later, "We have built this moment. This really is about creating our best Michigan."

Schauer continued to accuse Snyder of slashing \$1 billion from public education and said the Republican incumbent shifted taxes from big corporations to working people and retirees.

Schauer vowed to cut taxes for the middle class by restoring the child tax credit, increasing the earned income tax credit and eliminating tax hikes on retirees. He said he would make up the lost revenue by investing in an educated workforce and providing incentives for small businesses and manufacturers to create high-tech jobs, as long as they stay in Michigan. He said he would audit every state-level department and eliminate wasteful spending.

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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performs its 2014 Show "Don't Bother They're Here" at the Troy Athens competition.

KRISTAN RODWELL

P-CEP marchers conquer Troy

By Kim Ward
Correspondent

The night was cool and the music was clear and crisp as the 171-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band gave another first-place performance at the Troy Athens High School marching band competition Saturday, Oct. 25.

PCMB posted a score of 94.575 to win the Flight 1 competition. The band also captured the awards for Best Music Performance, Best Visual Performance and Best General Effect.

In Flight IV competition, Brooklyn Columbia Central took first place with a score of 84.225. In Flight III competition, Ferndale took first place with a score of 87.025, while L'Anse Creuse took first in Flight II competition with 90.900.

After a day-long prac-



Woodwind players strike a pose during their performance Saturday at Troy Athens High School.

KRISTAN RODWELL

tice, the band boarded buses at 5:30 p.m. and made its way to Troy Athens for an 8:45 p.m. performance. During competition season, the band practices on average six days per week, including Saturday, which usually ends with an evening competition. Directors Jon Tho-

mann and Dave Armbruster consistently communicate to the students that the goal is not about winning, but developing strong work ethics and achieving personal excellence. The student marchers respond positively to this perspective. "We're working hard

and it was great to get the high score at the Troy competition," saxophone player Jimmy Milleville said. "Now we need to keep working to improve for the state and national competitions."

Lauren Garvey, color guard member, agreed with Milleville.

"We did a great job," she said, "but hopefully we can do even better at states and nationals."

This week, the marchers are working hard to prepare for the Michigan Competitive Bands Association State Championship at Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday, Nov. 1. PCMB hopes to regain its title of Flight I state champion.

PCMB will wrap up its 2014 competitive season at the Grand National Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Nov. 12-15.

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Area Thrift Stores hold Harvest Sale on Saturday

Winter is around the corner, so gear up for the cooler weather and prepare for the holiday season during The Salvation Army's annual Harvest Sale. All 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations will offer 50 percent off clothing from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1.

"As the community prepares for the winter weather, we're pleased to offer savings on the cold weather essentials families will need to stay warm this year," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center.

Enjoy great deals on coats, scarves, gloves and hats, among other winter essentials. In addition to the clothing sale, hourly bonus deals will be announced in various departments throughout the day, giving guests even more value.

Local thrift stores include: 403 Joy, Canton, 734-416-1925; 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, 734-261-7175; 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573; and 27170 Grand River, Redford, 313-255-0777.

All thrift store merchandise is donated by community members.


Help the ARC continue its work by dropping off gently used clothing, accessories, housewares, furniture and toys to the nearest Salvation Army thrift store donation center. For specific hours of a Salvation Army thrift store and donation center, visit www.salarmythrift.com.

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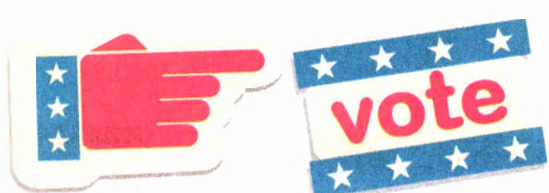
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Canton Police are taking steps and offering tips to make sure Halloween is a safe holiday.

Police push safety tips for Halloween

The Canton Police Department is taking steps to help ensure a safe Halloween weekend for Canton residents.

Police officers plan to patrol neighborhoods and business areas Thursday and Halloween, maintaining a visible presence throughout the weekend.

"By placing extra attention in the neighborhoods, we hope to deter mischievous behavior as well as provide a safe environment for children out trick or treating," Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said.

Parents are encouraged to create a safe Halloween experience for their children by following some simple safety tips:

» Children should wear well-fitted costumes and shoes to avoid tripping.

» Parents should ensure children's vision is not hindered by masks or other costume pieces.

» Swords, knives and similar accessories of the costume variety should be short, soft and flexible.

» Children should wear something reflective or carry a flashlight to be easily seen.

» Children should walk in groups or with a trusted adult and no one should go out alone.

» Stay on the sidewalk, avoid walking in the street and between parked cars.

» Stay clear of lit candles burning in pumpkins on porches and walkways.

» Older kids going out in a group should plan a safe route and make sure a parent is aware of the plan.

» Parents should check the candy and treats collected before consumption, throwing away anything that appears to be open or unwrapped.

» Suspicious activity should be reported to the police department by calling 734-394-5400.

As another safety precaution, police officers have recently conducted "knock and talks" with registered sex offenders in Canton to verify their registered address and acknowledge their presence in the community.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting at Kmart

A 33-year-old woman from Coleman, Mich., was arrested on a third-degree retail fraud charge Saturday after being caught leaving the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road with a cover for a tablet computer for which she hadn't paid, police said.

The incident occurred shortly before 8 p.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. A store security employee saw the woman take the cover and a makeup compact, go into a restroom and conceal them in a purse, the report said.

A man with her stuck a pen in one of his socks and the two left without paying, police said.

The employee confronted the pair outside and police were called. The employee told police that the store would

only pursue a charge against the woman, because of the value of the tablet cover, which was priced at \$59.99. The stolen merchandise was recovered.

Shirt, shoes swiped

Two other people were arrested on third-degree retail fraud charges at the same Kmart the afternoon of Oct. 19, police said.

A security employee reported that a man had concealed a pair of sneakers in his pants, under his coat and shirt and that a woman had put a shirt, candy, cosmetic items and a pair of shoes in a purse, police said. The two left the store without paying for the items, a report said.

Two township officers, alerted to the shoplifting in progress, had stationed themselves outside the store and confronted the pair when they

walked out, police said. The items were recovered and the man, 24, and woman, 18, were both arrested and later released after being issued tickets for third-degree retail fraud, police said.

Car burglary

Two stereo system components were reported stolen Monday from a car that had been parked on Robinwood on the township's east side.

The incident occurred between 8 p.m. Sunday and early Monday morning, a police report said. The victim was unsure whether his Pontiac Grand Am had been locked, police said.

Another car parked in the same area was rifled through during roughly the same time frame, police said, but nothing was reported stolen from it.

- By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Irate customer

A manager working at the McDonald's restaurant on Ford, west of Sheldon, summoned police after an irate customer threw coffee at him before leaving the restaurant.

The customer, described as a white male in his 60s, also reportedly told the employee to "get out of my country, you don't belong here," a police report said.

The incident happened about 11 a.m. Saturday. The 49-year-old manager said the suspect wasn't happy with his coffee and began yelling at a worker who had given it to him. The suspect threw the coffee and made the disparaging remarks after he was asked to leave.

The manager said the coffee landed on his shoe. He said the suspect left and got into a silver sport utility vehicle. He told police he didn't wish to press charges.

Hookah fraud

Police cited two teens for defrauding the Chai Hookah

Lounge on Cherry Hill Road, west of Canton Center, after they fled the business without paying a \$16.45 tab, a police report said.

The incident happened about 8:40 p.m. Oct. 22.

According to a police report, two white male teens went to the lounge and ran up the tab without paying. A witness managed to get a license plate number of a yellow Ford Mustang.

Police tracked down the teens, who admitted not paying the tab after each initially claimed to believe the other had paid the tab.

Truck break-in

A truck driver notified police after his tractor-trailer was broken into while it was parked at the Super 8 motel near Michigan Avenue and Lotz between 8:30 p.m. last Thursday and 6:30 a.m. Friday.

The 34-year-old driver told police he discovered someone had broken into a rear door of the truck after somehow breaking off a metal door hatch. Nothing was taken; the truck only contained miscellaneous

items such as plastic storage bins and a computer scanner.

Accident citation

Police cited a pregnant woman after she allegedly caused a vehicle accident about 10:45 a.m. Friday on Michigan Avenue, near Sheldon.

The 29-year-old suspect was driving a Ford F-350 when the accident occurred. Police learned her driver's license had been revoked in June. She also was cited for failing to use due caution at the scene of the accident.

Stolen laundry

A Garden City couple staying at the Days Inn near Michigan Avenue and Lotz notified police to report their clothing was stolen from the inn's laundry room on the morning of Oct. 20.

The victims, a 54-year-old woman and a 51-year-old man, said hoodies, underwear and work uniforms were taken from the laundry room while they were doing their laundry.

- By Darrell Clem



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Millions of people are living with type 2 diabetes. Like you, many of them know that diabetes is not an easy disease to manage.

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[Insert trial center], [insert location] is now seeking people with type 2 diabetes and heart disease or risk factors for heart disease or chronic kidney disease to take part in the DEVOTE trial. This trial is conducted to confirm that the new investigational basal insulin degludec does not cause risk of heart disease compared to insulin glargine.

The trial will start in late 2013 and run for up to 5 years. More than 7,500 people in approximately 20 countries will participate.

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To buy or rent a home?

I have read studies that state people in their 20s and 30s are not buying houses at the same rate as their parents did. One of the reasons cited for people choosing to rent rather than buy is that many do not think houses are worth the money.

Some economists are concerned about this trend and how it will affect the residential home market in the future. As far as I'm concerned, the fact that younger adults are considering the economics of home ownership is a good thing and something long overdue in this country.

If you go back 10 years ago, there was a belief that you could not lose money on home ownership. People bought bigger homes and put more money into them. What they found was that just because you put more money into your home doesn't mean your home is going to increase in value.

Home prices in metro Detroit are still below where they were 10 years ago. That doesn't mean that you should not buy a home. It means that you should not automatically assume that buying a home is a good investment.

Whether you buy a home or rent an apartment, economics are important. However, something that is hard to quantify, but is impor-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

tant, is quality of life. I have told people for decades that when they make a decision to buy a house, they should not do so with the idea that when they sell it they'll make lots of money.

Even before the meltdown in the real estate market, I told people that contrary to what many people think, homes are not great investments. At best, you hope that your home keeps up with inflation. Yes, people do make money from their homes above and beyond inflation, but that is not the norm.

When you consider whether to buy or rent, calculate what it is going to cost to maintain the home.

In addition to the mortgage payment and property taxes, there are repairs and maintenance. In an apartment, you don't have to pay someone to cut the grass or shovel snow.

Homeowners need to factor in something for the inevitable problems that develop - furnace, water heater or whatever ... we all know that things go wrong.

The longer you stay in your home, the more that will be required to maintain it. It is only after fairly calculating this

number that can you compare it to what you have to pay in rent. Keep in mind that when you rent an apartment, you may not be liable for your utilities. In a home, you are.

There are still a fair number of people who mistakenly believe that when you rent, you're throwing your money away. That is not the case. In many situations, when you consider the finances alone, renting is a viable option.

Should you buy a home because it will appreciate in value? I'm not sure you can depend on that, which is why you need to factor in quality of life. If buying a house is not going to increase the quality of your life, then renting is probably a viable option.

One last note: I believe quality of life should be one of the guiding issues in deciding to remodel your home. Whether you decide to fix up the bathroom or redo the kitchen, don't make the decision based on whether these improvements will increase the value of your home. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work that way.

Good luck.

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

Wayne-Westland uses online auction to sell surplus goods

School buses, pickup trucks, snow plows and playground equipment are among the items for sale in an online auction being conducted by Biddergy.com for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

The auction is taking place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at www.biddergy.com

Available to the highest bidder are seven school buses with mileage in excess of 150,000 miles and in need of repairs, old and outdated cafeteria tables, dump trucks, plow trucks, vans, plows, salt spreaders, equipment and golf carts.

Minimum bids on the vehicles start at \$100,

while minimum bid for the other items is \$5.

The items can be viewed online at the Biddergy website. Individuals who want to participate, but don't have access to a computer can contact Biddergy.com at 866-260-1611 for more information.



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Emma Swisher, 4, and Jack Swisher, 7, of Plymouth Township give pennies Saturday for the Pennies from Heaven drive to the Plymouth Goodfellows.



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Donna Roraback of Plymouth donates change for the Pennies From Heaven drive.



BRAD KADRICH

U.S. Air Force veteran Joe Tyson enjoys a doughnut after making a donation to the Canton Goodfellows.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN



JULIE BROWN

Plymouth Goodfellows volunteers (from left) Lillian Drauss, Penny Irwin, Tom Piesik, Kristen Farmer and Harry Stansell. Farmer is Plymouth Goodfellows president, Stansell vice president. s.

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Char Patterson's mom, Eleanor Heath, got her first doll from the Goodfellows as a little girl.

Sadly, Heath died in January. So when Patterson, a Canton resident, saw the Canton Goodfellows and O&E Media, Inc., were partnering on the annual Pennies from Heaven fundraiser, she knew just what her mother would want.

That's why Patterson was at The Summit in Canton on Saturday, donating a can full of coins that had belonged to her mother.

"My mom got her first doll from you," Patterson told John Spencer, the Canton Goodfellows' representative at the charity event. "That's why my mom's pennies are here!"

Patterson joined doz-

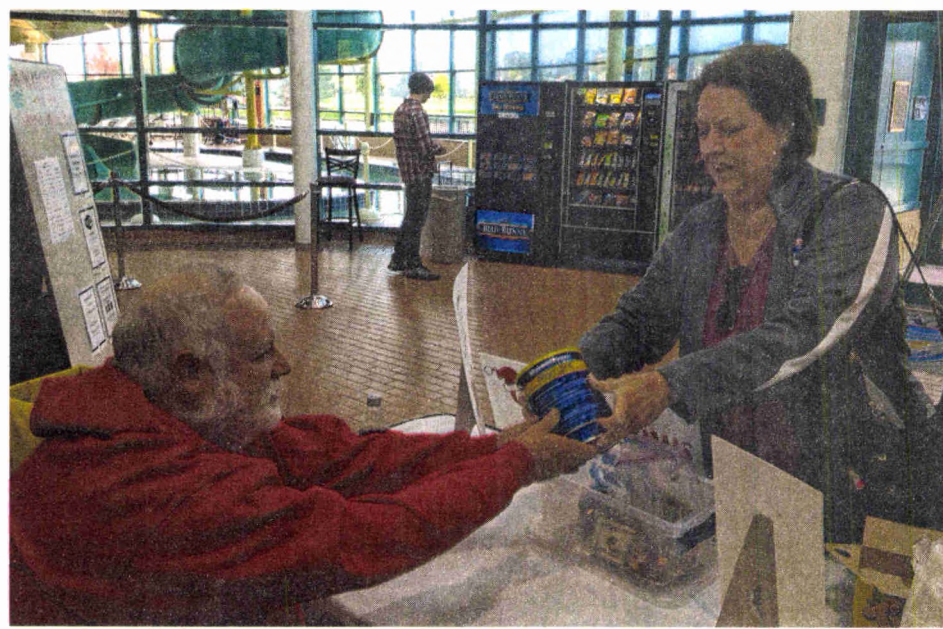
ens of donors who dropped off pennies and other coins – and a good amount of paper money, too – for the annual Goodfellows efforts in both Plymouth and Canton. The Canton event took place at the Summit; Plymouth's took place at Saturday's Farmers Market along Penniman Avenue, in downtown Plymouth.

It was the second year for the Plymouth Goodfellows event and president Kristen Farmer was hoping for the same kind of turnout (last year's drive netted some \$700).

"Last year was the first year we did this," Farmer said. "We were very excited about the community enthusiasm."

Canton's event drew a good number of donors, though this year's total amount raised – nearly \$400 – was down from last year.

The Goodfellows'



BRAD KADRICH

Char Patterson donated pennies that belonged to her late mother, who died in January. Patterson said her mom "got her first doll from the Goodfellows."

mission – No Child Without a Christmas – drew many of the donors to the event.

"I like to always contribute to charities, especially when it's for children," Canton resident

Carmen Hortal said. "Children are suffering a lot these days. They deserve to be happy."

Plymouth Goodfellows will hold their annual fundraising paper sale Dec. 6 (Canton stopped the practice last year).

"We've always done the first Saturday in December," Farmer said. "We're looking for volunteers and we welcome everyone to come and help out."

The paper sale and the Pennies from Heaven drive help the Goodfellows work toward that "No Child Without a Christmas" mission. Money raised goes toward purchasing gifts and food for Plymouth and Canton families.

"You think Plymouth is an affluent place," Farmer said. "There are definitely people in need."

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

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AirTime to open trampoline, game park in Westland

AirTime Trampoline & Game Park has announced that Westland will be the site of its third indoor trampoline park, opening in November.

The extreme park will provide fun and excitement where teens, kids and adults can experience AirTime while jumping on wall-to-wall

trampoline playing structures.

AirTime has selected the 32,000-square-foot former Value City facility on Warren Road, west of Westland Shopping Center.

The indoor park will include trampoline areas divided by age groups, trampoline dodge ball, slam dunk basketball

and a foam pit for maximum airtime.

The trampoline experience will be powered by music, including live DJ performances. AirTime will provide jumpers an exhilarating way to bounce to great music, test their tumbling skills and have fun with family and friends. With private party areas

able to accommodate up to 120 party guests, AirTime will be a unique destination for birthday parties, school fundraisers and corporate events.

"We are so excited to bring this indoor trampoline phenomenon to Westland with state of the art facilities unlike any other," said Jimmy

Nafso, owner of AirTime Trampoline and Game Park. "AirTime was founded in Detroit and we are proud to be a part of the city's bounce back. We are thrilled to bring 75 new jobs to the Westland area."

AirTime Trampoline & Game Park is a Detroit-based business with parks in Troy and Ster-

ling Heights. AirTime Trampoline & Game Park will open its Westland location next month with plans to open a fourth location in Novi in 2015.

AirTime is dedicated to supporting local music while offering a family-friendly, safe and exciting place to jump and experience airtime.

Good crowd turns out for O&E craft show

Some 450 people got an early – and crafty – start on their holiday shopping Saturday at the first *Observer & Eccentric Arts & Crafts Show*.

Quality Inn Suites in Livonia played host to a variety of vendors, local artists, crafters and home businesses. The

event featured things like a stress reduction workshop and raffle prize drawings every 30 minutes.

O&E officials were happy with the results of the company's first craft show.

"We had a great turnout," publisher Susan

Rosiek said. "The artists and crafters were very good and the people who came out really enjoyed the show."

Visitors got to enjoy free refreshments and the first 100 visitors received movie passes to Emagine Theater and a coupon to Buddy's pizza.



CHOYA JORDAN
Canton resident Alisha Shumake represented Clearly You of Canton at the show.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FALL HARVEST PARTY

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: All are welcome, in non-scary costumes, for a family-oriented, fun-filled evening to celebrate life. Enjoy a kid-friendly dinner, trick-or-treating throughout the church, games, bounce houses, contests (costume and pumpkin carving) and prizes. Captive Free, a young energetic Christian group, will be performing skits, music and puppet shows throughout the night.

Contact: Call the church office at 734-459-3333 or office@connectingwithgod.org.

BUSINESS PANEL

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth District Library presents "Top Mistakes Business Owners Make – Solutions for you and your business." Is there a business strategy you've overlooked? As a business owner, you've had to work hard to build your business and work hard to maintain it. To assist you, this workshop features a panel of local professionals to answer your questions.

The workshop features Richard C. Nash, CPA, LIC, business insurance; David J. R. Waymann, business coach and adviser; Paula C. Swain, CFP, financial consultant; Wendell Brandt, M&A adviser; John T. Carter, business attorney; Shannon T. Maloney, retirement plan specialist; and Ted Maitland, employee benefits, on the Affordable Care Act.

Contact: Register for this free program by contacting the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary.org



International feel

Experience music, dance and drama from around the world when Canton's International Festival returns Saturday, Nov. 15, to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. This cultural and educational festival, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., will offer participants entertainment and experiences celebrating diverse customs and traditions on the main stage of The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$2 at the door. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

ART RECEPTION

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 8, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Details: The PCAC hosts an opening Art Reception for Charles Stout's solo show, "Levels." The exhibit runs through the month of November, with gallery hours from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday, during public events and by appointment. Stout is an exhibit designer for the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum.

Contact: Call 734-416-4278 for details.

HOLIDAY ART SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon,

Plymouth

Details: Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its Holiday Art Sale, featuring original art pieces for sale, including hand-illustrated ornaments, pottery from Western Michigan University Ceramics Guild, original jewelry designs and fused glass, photographs and boxed art cards, handmade wool mittens and much more from local artists.

Contact: For more information, visit www.plymoutharts.com or call 734-416-4278.

HABITAT BENEFIT

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge (between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue), Canton

Details: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church hosts a free

Harvest Dinner, with silent and live auctions of homemade gifts, crafts and food and services.

Contact: For more information, call 734-495-0035.

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.

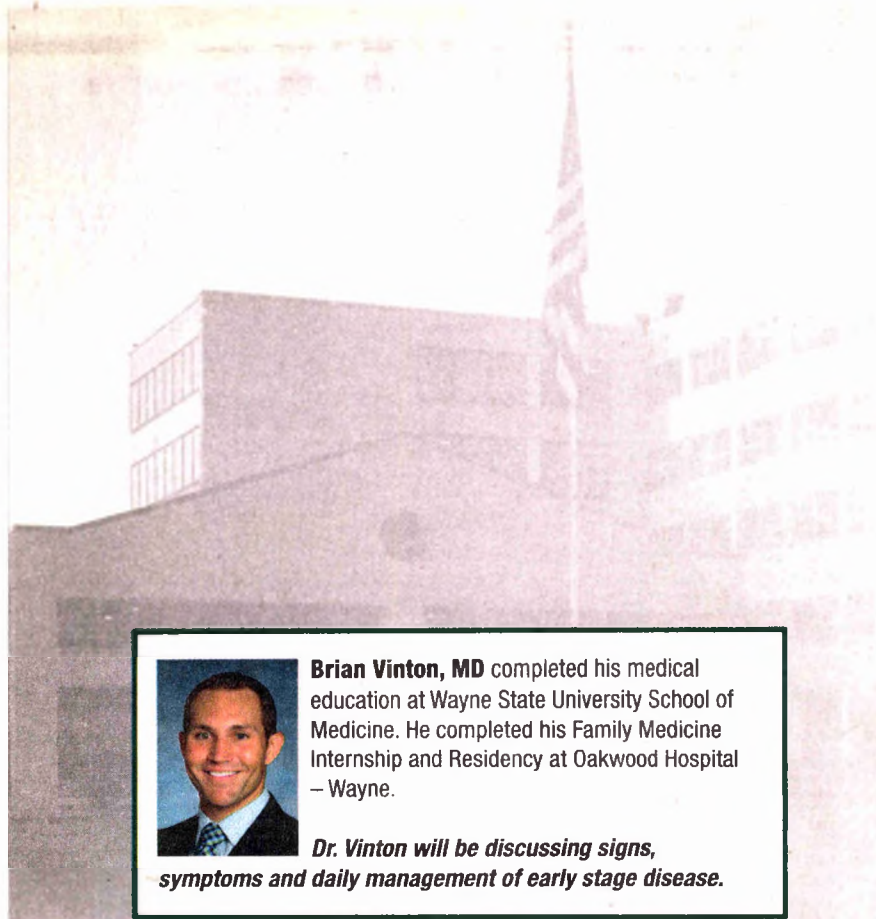
Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

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 eight 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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Dr. Vinton will be discussing signs, symptoms and daily management of early stage disease.



M. H. Raslan, MD, FCCP is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (Pulmonary Diseases), and American Board of Internal Medicine (Sleep Medicine). He completed his medical education and Internal Medicine Residency at University of Damascus School of Medicine, Internal Medicine Residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Pulmonary Fellowship at Sinai Hospital/DMC.

Dr. Raslan will be discussing signs, symptoms and management of chronic lung disease.



Sandy Wright, RRT is a graduate of Ferris State University with an Associate's Degree in Allied Health. She is a Registered Respiratory Therapist and started the Pulmonary Rehabilitation program here at Oakwood Wayne. She has been Manager of Respiratory Care at OH-Wayne for the past 16 years.

Sandy Wright will be discussing pulmonary rehabilitation.

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Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln MKZ vehicles are hot sellers at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Lincoln MKZ-A-THON — which offers no gimmicks, no gifts, just great deals — takes place during business hours these next three days:

- » Monday, Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- » Tuesday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Wednesday, Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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"The Lincoln MKZ provides a combination of sporty and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, dual-zone climate control, Bluetooth®, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few," Law detailed.

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The MKZ-A-THON event includes the Lincoln MKZ Hybrids in inventory, which

"The Lincoln MKZ stands alone in its class of vehicles."

JERE LAW
Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager

get an EPA-estimated MPG 41/39 (city/highway) and can drive in electric-only mode up to 85 mph.

"The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid's gas mileage, dependability and warranty make for a solid modern vehicle and overall excellent experience," Law stated.

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Varsity Lincoln is the number one dealer in the nation, based on 2013 Total New Retail Sales and Service Customer Satisfaction, per a Lincoln sales report.

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"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are, before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

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Local engineering company buys smaller firm

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Plymouth Township company that provides precision testing equipment and testing services in the transportation sector worldwide is expanding its product lineup with the acquisition of another Michigan firm.

Link Engineering Co., based in the township and concentrated in southeast Michigan but with sites around the world, last week announced the purchase of Dynamic Testing & Engineering, a 12-employee company in Ottawa Lake, in Monroe County. Link is a private company and the purchase price was

not disclosed.

Dynamic, which will be called Link DTE, is a manufacturer of structural testing equipment used in the transportation, civil engineering and energy industries. Link, founded in Detroit in 1935, also makes testing equipment and offers testing services; in the automobile industry, its systems are used to test brakes, transmissions, axles, drive-train parts, wheels, tires and other components.

Link also makes testing equipment for the railroad, energy and aerospace industries.

"Merging the two companies combines two complementary disciplines in testing and



LINK ENGINEERING CO.
Link Engineering's Dearborn technical center. The worldwide company was founded in 1935 and also has southeast Michigan facilities in Plymouth and Canton townships and Detroit.

places them under one umbrella," Matthew Link, president of Link Engineering, said in a press release. "It enables

us to deliver Link-durable, cost-effective services and products to a broader manufacturing base."

New future jobs?

There will be no job losses due to the purchase and Dynamic's 12 employees will become employees of Link, said Ronan Harkin, the company's marketing director. The new Link DTE will be headquartered at the Dynamic location in Ottawa Lake.

Harkin said the acquisition is expected to lead to future job growth, as sales of Dynamic's product line are expected to increase with the help of Link's global presence.

"The combination of diversity in product lineup, global sales and service organization within our two companies are an ideal fit. Together we

have tremendous technical engineering capabilities and product offerings with the ability to provide customized solutions to better serve customers," said Link's chief executive officer, Roy Link.

In addition to its headquarters in the township, which is also a design and manufacturing facility, Link has a research center in Canton Township, a technical center in Dearborn and laboratories in Detroit. There are also locations in Brazil, Germany, Japan, China and South Korea.

The company has about 350 employees in southeast Michigan and about 500 around the world.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Double duty

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce officials are urging members to sign up for a joint After-Hours event with the Northville Chamber of Commerce, set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The event takes place at Claddagh Irish Pub, located at 17800 Haggerty (just south of Schoolcraft College).

The event will provide an opportunity to expand the business network by meeting business people from the neighboring community and with many of the members.

There is no fee to attend this event. RSVP by noon Nov. 19 to terri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

After-hours

Showroom of Elegance hosts an After-

Hours Mixer 5-7 p.m. Nov. 6 at its Canton location, 6018 N. Canton Center.

Presented by Trade-first.com, the mixer is available free to chamber members, though reservations are required.

RSVP by calling the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

Gala auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 25th annual Dinner and Gala Auction takes place 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Chamber officials anticipate a crowd of more than 400 people and already have more than 350 auction items committed.

Tickets for the night are \$75, which include dinner, open bar, dancing and great live, silent

and raffle auctions. There are still sponsorships available to give your company a higher profile at the event and they include tickets to attend.

Chamber officials are also still seeking auction donations for the event. The auction is supported by hundreds of companies throughout the area by providing items, gift certificates, services or cash donations to purchase raffle items.

To make donations or buy tickets, contact the chamber at 734-453-1540.

Voting guide

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has created a voters guide on its website to help people in the community get information for the Nov. 4 election.

To see the chamber's voters guide, go to www.plymouthmich.org.

Plymouth Design shop hosts used furniture drive

Rima Belau of Rima Designs in Plymouth had so many clients ask last year what they could do with their old furniture.

Seeking an answer, Rima discovered Humble Design, a metro Detroit charity that helps women and families transition into livable homes from homeless and women shelters. Humble Design's mission, as stated on its website (www.humble-design.org) is to "provide families in need with dignified, clean and welcoming home interiors."

Belau and her staff decided they wanted to help.

Rima Designs will be back at it Saturday, with the store's second furniture drive. Rima's staffers will be camped out on Penniman Avenue (behind Rima Designs and next to the Penn Grille) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drive-through drop-off point will be available.

The "wish list" in-



RIMA DESIGNS
Rima Belau of Rima Designs hosts a used furniture drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday on Penniman Avenue.

cludes bunk-bed frames, clean bed linens and mattress pads, sofa slipcovers, coffee/side tables, clean area rugs, lamps, dining tables and chairs, pots and pans, silverware, dishes, glassware, small kitchen ap-

pliances, cribs, dressers, bookshelves, nightstands, working vacuums, cleaning supplies, artwork and mirrors, TVs, DVD players and gaming systems and children's and youth books.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Expanded showroom

Amish Tables, the local retailer of Amish-made furniture, announced a new service for local and national clients.

The expanded showroom area has been designated as a space for the company's brand new outlet center. The outlet center will be a space to find deeper discounts on showroom floor models and builder consignment pieces. Not only will the pieces be discounted, store officials said, but they are available immediately without the company's usual three-month lead time.

The outlet center will allow Amish Tables to take more styles and designs from our builders than what is normally offered to clients. It is the perfect place to look for one-of-a-kind pieces. "We want to keep expanding our services to truly serve our clients," said Matt Strecker, business manager for Amish Tables. "The outlet center will allow for us to also stock some classic designs that clients can purchase right away."

In addition to being able to have more product on the showroom floor, the company's website was also recently updated to improve the client's experience. All its handcrafted, Amish products are now on one website, www.amish-tables.com, making shopping even easier.

"We are excited about all the changes being made and the ability to continually offer our beautiful, American made products paired with exceptional service," owner Nell Narowski said.

Shipping open house

America's Budget Storage has been a part of the Canton community for nearly 30 years, offering storage, packing and shipping supplies in addition to being a U-Haul super center.

The store is launching a new business with services that include packaging, shipping, personal mailboxes, faxing, copying and printing.

To celebrate the launch of that business, Express Shipping of Canton, hosts an open house 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11. The open house will benefit the Women at Risk organization and will feature refreshments, prizes, items sold by women who have been helped through Women at Risk and coupons that will offer discounts for customers and benefit Women at Risk.

America's Budget Storage (and Express Shipping of Canton) is located at 40671 Joy Road (just east of Haggerty).

For more information, call 734-459-6444 or 248-467-8427 or visit exshippofcanton.com or americasbudgetstorage.com.

CFCU awards

Community Financial Credit Union is being recognized for its outreach and education efforts as recipient of the 2014 Maxwell and Desjardins Awards.

The Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award honors the 2014 Summer of Sharing campaign for making dreams come true for 60 non-profit organizations across Michigan. The campaign provides help for local residents, enhancing the quality of life in communities the

credit union serves.

Community Financial's Summer of Sharing campaign has donated \$240,000 since it began in 2011. Each summer, local residents and Community Financial members nominate organizations to receive a grant from the credit union.

"Our members are actively involved in the community and we want to support the charities that are important to them," Community Financial marketing manager Sarah Cousineau said.

The Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award honors Community Financial's leadership within the credit union movement on behalf of youth and adult financial literacy, including efforts to teach personal finance concepts and skills to members and nonmembers under the age of 18.

"Over the past year, Community Financial has educated more than 19,000 students in 40 student-run credit unions throughout the state," Cousineau said. "We are honored to be making a difference in the financial literacy of the communities we serve."

To learn more about Community Financial, visit www.cfcu.org.

Doggie care

Britt's Bow Wow Boutique and Spa is now open in downtown Plymouth, according to information provided by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Britt's Bow Wow provides pet care services for dogs, cats and more. It is located in Westchester Mall on Forest.

Like it on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/BrittsBowWowBoutiqueAndSpa?h_c_location=timeline.



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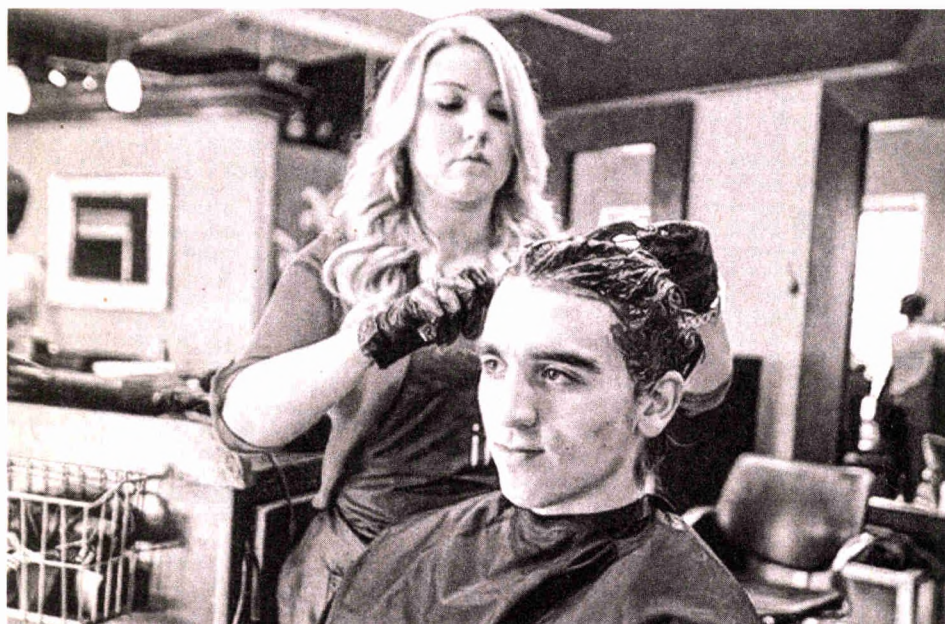
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RENA LAVERTY

Indigo stylist Marissa changes the color for Whaler Alex Nedeljkovic.



RENA LAVERTY

Marissa dries Danny Vanderwiel's hair and checks out the color.

PLAYING IN PINK

Local salon helps Whalers get ready for annual charity game



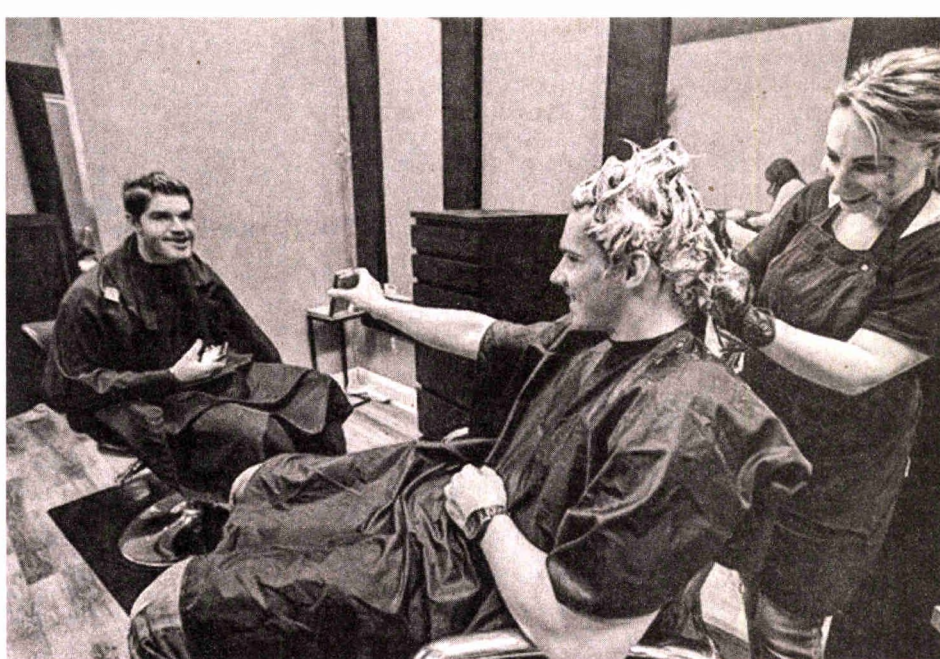
RENA LAVERTY

Stylists Lindsay (from left), Brittany and Marissa line Whalers Mathieu Henderson, Victor Crus Rydberg and Matt Watson up for a wash.



RENA LAVERTY

Indigo Spa and Salon owners Melissa Huetter (center) and Chris Huetter (left) with the Whalers.



RENA LAVERTY

Whalers Gianluca Curcuruto (left) and Yannick Rathgeb share a laugh as stylist Marlo goes to work.

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Melissa Huetter and the staff at Canton's Indigo Spa and Salon are always looking for a good cause that lets them give a little something back.

They got their chance Monday.

With the Plymouth Whalers set to play Kingston in their seventh annual Pink Out! game

for breast cancer awareness Saturday, Whalers players were looking to go a little pink themselves. And stylists at Indigo were more than willing to help them.

"We decided to support the cause," Huetter said. "We want to make a contribution to the community and a contribution to a good cause. We have a give-to-get culture at Indigo and we all buy into that when we

join the team."

The players have worn their hair pink all week, in what team officials called a "not-so-subtle show of support" of breast cancer awareness. Players even wore their hair pink in Thursday's game against Erie.

Distinctive pink jerseys were unveiled Monday and will be auctioned off after Saturday's game, with proceeds donated to the Karmanos

Cancer Institute.

The team even dyed its home ice pink, with the support of Hines Park Lincoln in Plymouth.

The players will be

back at Indigo next week to have their hair color restored.

"It's all about giving back to the community," Huetter said. "We're fortunate to be blessed

enough to be able to give to others and we're happy and proud to be part of it."

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OUR VIEW

Time for township board silliness to stop

We'd like to believe Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume when he says he filed recall petitions against three township trustees to point out flaws in the state's recall system.

But given the political climate in the township, it's a tough claim to swallow.

Reaume filed petitions earlier this month against trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Chuck Curmi and Mike Kelly, saying his action was mainly intended to raise awareness about what he called shortcomings in Michigan's recall law, which allows a recall attempt for any factual reason.

"The recall laws really need to be changed," Reaume said. "You could recall somebody because they wore a red tie to a meeting - or a blue tie - or somebody didn't like their purse."

That may be true, but filing frivolous recall petitions against three of your own board members is not the way

to accomplish recall reform.

Now, all seven members of the board face a recall. A citizens group earlier this year filed petitions against Trustee Kay Arnold, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Clerk Nancy Conzelman for voting in favor of a motion to not enter any authority agreements with the city of Plymouth until Nov. 20, 2016.

Ironically, Reaume's petitions against Curmi and Kelly cite their votes on that same motion - though Curmi (and Doroshewitz) voted against it and Kelly voted for it.

It was then, and is now, a ridiculous motion that accomplishes nothing but a further divide in city/township relations. But voting on either side of it doesn't rise to the level of a recallable offense and both sides are wasting time in the effort.

What gives Reaume away is his admitted disinterest in actually doing the

work to make his recalls happen. He acknowledged he has no intention of trying to seek the necessary petition signatures, nor is he going to encourage anyone else to do so.

No, what Reaume's move really smells of is political retribution. The Big Four (Reaume, Edwards, Arnold and Conzelman) and their relatively quiet supporters have been battling The Other Three (Doroshewitz, Curmi and, sometimes, Kelly) and their vociferous clan of supporters on a number of issues for a couple of years now.

The battles have led to nasty, contentious and rancorous meetings, with the board often treating its detractors with disdain and disrespect (the "other side" isn't innocent in this; they hoot disrespectfully from the audience).

We believe that nastiness is really what's at the root of both of these efforts, which is a shame. The sides

should be working together to move the township forward, not trying to dismember its leadership top to bottom.

It's really unlikely either recall effort will go anywhere. Reaume would do well to simply drop it (or hope the county refuses to OK the language). As we've said before, the citizens group would be better served finding quality candidates to run in 2016.

In the meantime, it's time for the acrimony to stop. It's time for all board members to treat residents with respect and it's time for the residents to do the same, even if the board hasn't done much lately to earn it.

Anything else and Kelly's assessment of the situation becomes more appropriate. When Reaume filed his petitions, Kelly said the action "makes the entire board look foolish."

If members can't improve their behavior and their relations, he's right.

OUR VIEW

McKenzie gets our support for U.S. House 11th District seat

Canton Democrat **Bobby McKenzie** faced long odds trying to become a walk-on basketball player at Michigan State University.

Political observers think he faces even bigger odds in his quest for the U.S. House 11th District seat in a campaign against a much-better-financed candidate in Republican nominee David Trott.

We believe voters should help McKenzie gain the seat currently held by Kerry Bentivolio.

The two main candidates - Bentivolio is running a write-in campaign with no chance of winning - are earnest, well-meaning men who both come off as wanting to do the best for their country but with different definitions.

The biggest difference between them, frankly, is money. Trott, who has donated millions to his own campaign, outspent Bentivolio 5-1 while beating the incumbent in the Republican primary. The lesser-funded McKenzie beat Democrats with more money to win his party's nomination.

As the campaign was winding down, the funding gap was still huge: McKenzie had some \$168,000 while Trott, after spending another million dollars, still had \$1.3 million as of Sept. 30.

Both men are charismatic, have their respective party lines memorized and come across as the kind of person you'd invite over for a barbecue.

Trott doesn't give the impression his mission in life is going to Washington to wield power over commoners and help bankers get even more rich.

McKenzie is a thinker who talks fast, looks at an issue from all sides and devises a plan for success.

In the end, both men toe the party line pret-



McKenzie

ty well. Trott is a conservative who makes no apologies for cashing in on fore-

closures. He says he'll create jobs and help the country whittle away at the national debt if elected. He also wants the government to shrink and supports an overhaul of the Affordable Care Act.

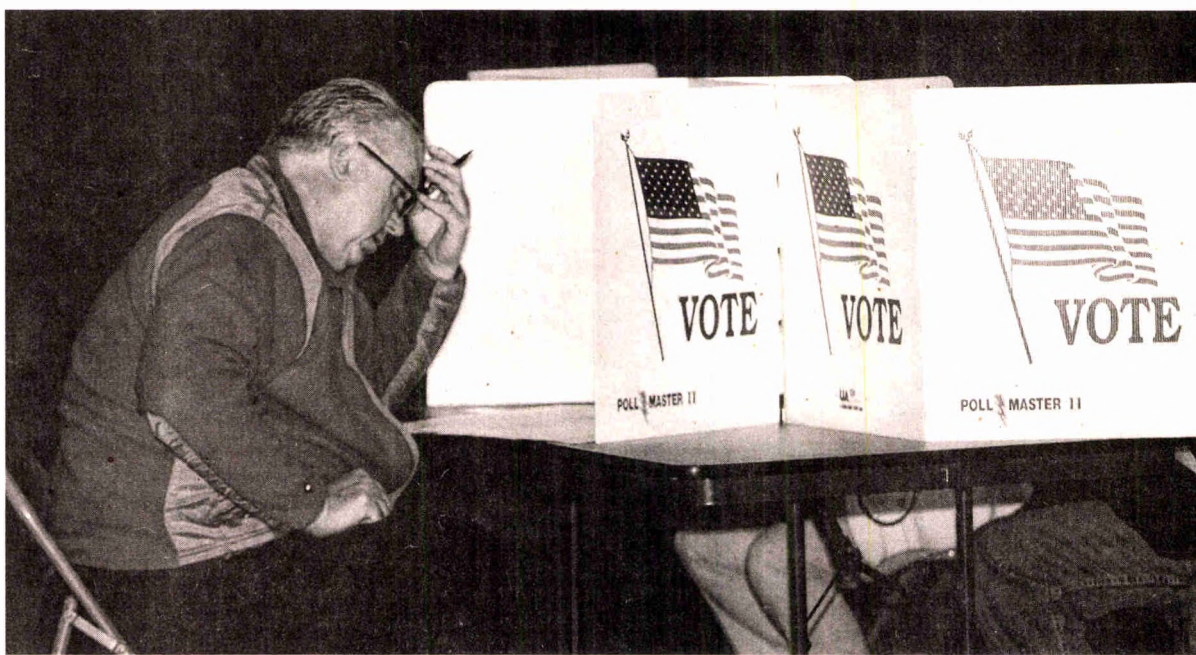
McKenzie spent his career analyzing complex situations and he's convinced he's found a path to victory Nov. 4: Forget everyone who has decided and focus only on those who haven't. Traditional Democrats and Republicans are out. Concentrate on everyone else and hit Trott hard over the final days. His strategy is to make sure every undecided voter knows just what Trott has been up to and who got hurt along the way.

McKenzie has a national security background that fits well with Michigan's military roots and geography as a border state. His work with the U.S. State Department started right out of college and, though he's now doing it from the private sector, he still - until he gave it up to run for Congress - spent the bulk of his time analyzing political nuances around the world, largely in the Middle East.

While we believe Trott is sincere in his desire to help the state, we also believe McKenzie better reflects the broad makeup of the 11th Congressional District, which is a bit more moderate on social issues while remaining fiscally conservative.

We urge voters to cast their ballots for **Bobby McKenzie** in the U.S. House 11th District race.

Almost time to head to polls



Voters go to the polls Tuesday and readers are sharing their opinions about the various races in our Letters to the Editor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Money pouring in

I'm really concerned about the amount of money flowing into the campaign of Democrat Nate Smith-Tyge.

As far as I can tell, Smith-Tyge's only qualifications are that he's an MSU student from Traverse City, works in a food bank and has held some odd jobs with left-wing Democrat Congressmen like John Conyers.

I checked on the Secretary of State's website this weekend and saw that Smith-Tyge loaned himself over \$20,000 for his campaign this month. Not bad for a guy who works in a food bank.

Where is he getting his "soft" money - mom and dad in Traverse City?

Paul Garon
Plymouth

Vote CBS

I have sat through two school board forums, looked at the candidates' websites and read their posts on the discussion group for Plymouth-Canton Schools Facebook page, and noticed a simple pattern.

For some candidates, every question comes down to the numbers and for some candidates every question comes down to the kids. One of the most important duties a school board member carries out is to approve the budget. Budgets reflect our priorities; our priorities need to be our kids and their futures.

Kids are not just data points on a spreadsheet, teachers aren't just salaries and benefits and schools aren't just brick and mortar. Yes, we are dealing with public resources, but how we allocate those resources says who we are as a community. They define the sacrifices and choices we are willing to make for our children's futures. How we spend our money says more about what we truly value than any of our carefully chosen talking points.

For these reasons, I support Kate Borninski, Kim Crouch and Michael Siegrist for school board, because for them, the bottom line is always the kids.

Kate Borninski is a former educator who did her student teaching at Allen Elementary. She has been involved in the district for years, has been a member of many district committees and has used her time to

work for the betterment of the entire school district without being a board member. She is clearly informed because goes to nearly every board meeting, finance committee meeting, and has served many years on community council. She understands our issues, and more than that, she understands our kids.

Kim Crouch is an advocate for maximizing academic achievement for all students. She has worked with and supported administration on ways to expand the district's community partnerships, the Advanced Placement offerings and served as the Board's liaison to the District's School Improvement Committee, a member of the district's Dynamic Planning Committee and created the Let's Stomp Out Bullying Campaign. She has served us well in her two years on the board.

When Michael Siegrist was chair of the library board, the library dealt with a nearly \$2 million reduction in revenue, he was forced to make tough choices to reduce the deficit and balance the budget. They were able to do so without cutting services and without laying off staff. I know that he will be as thoughtful when it comes to making decisions about the P-CCS school budget. Also, I am impressed that one of our former students wants to give back to the board and I think that his perspective as a former student would be invaluable on the board.

Vote CBS (Borninski, Crouch and Siegrist) Nov. 4.
Sommer Foster
Canton

Out of step

Moving into the mid-term elections, it is important for voters to take inventory of what they want and who is likely to give it to them. The majority of Americans in poll after poll support by a majority marriage equality, infrastructure improvement, an increased minimum wage, government involvement to improve the economy, increased emissions standards, more green energy initiatives, immigration reform with a path to citizenship, maintenance of or an increase in Social Security, Medicare without vouchers, expansion of Medicaid, expansion of the food-stamp program, extension of long-term unemployment, tougher background checks on

gun purchases, limits on military-style weapons and increased education funding. All of the mentioned items are Democratic Party priorities and few, if any, are supported by Republicans and won't be part of any GOP governing package if they win.

In addition, majorities even in states like Kentucky also support most ACA provisions as long as they are not called Obamacare. Many or all of these will likely vanish with a Republican win.

Specific to Michigan, our deteriorating roads have been a priority. Since Republican governance has brought little or no action over four years, one can conclude that none will be forthcoming with a Republican victory. An unpopular pension tax has been put in place, along with a law that has weakened employee workplace bargaining rights. Classroom education funding has been cut. These things will remain in place if Republicans win.

On the federal level, what you will get if Republicans win? More Obamacare repeals, adding to the 54 that have been passed in the House, more senseless hearings, no action on jobs and a potential impeachment of the president.

Elections, of course, have consequences. Make sure you know what they are.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Obvious choices

This is an exciting and challenging time for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. In order to make sure P-CCS continues to be a top destination district, it is important we look forward with a positive vision to meet the needs of our children in an ever-changing 21st century economy and society.

In the upcoming P-CCS school board election the obvious choices to help guarantee a bright future for our children are Kim Crouch, Kate Borninski and Michael Siegrist, the CBS Team for P-CCS.

While other candidates talk about understanding the issues P-CCS faces, the CBS Team has taken action to solve them. Kim Crouch accepted the call to serve on the P-CCS school board and has been an important member working collaborative-

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ly to balance the needs of our students with the reality of funding cuts in Lansing. Kate Borninski has been a fixture on district-wide committees and an indispensable parent voice on some of the toughest challenges facing P-CCS. Michael Siegrist grew up in the P-CCS community, went to our schools and has given back by serving as chairman of the Canton Public Library Board during a time of financial strain. He continues to serve as a mentor to young people as a leader of the P-CEP Key Club.

The CBS team of Kate Borninski, Kim Crouch and Michael Siegrist will work every day for children and with everyone that is truly committed to keep P-CCS the thriving and important institution it is today. The CBS Team for P-CCS is informed, involved and invested! Please vote for the CBS team Nov. 4.

Mike Pare
Canton

Running 'for' something

I am supporting Kim Crouch, Kate Borninski and Michael Siegrist for Plymouth-Canton school board when I vote Nov. 4. These three candidates are running for something, not because they are against something.

Crouch, Borninski and Siegrist were my choice because they understand that our children are more than dollars in a budget and because schools are more than buildings. They will work to enhance programs, maximize student achievement and make sure class sizes are low. They will also work with our state representatives and senators to provide equitable funding for our school district. The three of them combined will bring the perspectives of a parent, former student

and former educator to the school board.

Each of these candidates have a deep understanding and love of our community and district. They know how to balance budgets and realize that the budget is more than just expenses on a spreadsheet.

Crouch, Borninski and Siegrist will serve our students, teachers and parents well on the Board of Education.

Denise A. Smith
Canton

Broken promises

In August, it was alleged that Rep. Dian Slavens violated Michigan's Campaign Finance Law by sending out political campaign information over the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' webmail system to P-CCS employees.

A complaint was filed with the Bureau of Elections which was subsequently denied, as she did not have standing to utilize the P-CCS email system. But she is not an innocent bystander, as she had promised to remove the names and email addresses of the P-CCS employees from her database after the first incident in May 2011, which she failed to do, leading to the second incident in September 2012, in her quest for her successful re-election to the state House. Again, she failed to follow through, leading to the third incident in March 2014, this time in her pursuit of the state Senate 7th District seat.

A letter from the Bureau of Elections states very clearly, "Section 57 of the MCFA prohibits a public body or an individual acting on its behalf to use or authorize the use of equipment, supplies, personnel, funds, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure."

Although these occurrences were known to the P-CCS administration and the board of trustees, nothing was done to

prevent their re-occurrence, other than Rep. Slavens being requested to remove the names and email addresses from her database. Subsequent to the March 2014 incident, board President Judy Mardigian and Secretary Kim Crouch (responsible for investigating ethics violations) failed to investigate these violations.

Some serious questions remain: How did Rep. Slavens get the names and email addresses of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association members? How was Rep. Slavens able to get her campaign blasts sent out? And who authorized them? The March 2014 incident was triggered by former board President Stephen Sneiderman, a close friend of Slavens, who wrote a very disparaging letter to Rep. Slavens about her opponent.

Sneiderman as a former board president, certainly had knowledge of, if not having retained access to, the P-CCS webmail system. Rep. Slavens' husband, Mark Slavens, a 3rd Circuit Court judge and former P-CCS trustee, and Crouch, an attorney, should have exercised their fiduciary duty as officers of the court to prevent the re-occurrence of these violations and to warn their respective associations of these violations.

A letter was sent to P-CCS requesting an opportunity for Rep. Slavens' opponent, Patrick Colbeck, to rebut the allegations, but the request was denied as "it would violate state campaign finance law." Absolute hypocrisy?

Rep. Dian Slavens cannot be trusted to keep her promises. Whether one is a Democrat, a Republican or an independent, shouldn't there be a higher level of integrity and trust in our political leaders?

Michael Hansel
Canton Township



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WHEREAS, spinal health care experts suggest preventative measures including taking frequent stretch breaks while at work and ensuring a good night's rest with a comfortable yet supportive mattress and pillows that support the weight of the neck and head; and,

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Rick Snyder
Governor





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Governor Snyder Declares October 2014 Spinal Healthcare Month in Michigan

At the request of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC), Michigan Governor **Rick Snyder** has signed an Executive Declaration naming October 2014 "Spinal Healthcare Month" in Michigan. In his Declaration, the Governor proclaimed that "the proper function of the nervous system and the correct alignment of the spine are essential factors to the body's ability to grow and develop appropriately, and to work effectively and efficiently." The Governor further proclaimed that, "during this month we join with back and spinal health care professionals throughout Michigan to remind citizens of the importance of proper care for the back and spine."

"Spinal Health Care Month has become an annual tradition in our state," said **Dr. Dennis Whitford**, President, Michigan Association of Chiropractors. "It is also an excellent public relations opportunity for MAC doctors to promote their practices and raise awareness regarding the importance of spinal health and chiropractic care."



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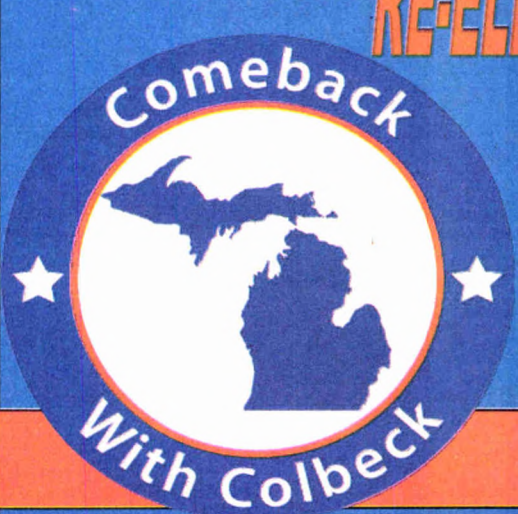
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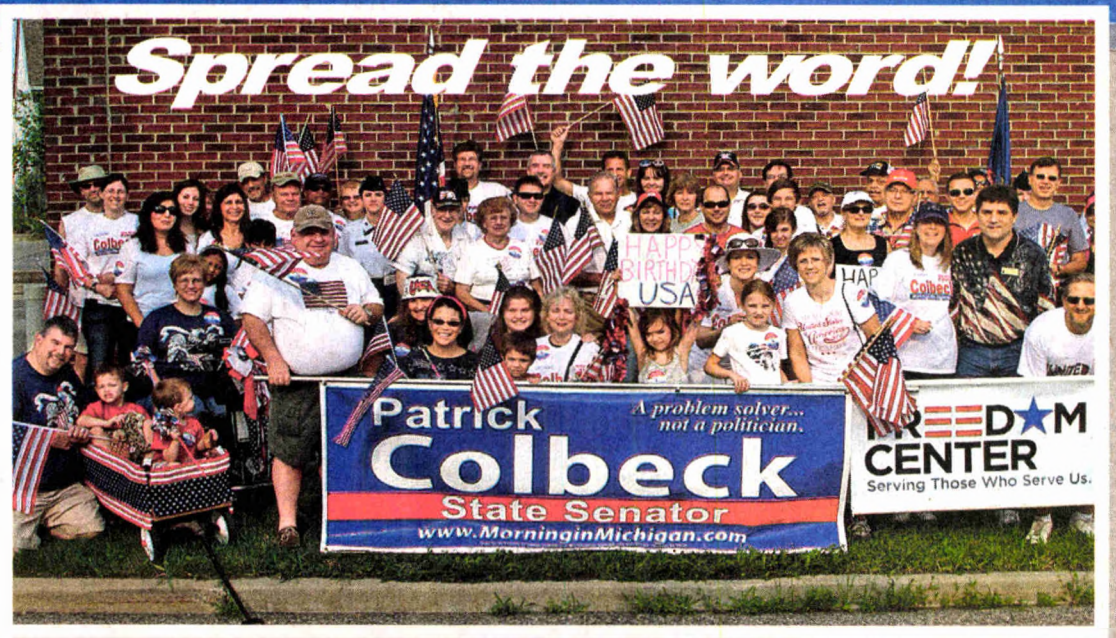


"A problem solver, not a politician"

ABOUT PATRICK

Patrick Colbeck is currently serving his first term in elected office as the State Senator for MI's 7th District. Starting in 2014 the district will include the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and Wayne. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering as well as a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Included in his **over 20 years of engineering and management** work in a variety of industries, he has worked on systems for the International Space Station and instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp. He and his wife, Angie, are members of Northridge Church and have been residents of Canton Township for 18 years.

The Senator is a proven leader who has demonstrated an ability to work together with others to achieve goals once



"Like many of you, I dearly love our country but I am very disappointed by our current political environment. I am disheartened by attempts to transform our nation from one of a free and independent people to one of increasing government control and dependence. How do we change this course? Well, my wife Angie and I left the comfort of a relatively obscure private life and successful small business to change the direction of the state we love. With your support, we have made a significant difference by providing actual solutions to the problems that we face rather than politics as usual. I am working hard to faithfully represent your voice in Lansing. I will need your vote to continue to provide your voice of common sense."

- Senator Patrick Colbeck



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thought impossible. As he tackles these challenges, he is consistently guided by the call to *focus on what is noble, true, excellent and praiseworthy.*

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Colbeck's views on the issues

JOB "I started my public service in January 2011 at a time when Michigan was suffering from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Our unemployment had skyrocketed and our auto industry was struggling. Many referred to this downturn as our "lost decade". During that decade, Michigan was the only state in the nation to have lost population. Times are better now. *Michigan is coming back!* I am happy to report that Michigan has created over 275,000 private sector jobs. In fact, there are now **over 19,000 job openings** within a 30 mile commute of the 7th Senate District. Our population is growing again and our youth no longer have to seek employment in other states."

HEALTHCARE "As one of a handful of legislators who have actually read the federal Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), it is obvious that this act is neither affordable nor caring. Putting 159 new organizations between a doctor and patient does not lower costs or improve care. This is why I strongly opposed Obamacare and applied my experience in the healthcare and IT industries to develop a free market alternative called "Patient-Centered Care". This approach has been described by Forbes.com as "**Two parts Marcus Welby, M.D. and one part Steve Jobs**". Not only would this solution lower costs, it would also improve care by providing patients of all income levels access to life-saving, preventive care. My solution keeps healthcare decisions between you and your doctor. See MorninginMichigan.com for more info."



Sharing biography of Neil Armstrong with students

but also how they are taught. The teaching profession has been reduced to following a script rather than allowing teachers to tailor instruction to suit the individual student. Furthermore, we have no objective proof that these new standards will actually improve student performance. I have been and continue to be the most outspoken opponent of Common Core in the Senate."

SENIORS "As a kid I was blessed to grow up surrounded by both sets of grandparents. They helped teach me the value of hard work, integrity and responsibility. I have worked hard to repay their loving guidance with my public service. During the past four years, I have passed legislation to protect seniors in nursing homes and have been an outspoken advocate for retirees including my passionate **NO** vote on the Senior Pension Tax (*Senate Journal #41, Roll Call Vote #170 on HB 4361, May 12, 2011*). My **opposition to Obamacare** is driven in large part by the federal government's push to cut Medicare services for the elderly by over \$700B in order to pay for other services such as the expansion of Medicaid. I am committed to caring for those who spent their entire lives working to leave this nation stronger than they found it and that is why I am honored to have received **The Senior Alliance Legislator of the Year** award for my work on behalf of all of the seniors right here in our community."

VETERANS "Serving those who serve us is a passion of mine. Active duty, veterans and their families have sacrificed much to preserve our freedom. And it is our duty to honor those sacrifices. As the chairman of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs budget, we brought Michigan from one of the worst performing states for veteran benefit claims processing, to **3rd in the nation**. *Public service does not always require legislation*. In 2011, I teamed up with a group of service-minded veterans to co-found the MI Freedom Center at Detroit Metro Airport. To date, the MI Freedom Center has welcomed over 100,000 active service personnel, veterans and their families with open arms during their travels."



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Madonna men's hoops gets makeover

Salem graduates Stewart, Dierker expected to start for Crusaders

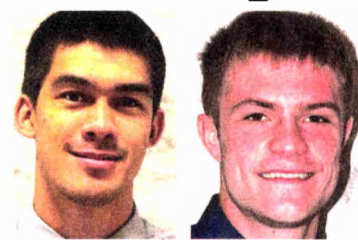
By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Name tags might be the most appropriate thing when the Madonna University men's basketball team launches its

COLLEGE BASKETBALL PREVIEW

2014-15 season Saturday in Boston, Mass., against Fisher College.

The Crusaders will be missing five players who logged a total of 116 starts last season, including the potent backcourt of NAIA Division II All-American Bobby Naubert (18.1 points, 6.1 assists) and Travis Schuba (14.2 points, 109-for-226 3-pointers, 40.1 percent). The dynamic pair of four-



Dierker Stewart

year starters tallied 1,914 and 1,673 career points, respectively.

The Crusaders, who finished 20-12 overall and 15-7

last year in the WHAC, were tabbed fifth in the preseason coaches poll.

"Anytime you're picked lower in the conference, you feel like you're a bit of an underdog," said Madonna coach Noel Emenhiser, who guided the Crusaders to a 25-9 record, a WHAC title and a national tourney berth in 2012-13. "Our mentality will be that every night. We're going to show them great respect in our preparation when we step on the court. And I believe we have a group that is capable of

finishing in the top couple in the conference."

Also gone is forward Fred Williams, who averaged 11.9 points per outing in 14 games before being lost for the season with an injury. Forwards Matt Jenkins (4.7 ppg, 29 starts) and Derek Lennen (7.2 ppg, 12 starts) also graduated. That means there will be a lot of new faces and untested talent in the starting lineup.

The only exception is 6-foot-8 senior center Donald

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL

SALEM'S JEFFRESS: LEADER OF THE PACK

Plymouth's Pahl also earns individual berth; Northville too much in team standings

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nothing seems to slow down Salem junior Chaz Jeffress, now headed to the Michigan International Speedway.

Jeffress dominated Saturday's Division 1 boys cross country regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston, finishing first overall with a Salem course record time of 15:47.

His next race will be Saturday at MIS, site of the D1 state finals. On his radar will be a spot in the top 30, which would garner all-state honors, Rocks head coach Steve Aspinall said.

"Chaz ran a great race tactically, taking the lead for good shortly after the mile mark," Aspinall said. "He has continued his solid season and will look to finish in the top 30 next weekend at MIS."

In the team standings, Northville seized control and finished first with 51 points. In second was Novi (93), followed by Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (110), Salem (153), Canton (165) and Plymouth (166). The top three teams advanced to the finals.

The only other runner from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who will make the trip to Brooklyn will be Plymouth senior Matthew Pahl. He placed fourth overall with a mark of 16:01.

Sandwiched between Jeffress and Pahl were Novi's Joost Plaeintinck (second, 15:56) and Northville's Nick Noles (third, 15:59).

Aspinall said Salem senior Noah Engerer (21st, 16:52) "ran a gutsy race on an injured foot."

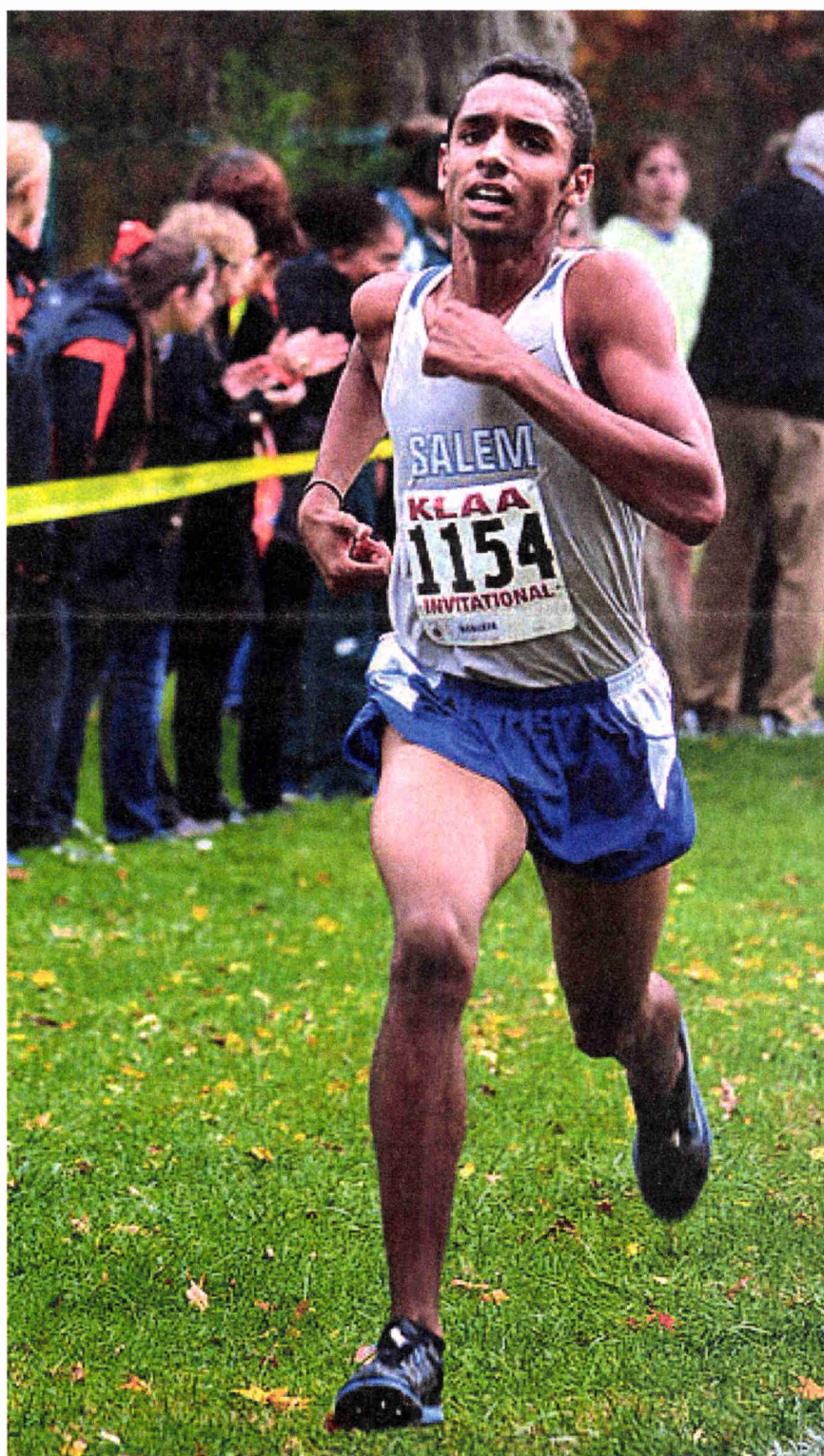
Also solid for the Rocks was junior Jacob Kubinski, with a personal best time of 17:14 (34th).

Senior Jason Rogers (47th, 17:40) and sophomore Alex Kroll (50th, 17:45) rounded out the scoring for Salem.

Top finishers for Canton were sophomore Zac Clark (22nd, 16:55) and senior Ammar Chishti (23rd, 16:57).

Others to score for the Chiefs were senior Mike Roberts (38th, 17:18), freshman Shane Andrews (40th, 17:21) and senior Billy Toth

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Salem junior standout Chaz Jeffress motors his way to a first-place finish at Saturday's Division 1 boys cross country regional.

LISA BUSHAW



SALEM ATHLETICS

Salem's girls cross country team qualified as a team for the Division 1 state meet (back row, from left): Elizabeth Tripp, Anya Cho, Lauren Arquette and Madalyn Simko and (front row, from left) Sierra Bowden, Shekinah Johnson and Kayla Hughes.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL

Salem takes second at regional meet

Rocks to make third trip to finals in four years; Plymouth's Bonds qualifies

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's girls cross country team is returning to the Division 1 state finals.

The Rocks parlayed an outstanding across-the-board showing at Saturday's D1 regional into another finals berth.

Familiarity with Willow Metropark in New Boston, which happens to be Salem's home course, might have been a positive factor.

But the Rocks demonstrated plenty of flat-out talent in finishing with 46 points — just five behind regional champion Northville.

"Truly an incredible competitive performance today by this squad," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "These young ladies came out on a mission."

They did just that, he continued, by running "a terrific first mile to put themselves in a position for success."

Gerlach said Salem's top five were "amazing" as the Rocks qualified for the D1 finals for the third time in four seasons.

The finals will take place Saturday, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

The team featured four finishers in the top 15. Seniors Lauren Arquette and Shekinah Johnson finished fourth and seventh with respective times of 19:17 and 19:37.

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Miscues again cost Rocks in finale

Lost fumbles, blocked punt too much for Salem's strong defense to overcome

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There never was any problem all season long with how hard the Salem varsity football team would battle.

The issue often has been turnovers and that bugaboo reared up again Saturday night in the Rocks' season finale against KLAA cross-over rival Hartland. The visitors took advantage of two lost Salem fumbles and punched out a 15-6 victory.

That concluded Salem's season with a disappointing

record of 2-7. Playoff-bound Hartland improved to 7-2.

"It was a back-and-forth defensive battle," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "I thought our defense played well, defended the short field a couple of times and only gave up one score."

A sputtering offense could have been sparked in the opening quarter, but a sure touchdown pass — which Britnell conceded would have given the Rocks a "big momentum boost" — was dropped.

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Salem junior Jacob Miller (right) tries to avoid a South Lyon East tackler earlier this season. He scored the Rocks' lone TD in the loss to Hartland.



PETE KRUPSKY

This is what Plymouth Whalers fans will see when they come to Compuware Arena for Saturday night's Pink Out! game.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS NIGHT

Compuware ice in the 'pink'

Whalers show colorful side for good cause

When Plymouth Whalers hockey fans attend Saturday's Pink Out! game for breast cancer

awareness against Kingston, they will notice something quite different.

The Compuware Arena ice will be pink, the first time that has happened since the building

opened in 1996.

Hines Park Lincoln (40601 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth) is responsible for underwriting the cost of the pink ice.

General Manager Ryan Kolb dyed his hair after 100 percent of his staff donated to reach his challenge. They did it, now he's in the pink.

The coloring of the ice is also the first of several events surrounding the game at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Whalers will have pink hair all week in a not-so-subtle show of support toward breast cancer awareness, up to and including playing Thursday in Pennsylvania against the top-rated Erie Otters.

On Monday, the Whalers unveiled their distinctive pink jerseys at Hines Park Lincoln.

The pink jerseys will be auctioned off after Saturday's game, with proceeds donated to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

KITCHENER 5, PLYMOUTH 3: Sonny Milano scored his first OHL and Plymouth Whalers goal Saturday night and assisted on two other goals, but his output wasn't enough. The loss evened Plymouth's record at 6-6-1 entering Thursday's game at Erie.

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Plymouth woman sinks third career hole-in-one

Retirement and golf suit Plymouth's Barb Coury just fine.

The 67-year-old Coury not only makes it a habit to get out to the golf course, she is getting pretty good at being a sharpshooter.

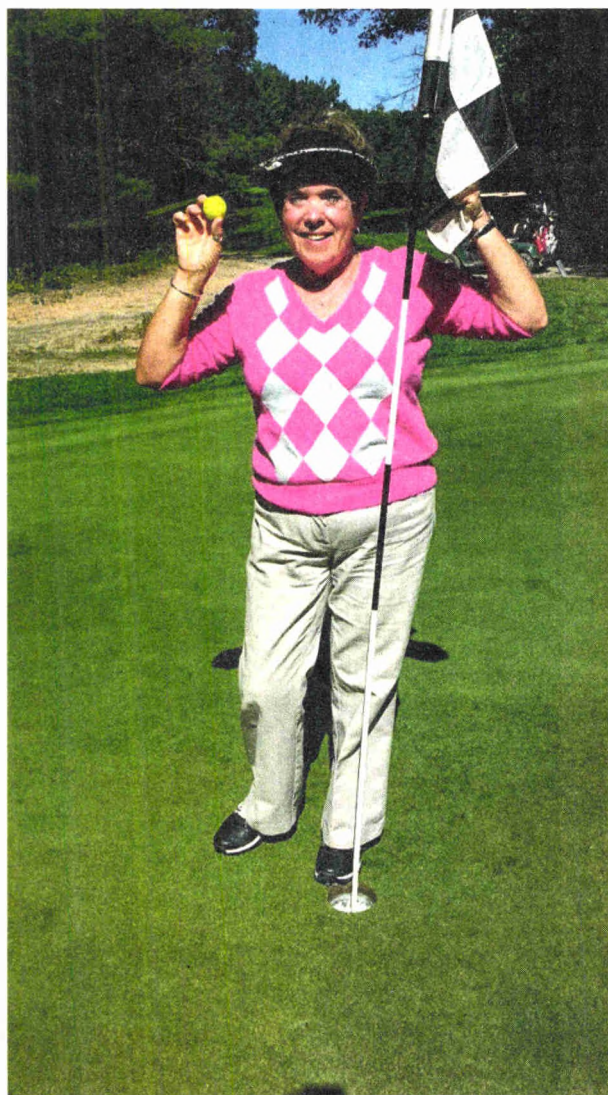
On Sept. 23 at Lakewood Shores Resort in Oscoda, Coury sank a hole-in-one for the third time in her life.

She tallied the ace on the par-3, 69-yard 11th hole of the Blackshire Course. She used a Ping Utility Club with a Crystal No. 3 Taylor Made ball.

"Now that I am retired, I can spend a lot of time learning and playing the game of golf," Coury wrote in a recent email to the *Observer*. "I am a member of the Michigan Women's Golf Association where we play tournaments on the weekend and occasionally during the week."

"Also, with that we have a match play league which I play. ... The game of golf is my passion."

Coury added that she is a member of the Ann Arbor Women's Golf Association and Western Suburban Golf Association. Both are travel leagues that play mostly on the west side of Michigan.



BARB COURY

Proudly holding up the ball she sank for a hole-in-one is Plymouth's Barb Coury.



BARB COURY

Three of Barb Coury's friends happily watched her sink the hole-in-one (from left): Ginny Karolak of Livonia, Mary Stefan of Dearborn and Linda Greene of Westland.

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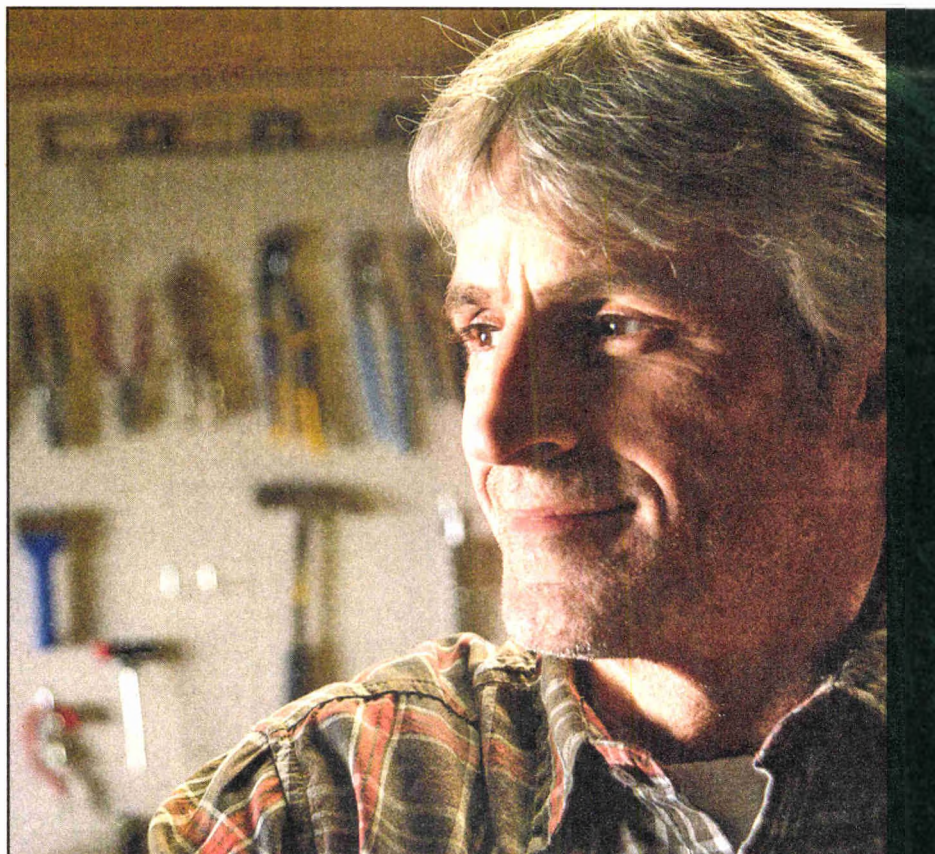


1. Spent the past 15 years working in the CIA and State Dept fighting terrorism
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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Lions roar against Redford Rangers

Week 7 for the Canton Lions was a pretty positive one, with three of the youth football program's four teams earning victories against the Redford Rangers.

Only the varsity Lions took it on the chin Oct. 19, dropping a 46-0 decision.

» Things went much smoother for the Lions' junior varsity, prevailing 24-0 behind a total team effort.

Calvin Brown led the offense in the first half with a short rush for a touchdown, a 10-yard pass reception and a 25-yard pass to Jerome Nichols. Sheldon Lyall had big plays in the second quarter, including a 10-yard run, a pass reception and a fumble recovery. The Lions led 6-0 at half-time.

In the second half, Brown had touchdown runs of 20 and 5 yards and Lyall had a 10-yard pass reception and a rushing touchdown. Ezell Snipes had three runs for first downs. Second-half defensive highlights included a Tywayne Williams fumble recovery and the second interception in two weeks by Tyler Thompson.

Snipes and Spenser Korroch led the team in tackles and Korroch had a sack. Brown, Jon Hanton and Joshua Bergevin all had multiple tackles. Nichols, Thompson, Lyall,



CANTON LIONS
Canton Lions freshman Aaron Alexander breaks away from the defense.

Williams, George Faris, Aidan Garrett, Preston Long and Radwan Mheisen all contributed tackles to the defensive effort.

» The freshman Lions clinched a must-win game when they traveled to take on the Rangers. The 12-7 Lions victory means the freshman squad's playoff hopes are still alive.

Lions running back Aaron Alexander was first to reach the end zone with a 45-yard touchdown run. On the next play, Jeffrey Shipp recovered the onside kick, opening the

door for another Lions touchdown, this time by Josh Nichols, with under 10 seconds before halftime.

The Rangers scored their only touchdown and extra point in the third quarter. They threatened to score two more times in the fourth quarter, but the tough Lions defense, led by Alexander and Tyler Klambunde, stopped the Rangers at the 9-yard line and again at the 15-yard line on fourth down.

Other Lions defensive highlights included an interception by JaMarcus Barnes, a fumble recovery by Alexander and key tackles by many, including Alexander, Shipp and Derik Watson.

» As for the junior freshman game, offensive prowess and defensive skill earned the Lions eight trips to the end zone in their final game. The Canton Lions junior freshman team finished their season with a record of 7-0.

The Lions dominated early with two touchdown runs each for Caleb Williams (125 yards) and Bralen Willis (95 yards).

Kristopher Easley, Julian Nichols, Diego Hernandez-Ramirez and Aaron Pryce also contributed touchdown runs.

Meanwhile, both the Lions junior varsity and freshman teams qualified for the playoffs.



CANTON LIONS
JV Lions running back Sheldon Lyall turns on the speed to outrun a Redford Rangers attempted tackle.

PREP FOOTBALL - WEEK 9

Warriors playoff-bound despite rash of injuries, 5-4 record

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland football coach Paul Gusé received the ultimate birthday present early Sunday evening – and it wasn't even wrapped.

Despite losing their final three games, the 5-4 and injury-ravaged Warriors found out they sneaked into the MHSAA Division 8 playoffs against Ottawa Lake-Whiteford (6-3).

The first-round match-up is set for 7 p.m. Friday at Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, which is located just north of the Michigan-Ohio border.

"We didn't have a selection show get-together because we really didn't think we were getting in," Gusé said. "It's been such a tough three-week stretch for us, with all the injuries and losing three in a row. I went to Frankenmuth with my family to celebrate my birthday and I was elated when I heard the news. It was one of the best birthday presents I ever could have received."

"Even though the regular season didn't end like we

wanted it to, I'm very proud of the boys for the way they have battled through adversity. They've never given up and this is their reward."

The Warriors were surging through one of the best seasons in the school's history after the first six games, when they racked up a 5-1 record. However, serious injuries to key players – most notably start two-way starters Jacob Davenport, Austin Olson and Nick Garber – started piling up faster than a hill of raked-up autumn leaves.

As expected, the Warriors will be facing a daunting opponent. The Bobcats are big, strong and athletic, Gusé noted.

"They're a really good team that plays power football – they're a lot like us when we're healthy," he said. "It's going to be a real test for us. They run a wing-T offense and their linemen are big and fast for their size. We had a good practice (Monday), so hopefully we can give them a good game."

The Warriors missed a chance to become an automatic six-win postseason

qualifier Saturday when they dropped a 56-0 decision to Class B Center Line, which improved to 3-5.

Lutheran Westland fumbled on the second play of the game, but bounced back quickly when Cleveland Tarp picked off a Center Line pass in the red zone.

"Then we put together a 16-play drive that took the ball to their 24-yard line, but we had two penalties that stalled the drive," Gusé said. "We didn't score, but we were feeling pretty good about ourselves."

Center Line seized the momentum on its ensuing drive and scored on a short pass to make it 7-0. From that point forward, the game started imploding on the Warriors, who found themselves trailing 34-0 at the half.

Gusé praised the efforts of Alec Wixson, Tom Krueger, D.J. Nykiel and Olson, who gained 55 yards on seven carries in a limited role. Nykiel gained 69 yards on 11 hauls before leaving with an injury.

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MADONNA

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Owens (Inkster), who averaged 7.8 points and 5.4 rebounds per contest while starting 30 games.

Jeff Schmitz (South Lyon), a 6-4 senior forward, started 11 games last year and averaged 4.6 points per game, but has been slowed during the preseason with an ankle injury.

"It's easy to look at everything that graduated and how important they were to our program," said Emehiser, who is 78-90 six seasons at MU. "By those players leaving, it hurts. But they really left a legacy on how to be successful. We certainly appreciate what that entire group did for this program."

Joining Owens in the starting lineup Saturday will be 5-9 sophomore point guard Khalil Malone (Waterford Mott), 6-4 junior guard Tyler Stewart (Salem), 6-7 freshman red-shirt forward Chris Dierker (Salem) and 6-4 junior guard Zak Lewis (Petoskey).

Stewart, who appeared in all 32 games last season, can score in a variety of ways, according to Emehiser.

"Tyler is somebody that we would have loved to have play more over the last couple of years," he said. "He's really grown as a person and as a player. He's got a great skill set. He can score at the basket, he can score from 'three.' Very athletic player, somebody you almost call a little bit too nice at times. I'd like to see him have that killer mean streak and that's something he's developing. We're expecting a lot out of him. He's played well in the preseason. He's a great young man and somebody we feel is going to be fantastic the next two years."

Dierker is a former all-Observer standout who could be MU's trump card this season.

"Ability-wise, he's got everything you want if you're going to dial up a power forward," Emehiser said. "He's got the size, the athleticism, so we're trying to put him in positions that he can be successful. He runs the floor great, attacks the offensive glass hard. He attacks the basket well and is a good shooter."

Malone, meanwhile, played in 28 games last season primarily as Naubert's back-up, while Lewis appeared in 31 games.

"We look like we've got pretty good balance," Emehiser said. "Khalil Malone is somebody we're expecting. We need him to be aggressive, not only scoring for himself, but create for others. Zak Lewis has always been a dependable player."

Freshman guards Austin Johnson (Spring Lake), his high school's all-time leading scorer, and Grant Smith (Davison) could also pick up valuable minutes in the early going.

"Johnson will certainly contribute right away," Emehiser said. "He's an attacking-style guard, gets into the paint, excellent ball handler and improved shooter. We expect a lot from Grant Smith as well."

Backing up Owens at center will be Nigeria native C.J. Ezeani, a 6-8, 240-pound sophomore from Detroit Consortium, along with 6-6, 225-pound sophomore Dan Hall (Trenton), who played in all 32 games last season.

Returning senior guard Zach Wedesky (Fowlerville) has been plagued by lingering knee issues, while freshman Ricky Rojas (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), Nick Owens (Clarkston) and mid-year senior transfer Shaun Duncan (Detroit Pershing/Wayne County CC) will also vie for playing time.

MU's home opener is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, against Great Lakes Christian College.

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Oct. 31

Farmington (7-2) at Oak Park (7-2), 6 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson (6-3) at West Bloomfield (8-1)
Northville (6-3) at Canton (7-2)
Plymouth (7-2) at Livonia Churchill (7-2)
Westland John Glenn (6-3) at Saline (8-1)
Luth. Westland (5-4) at Ottawa Lake Whiteford (6-3)

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John Glenn Saline Saline
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Saturday, Nov. 1

Redford Thurston (6-3) at Det. Mumford (6-3), 2 p.m.
Farmington Harrison (7-2) at Fenton (9-0)

Thurston Thurston Mumford
Fenton Harrison Fenton

Last week's record

11-2 11-2 9-4

Overall record

88-26 97-17 75-39

SALEM

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Then came an Eagles touchdown return of a blocked Salem punt, which capped off Hartland's 12-point surge in the second quarter to break a scoreless tie.

"The blocked punt with 40 seconds left in the first half was a big play," Britnell said. "We didn't block the edge well and they returned it."

Salem finally got on the board in the third quarter to slice the deficit to 12-6. Scoring the TD was junior running back Jacob Miller, who earlier this month set a new school record for touchdowns with six.

Hartland then added a field goal in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Britnell lamented his team fumbling three times and losing possession on two of those occasions.

"That didn't help us from an offensive perspective," he said, "which has been our downfall most of the year."

The passing game could not get untracked, with junior quarterback Alex Nicholson completing 6-of-24 attempts for 79 yards. One of his best passes was a 35-yard toss to sophomore wide receiver Trey Anderson.

In addition to Miller (four carries, 34 yards, one TD), the Rocks' ground game featured another stellar performance by 5-9 junior Deston Langford.

He carried the ball 17 times for 64 yards.

Several Salem players excelled on the defensive side.

Senior linebacker Devin Cameron had nine tackles (two for a loss) and a quarterback sack.

Chipping in with five tackles and a fumble recovery was sophomore linebacker Trevor Nowaske.

Miller, also a defensive back, broke up two Hartland passes and junior lineman Eric Daniels recorded a sack.

"Our guys fought until the end though," Britnell said. "To their credit, they came to practice and competed to get better every day."

"There was no quit in this group, regardless of the season's outcomes."

FIELD HOCKEY

Blazers win tourney opener over G.P. South

Ladywood opened its Michigan High School Field Hockey Varsity Division tournament run with a 1-0 victory Friday at home over Grosse Pointe South.

The sixth-seeded Blazers, who improved to 7-5-5 overall, controlled the first half by out-shooting the Blue Devils 6-0 and out-cornering them 9-0, but couldn't push a goal across.

In the second half, Ladywood finally broke through

as senior Christina Meyer scored off an assist from Shannon Mulcahay to give the Blazers a one-goal cushion and eventually the victory.

Junior Maddie Haas made two saves in goal as the Blazers improved to 7-5-5 overall and advanced to face third-seeded Ann Arbor Skyline.

SCHOOLCRAFT SOCCER

A WILD, WINNING DAY

SC men, women win high-scoring games to clinch conference, region crowns

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College soccer teams enjoyed a two-for-one scenario Saturday, as the men and women teams each clinched the MCCA and grabbed top seed in this week's Region XII playoffs.

On a warm, windy afternoon, the Schoolcraft men edged Lake Michigan 4-3 to finish the regular season with

a record of 10-1-1 in the region and 7-1-0 in the conference.

And the nightcap of the Schoolcraft-Lake Michigan twinbill was another high scoring affair. The Lady Ocelots prevailed 5-4, clinching the region and conference with respective records of 10-1-1 and 7-1-0.

According to Tod Hess, information director for the MCCA and Region XII, the men will play noon Saturday in the semifinal at Grand Haven High School.

The Ocelots' opponent will be the winner of Wednesday's Cuyahoga-Cincinnati first-round matchup.

Also in action noon Saturday will be the No. 16-ranked Lady Ocelots, facing

Jackson College at Delta College in a semifinal contest.

» It took a bounce-back effort for Schoolcraft's women team.

After storming out to a 3-0 lead in the first half, on goals by Lacey Chanady, Shae Van Gassen (from Livonia Stevenson alum Emily Mulcahy) and Hannah Hasbrouck (on a penalty kick), Lake Michigan rallied after intermission.

Goals by Morgan French and Skylar Cooper early in the second half made it 3-2.

Getting one back for Schoolcraft was Jessica Parry, also on a penalty kick.

But Cooper scored her second and third goals of the day to make it 4-4.

Then with about two min-

utes remaining in regulation, Emily Mulcahy took a feed from Tiffany Gales and scored the winning goal.

"I think the high wind definitely impacted our play and the award of a penalty kick to Lake Michigan gave them a surge," Lady Ocelots head coach Deepak Shivraman said. "Overall, I thought despite the conditions our team played well and showed a lot of resilience."

"I have seen teams unravel and come apart, but our players kept their heads and played with composure until the end."

» Meanwhile, in the men's game, Schoolcraft needed to rally for the victory — with Canton alum Nathan Bergeron

scoring the winner in the second overtime.

Setting up the winning goal was Jon Quintana, who also scored in the 70th minute of regulation to make it 3-3 and force overtime.

Victor Contreras struck early for the Ocelots, putting Schoolcraft up 1-0 on an unassisted tally just 2:33 into the match.

After Lake Michigan drew even at 1-1, Contreras gave Schoolcraft another one-goal lead when he finished a play started by Quintana (one goal, two assists).

D4 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL

EAGLES SOAR TO TOP AGAIN

PCA captures Division 4 regional championship, gears up for state finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Spearheaded by the one-two punch of senior Joey Fanelli and sophomore Ben Fuller, Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team took flight at Saturday's Division 4 regional.

The Eagles — for the third time in the past four seasons — won the regional and qualified as a team for Saturday's state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

PCA led the field with 27 points, enjoying a comfortable margin throughout.

In second was Southfield Christian (67). Lutheran Westland placed fourth with 90 points.

Fanelli and Fuller set the pace, finishing in 17:57.3 and 18:00.5, respectively.

Seth Windle wasn't far behind, taking the fourth spot

(18:13.4), with junior co-captains Gareth Matson (ninth, 19:08.4) and Paul Chamberlain (11th, 19:12.6) also enjoying successful showings.

Others competing for the Eagles were sophomore Ian Hay (19:46.8) and freshman Phillip Morby (20:01.9), placing 21st and 25th, respectively.

According to PCA head coach Jennifer Lemieux, what is great about the accomplishment is the future remains bright due to most of the team returning in 2015.

"What is fun about this?" Lemieux said. "Joey is the only one graduating and we all go to state finals as a team. This is the third time in four years we have won regionals and gone to states as a team."

"Last year Joey qualified as an individual with Jacob Bailey."

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PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN
Celebrating after winning Saturday's Division 4 boys cross country regional are Plymouth Christian's (from left) Paul Chamberlain, Ian Hay, Phillip Morby, Gareth Matson, Megan McHugh, assistant coach Jimmy Parks, head coach Jennifer Lemieux, Joey Fanelli, Seth Windle and Ben Fuller.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

P-CEP bowling

Here are a couple of tidbits pertaining to bowling teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Plymouth varsity teams have a new coach, Scott Kapke. He was an assistant coach last season for former head coach Tammy Thompson, who has moved to Florida.

Meanwhile, bowling tryouts are slated for Nov. 17-18 (3:30-5:30 p.m. each day) at Superbowl in Canton.

Interested bowlers can contact Canton coach Karl Brubaker (karlbrul@aol.com) for more information.

Salem lacrosse meeting

Salem boys lacrosse is having a "meet the coaches and players" meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Salem High School's presentation room (No. 2112).

For more information, send an email to Salem-RocksLax@gmail.com.

MU kickers prevail

In a match that was as balanced as could be on the score sheet, the Madonna University women's soccer team had the advantage in the one stat that mattered — goals — in Saturday's 1-0 win over host Cornerstone in Grand Rapids.

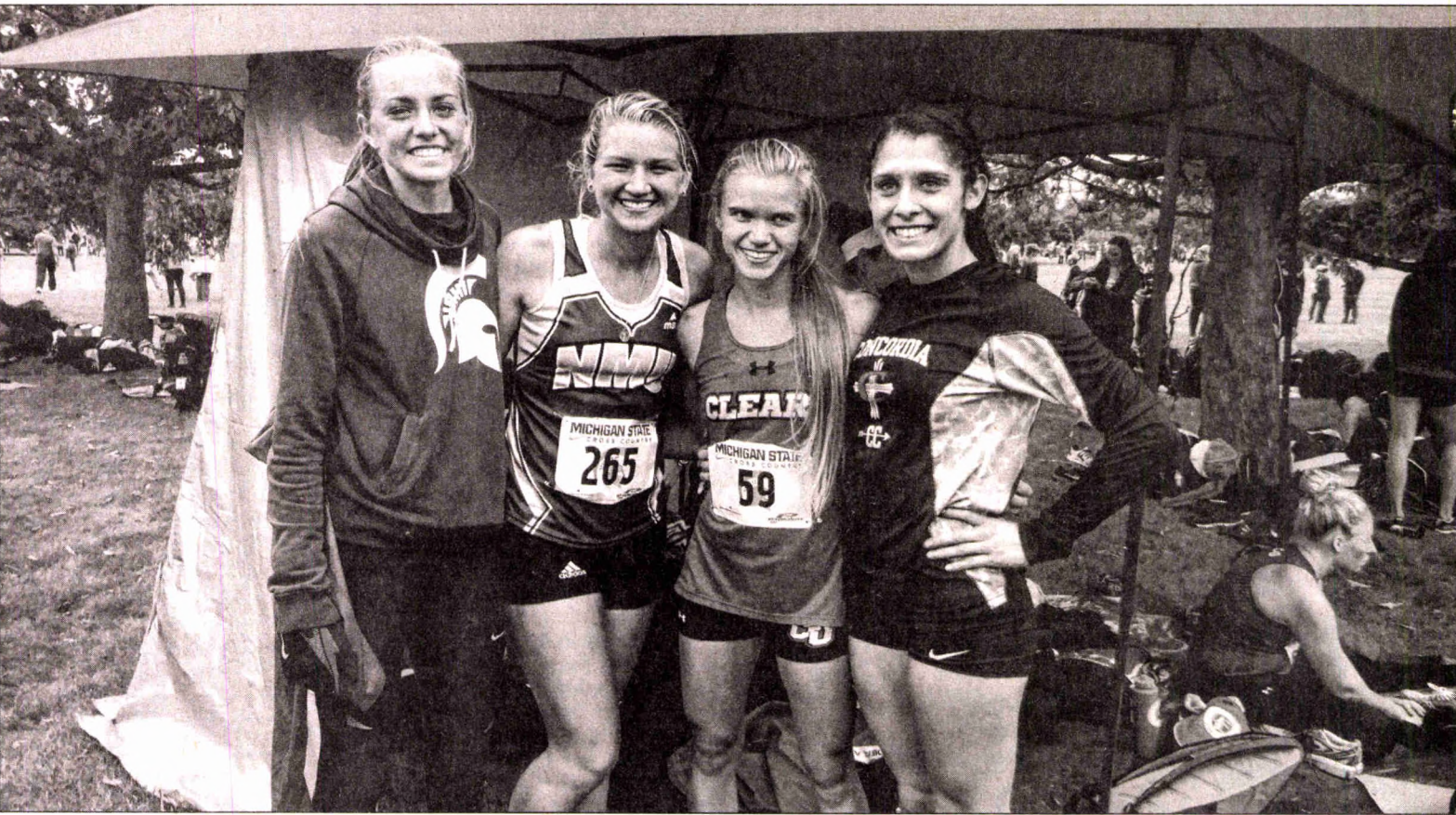
The Crusaders, who captured their second straight, improved to 10-6-1 overall and 4-3-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The match remained scoreless until MU senior Katlyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere), who worked past two defenders and directed a shot to the lower left corner, tallied her team-leading 11th goal of the season in the 59th minute.

The Madonna defense then held Cornerstone without a shot over the final 31 minutes to preserve goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg's sixth shutout of the year.

Madonna wraps up the regular season at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in Southfield against Lawrence Tech in a WHAC encounter.

Salem alums rock!



JULIE KAVULICH
This has been a great year, not only for the current Salem Rocks varsity girls cross country team — which Saturday qualified as a team for the Division 1 state meet — but also for recent alums. Pictured here are four Salem grads who competed at the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational (from left): Kayla Kavulich (MSU), Shannon Flynn (Northern Michigan University), Natasha Stevenson (Cleary University) and Adrianna Beltran (Concordia University).

GIRLS

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In ninth with a mark of 19:42 was senior Anya Cho, while outstanding freshman Madalyn Simko came in 10th at 19:43.

Rounding out the lineup for Salem were junior Sierra Bowden (16th, 20:25), senior Elizabeth Tripp (23rd, 20:51) and junior Kayla Hughes (26th, 20:56).

"(That) has put us peaking at the right time of the year," Gerlach said. "And to push a great team like Northville in the way that we did showed what a great performance."

Northville and Salem cruised to the top two spots, with third-place Livonia Churchill far behind with 123 points.

Even further down in the pack were Plymouth (sixth, 181) and Canton (10th, 272).

Yet there were a couple of positive for the Wildcats.

Sophomore Annie Bonds earned an individual berth in the D1 finals. Bonds placed 15th overall with a time of 20:05.

"We expected Annie to make states pretty much all season, but she was not feeling well toward the end of the week just before regionals," Plymouth assistant coach Alice Ahearn said. "As the true competitor that she is, she battled through the race and made the cut. She is a very tough athlete. I'm excited for her to get healthy and compete at MIS this Saturday."

And freshman Madelyn Rush had a career best with her finish of 20:53, good for 24th overall.

"We are looking forward to where her future as a distance runner takes her," Ahearn said.

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BOYS

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(42nd, 17:23).

Plymouth senior Jonny Dalton was the second-fastest Wildcat for the day, behind Pahl. He came in 26th with a time of 17:01.

Placing 33rd with a time of 17:12 was freshman Ethan Byrnes, while other Plymouth scorers were senior Matt Dottavio (36th, 17:16) and senior Alex Zoltowski (67th, 18:12).

As for the three team qualifiers, Northville's superior depth was too much with three runners in the top 10.

Jason Ferrante (fifth, 16:05) and Conor Naughton (eighth, 16:08) trailed Noles on the Mustangs' superb depth chart.

Novi's Plaetinck, Sahin Malapati (16th, 16:36) and Scott MacPherson (19th, 16:46) contributed to the team's second-place finish.

Spearheading Catholic Central to a spot as one of the teams in the state finals were Scott Smith (11th, 16:22) and Bailey Hobson (14th, 16:32).

Other CC finishers were Mark Borek (25th, 17:00), Avery Felty (28th, 17:04) and Ben Racine (32nd, 17:11).

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Real estate firms upbeat on future, survey says; local Realtors agree

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Real estate firms are confident about the future growth and profitability of their industry, according to the 2014 National Association of Realtors® Profile of Real Estate Firms.

Local Realtors agree with that assessment.

"Absolutely. I think this'll be our best year. We're on track to sell 150 homes," said Diane Remer of Diane Remer & Associates/Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth. She has nearly 20 years in the field.

"I think it's picked up all over," said western Wayne County resident Remer, including prices. "They definitely picked up earlier this year. Our average price has gone up."

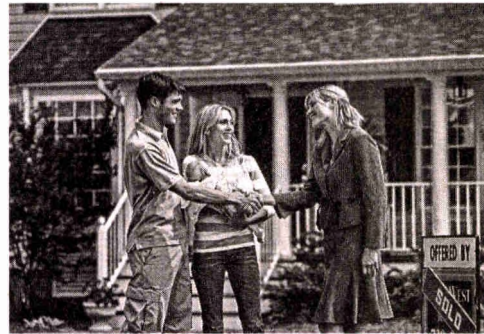
Agreeing is Realtor Richard Eisiminger of RichRealty in Plymouth. "The third year in a row that our market has picked up," he said. "Real estate's once again being a great investment."

Canton, Plymouth and Northville are strong, Eisiminger said. "They are hot markets."

Canton resident Eisiminger has been in the field going on 25 years. "Very encouraging," he said of the current housing market. "When the housing market is doing well everybody is doing well. Obviously it spins on all types of purchases. Everything just kind of falls underneath that," Eisiminger said, including more cars selling in a better housing market.

"The real estate industry is competitive, and Realtors know that to be successful they must have a strong entrepreneurial spirit and the know-how to make a business thrive, even in a difficult market," said NAR President Steve Brown, broker/owner of Irongate, Inc. Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "Despite continued challenges, real estate firms expect market growth in tandem with the ongoing recovery."

Most residential firms have a positive view of the future, with 66 percent of firms expecting to see profit from all their activities to increase in the next year. Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist, says that commercial firms also



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Most residential firms have a positive view of the future.

have a confident outlook for the coming year. "Commercial real estate firms are even more optimistic, with 71 percent expecting profitability to improve," said Yun.

According to the survey, 81 percent of firms specialize in residential brokerage, with commercial brokerages and residential property management as the most popular secondary functions. Eighty-four percent of firms are independent, nonfranchised firms, while 14 percent are independent, franchised firms. The remainders are subsidiaries of a national or regional corporation.

"We've always been busy," said Remer, but in earlier years many were short sales where people had to relocate. "I used to carry Kleenex in my briefcase," Remer recalled. "Now it's a happy time. Now it's because they want to" move on and/or up.

"I'm very blessed in the industry," Remer said. "It's been a great business, a great team."

The typical residential real estate firm's brokerage sales volume was \$4.7 million in 2013, while the typical commercial real estate firm's brokerage sales volume was \$4.3 million. Firms reported that 35 percent of their sales volume typically comes from past client referrals, 30 percent from repeat business from past clients, 10 percent from their website and 5 percent through social media.

The average residential firm has been in business for 12 years, and the average

commercial firm has been operating for 17 years. Eighty-one percent of all brokerages have one office and two full-time real estate licensees, while 7 percent have four or more offices with 92 full-time real estate licensees.

The most common concern cited by firms (59 percent) was Millennials' ability to buy a home due to stagnant wage growth, a slow job market and their debt-to-income ratios. Profitability, keeping up with technology, maintaining sufficient inventory, and local or regional economic conditions are the next most reported concerns firms see themselves facing in the next two years.

Despite those concerns, firm growth has not slowed. Forty-five percent of firms reported they are currently recruiting sales agents, with 87 percent of those firms reporting business growth as their primary reason for recruiting.

Firms also expect industry competition to increase in the next year. Forty-eight percent predict this will come from nontraditional market participants, 41 percent predict it will come from virtual firms, and 16 percent expect competition from traditional brick-and-mortar firms.

Eighty-one percent of firms offer errors and omissions/liability insurance to independent contractors, licensees and agents, making it the most common benefit firms offer their employees. However, many firms share the cost of the insurance with their employees. Twenty-one percent of firms offer their independent contractors, licensees and agents health insurance, and in most cases the employee pays for the benefit.

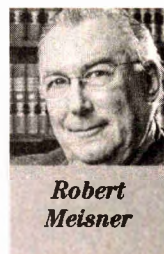
The 2014 National Association of Realtors Profile of Real Estate Firms was based on a questionnaire mailed in August of this year to a national sample of 134,108 executives at real estate firms. This generated 7,081 usable responses with a response rate of 5.8 percent.

The 2014 NAR Profile of Real Estate Firms can be ordered by calling 800-874-6500, or online at www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research. The study is free for media and NAR members and costs \$149.95 for nonmembers.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Flying of U.S. flag on property could fall under state condo law

Q: We have a gentlemen in our townhouse who is displaying the American flag outside the door to his townhouse. The board advised him that the flag violated the covenants and restrictions. He has refused to take down the flag. The co-owner is threatening to sue the association, claiming that the association's efforts to force him to take down the flag are improper under federal law. Do you think he has the right to do so?



Robert Meisner

A: Probably not based upon a recent interpretation of the federal statute which says that a condo association, cooperative association or residential real estate management association may not adopt or enforce any policy, or enter into any agreement that would restrict or prevent a member of the association from displaying the flag of the United States on residential property within the association if each member has a separate ownership interest or right to exclusive possession or use of the property in question. However, the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Fifth Circuit found that there is no private right of action with respect to the statute, saying it was not Congress's intent to create a private cause of action because there is nothing in the text to support such a private claim. Of course, if this were in Michigan, there may be a basis under the State Condominium Act to allow him to display an American flag in certain locations, which may have a different result.

Q: We are a same sex couple married out of state and I am wondering if the Register of Deeds in Michigan will record a deed on a home we purchased together, and what is the effect of the deed?

A: Tenancy by the entirety exists only if persons are married at the time the deed is recorded. If unmarried people attempt to take property by the entirety, a court will typically declare them to be tenants in common. Their subsequent marriage will not create a tenancy by the entirety. In fact, if two people take title today in Michigan as tenants by the entirety, that status will prevail only if the subsequent action determines that the couple was legally married at the time of the conveyance of the deed. It is not enough that a later court determines that same sex owners can now legally marry. A Michigan court would probably deem the owners tenants in common. Therefore, a creditor of one property could reach the property, title would not automatically vest in the survivor, and the "surviving spouse" could be a tenant in common with the deceased spouses heirs. It is suggested, therefore, that same sex couples in Michigan may prefer to hold property as joint tenants with rights of survivorship since this form of co-ownership limits the ability of a co-tenant to convey an interest free of the right of the remaining joint tenant, and provide some protection from claims of the other co-tenant's creditors. Obviously, getting a legal opinion on this is necessary depending upon the state of the law at the time.

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.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 16-20, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

15748 Birwood Ave \$131,000
18851 Devonshire St \$325,000
18469 Hillcrest St \$585,000

BIRMINGHAM

1641 Birmingham Blvd \$460,000
1739 Croft Rd \$191,000
1638 E Melton Rd \$247,000
1155 Emmons Ave \$218,000
1130 Fairfax St \$650,000
1431 Fairway Dr \$640,000
283 Lake Park Dr \$1,150,000
475 N Eton St # C5 \$120,000
1255 Villa Rd \$424,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

33 Brady Ln \$2,220,000
728 Briar Hill Ln \$232,000
542 E Fox Hills Dr \$65,000
862 Shady Hollow Cir \$365,000
2264 Sudbury Way \$525,000
2725 Turtle Shores Dr \$350,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

7400 E Greenwch Dr \$220,000
1085 Fox Chase Rd \$495,000
1285 Greenglen Ct \$249,000
190 Hadsell Dr \$240,000
2985 Lahser Rd \$533,000
1176 Lone Pine Woods Dr \$600,000
646 N Glengarry Rd \$873,000
1835 Spring Grove Rd \$215,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3245 Estate View Ct \$402,000
9511 Garden Ter \$145,000

1907 Golfcrest Dr \$308,000
222 Harpham St \$93,000
6108 Strawberry Cir \$369,000
9558 Trace Hollow Ct \$304,000

FARMINGTON

23247 Hawthorne St \$129,000
33254 Slocum Dr \$136,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

37789 Baywood Dr \$336,000
31914 Bella Vista Dr \$178,000
32943 Biddestone Ln \$322,000
23201 Canfield Ave \$226,000
29277 Chenwood Ct \$165,000
29914 Fox Club Dr \$328,000
37127 Fox Gln \$335,000
31128 Harmony Ln \$70,000
28583 Kendallwood Dr \$222,000
29254 Laurel Dr \$115,000
34436 Mayfair Ct \$292,000
29660 Middlebelt Rd # Apt2101 \$98,000

HIGHLAND

31276 Misty Pines Dr \$157,000
39101 Oxbow Ct \$270,000
21506 Oxford Ave \$125,000
29945 Ravenscroft St \$180,000
21480 River Ridge Ct \$245,000
38214 Saratoga Cir \$176,000
24887 Springbrook Dr \$165,000
31993 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 311 \$50,000

HIGHLAND

31035 Westwood Rd \$275,000
35018 White Pine Trl \$204,000

HIGHLAND

3061 Cooley Lake Rd \$215,000
3341 Highland Blvd \$320,000
2157 Highland Dr \$130,000
3895 Hillcrest \$146,000
1853 Lakeview Ln \$120,000
3293 Maple Rdg \$201,000
1630 N Duck Lake Rd \$52,000

4950 Strathcona \$185,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
28511 Lathrup Blvd \$182,000

MILFORD

564 Dorchester Way \$282,000
536 E Liberty St \$390,000
223 Franklin St \$113,000
1174 Marjorie St \$140,000

NORTHVILLE

52350 Ferndale Dr \$430,000
21845 Novi Rd \$135,000
42192 Pellston Dr \$90,000
42227 Pellston Dr \$132,000
37922 Rhonswood Dr \$271,000

NOVI

24380 Amanda Ln \$425,000
24215 Bashian Dr \$111,000
24403 Bramblewood Dr \$315,000
39611 Burton Dr \$204,000
28247 Carlton Way Dr \$199,000
28341 Carlton Way Dr \$195,000
41884 Cherry Hill Rd \$210,000
50708 Chesapeake Dr \$809,000
28075 Dixon Rd \$110,000
45434 Emerald Forest Dr \$360,000
230 Endwell St \$155,000
26562 Glenwood Dr \$675,000
27551 Harrington Way \$328,000
22508 Heatherbrae Way \$180,000
40327 Oak Tree \$206,000
24646 Olde Orchard St \$80,000
25596 Portico Ln \$200,000
22799 Randall Ct \$360,000
45865 Sheffield Dr \$269,000
24419 Simmons Dr \$140,000
41320 Singh Blvd \$328,000
23647 Stonehenge Blvd \$104,000
21995 Sunflower Rd \$231,000
25336 Sutton Ct \$419,000
24570 Terra Del Mar Dr \$608,000

27279 Victoria Rd \$185,000
27327 Victoria Rd \$350,000
22915 Wooley \$303,000
\$87,000

SOUTH LYON

25934 Carriage Ln \$320,000
1104 Chestnut Ln \$299,000
61004 Evergreen Ct \$185,000
935 Hidden Creek Dr \$315,000
24116 Meadowcreek Cir \$393,000

SOUTHFIELD

1053 Paddock Dr \$241,000
964 S Parkwood Dr \$258,000
61387 Saddlecreek Dr \$334,000
322 Stanford Ave \$154,000
54465 Villagewood Dr \$395,000
24520 Wedgewood Dr \$400,000
58477 Well Cress Ct \$81,000
58505 Well Cress Ct \$93,000

SOUTHFIELD

23262 Grayson Dr \$68,000
15872 Harden Cir \$127,000
21495 Independence Dr \$120,000
25620 Lois Ln \$163,000
15801 Providence Dr # 02f \$40,000
15801 Providence Dr # 07c \$105,000
27466 Shagbark Dr \$56,000

WHITE LAKE

950 Denbar Ct \$331,000
10595 Emwood Ct \$410,000
8616 Highland Rd \$65,000
440 Rosario Ln \$280,000
926 Sloane Ct \$200,000
9120 Sussex St \$172,000
8212 Timber Trl \$175,000
11172 Windhurst St \$125,000

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CANTON

43172 Applewood Rd \$162,000
7999 Brampton Dr \$450,000
855 Burlington Rd \$177,000
49204 Castleside Dr \$433,000
42834 Colling Dr \$210,000
445 Constitution St \$283,000
7554 Corbett Dr \$235,000
1340 Crowndale Ln \$364,000
265 Edington Cir \$195,000
44312 Fair Oaks Dr \$195,000
7263 Green Meadow Ln \$166,000
48171 Greenwich Ln \$305,000
46400 Hanford Rd \$283,000
7303 Hillsboro Ct \$170,000
48267 Inveraray Rd \$425,000
405 Lenox Dr \$412,000
43575 Lyme Ct \$274,000
175 Marsala Ct \$425,000
50119 Monroe St \$116,000
3923 Ravensfield Dr \$201,000
231 Robert Ct \$320,000
46595 Saltz Rd \$161,000
51014 Sleepy Hollow Ln \$241,000
46894 Spinning Wheel Dr \$260,000

GARDEN CITY

720 Suttan Dr \$195,000
31925 Balmoral St \$74,000
29886 Dover St \$109,000
6936 Gilman St \$67,000
33725 John Hawk St \$85,000
31325 Marquette St \$112,000
27636 Windsor St \$88,000

LIVONIA

33045 Barkley St \$196,000
9625 Blackburn St \$210,000
31837 Bretton St \$145,000
36221 Curtis Rd \$205,000
39383 Donald St \$184,000
10880 Edington St \$222,000
29655 Edward Pl \$175,000
28114 Elmira St \$135,000
19402 Fairlane Ct \$340,000
18681 Fairway St \$205,000
15559 Golfview St \$205,000
18260 Heatherlea Dr \$385,000
36545 Joanne St \$112,000
36429 Ladywood St \$230,000
18500 Laurel Dr \$211,000
15504 Liverpool St \$213,000
20159 Maplewood St \$121,000
29944 McIntyre St \$130,000
37468 N Laurel Park Dr \$148,000
29536 Nottingham Ct \$118,000
28483 Pickford St \$129,000
17303 Rougeway St \$109,000
16643 S Laurel Park Dr \$224,000

19639 Saint Francis St \$114,000
16737 Savoie St \$240,000
32811 Summers St \$185,000
14405 Westmore St \$160,000
18915 Westmore St \$123,000
19027 Whitby St \$158,000
34637 Wood St \$191,000

NORTHVILLE

44527 Aspen Ridge Dr \$373,000
18872 Bayberry Way \$660,000
44873 Broadmoor Cir S \$383,000
18657 Clover Hill Ct \$585,000
575 East St \$473,000
616 Fairbrook St \$395,000
16650 Forest Dr \$528,000
17125 Maple Hill Dr \$415,000
18561 Steep Hollow Ct \$665,000
16859 White Haven Dr \$324,000

17380 Macarthur \$114,000
18277 Macarthur \$72,000
26517 Margaretta \$65,000
16152 Negaunee \$135,000
20077 Poinciana \$22,000
9271 Rockland \$96,000
9403 Salem \$50,000
26745 Santa Maria \$80,000

PLYMOUTH

1450 Ann Arbor Rd W \$85,000
50016 Cooke Ave \$680,000
13970 Oakland Ct \$392,000
182 Pinewood Dr \$95,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$40,000
51071 W Hills Dr \$400,000
13508 Westbrook Rd \$508,000
391 Windmill Dr \$280,000

REDFORD

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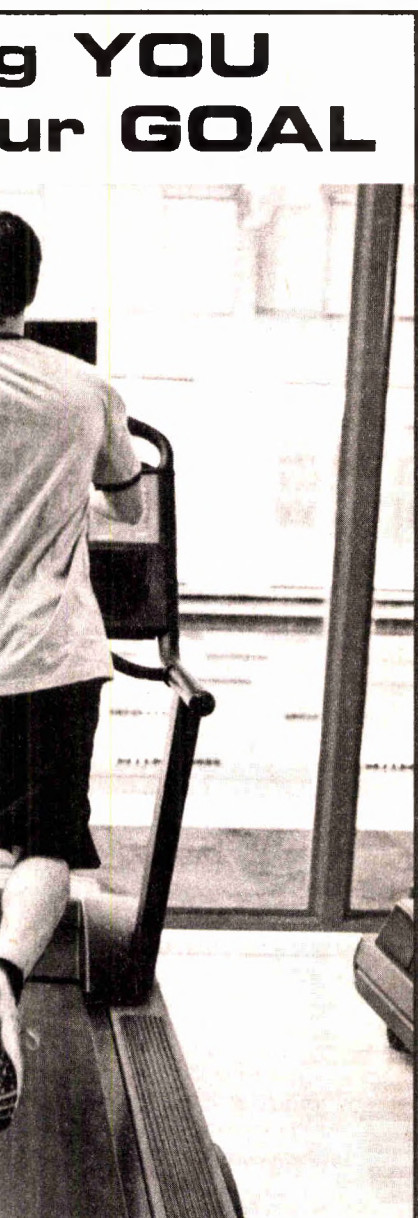
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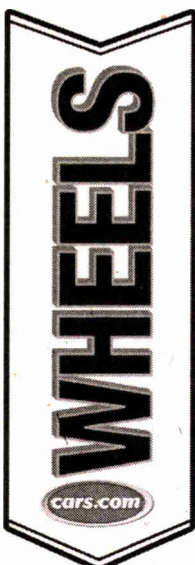
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Challenging fun for ALL ages Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

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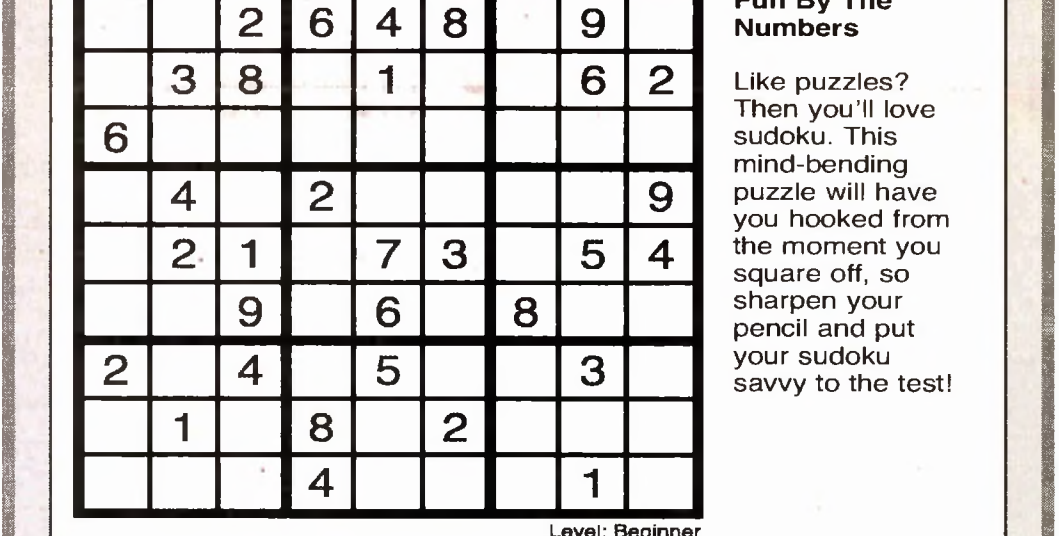
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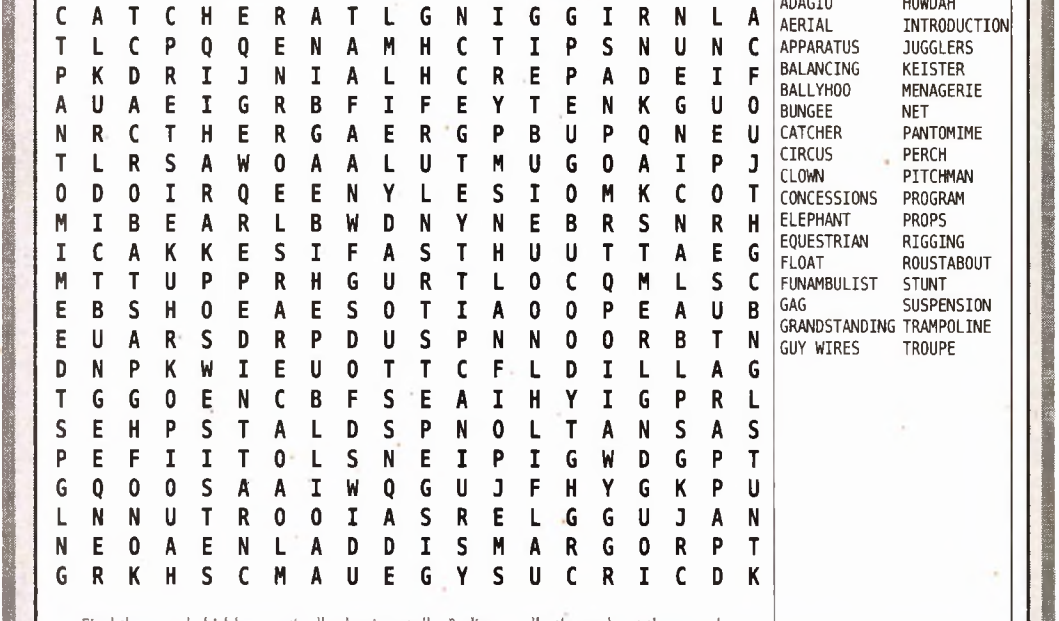
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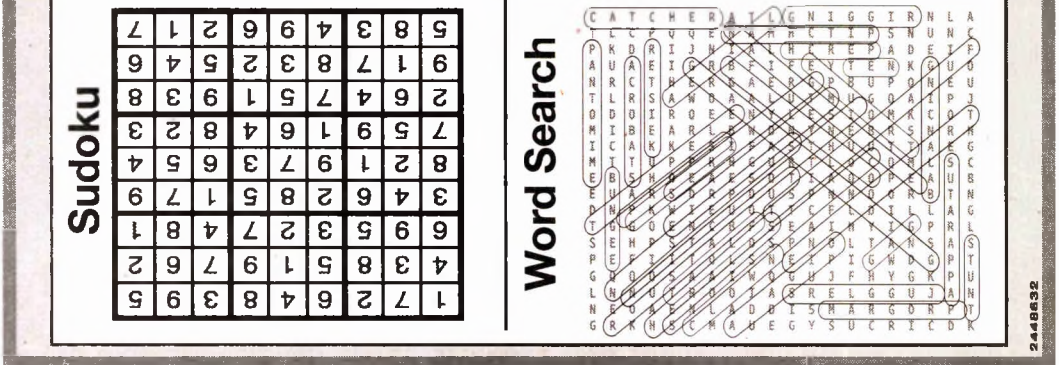


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On the Rise Bakery, sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, will sell baked goods at the annual Alternative Christmas Fair in Farmington Hills.

Alternative Christmas fair benefits charitable work

The 14th annual Alternative Christmas Fair, Nov. 8 at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, gives charitable organizations an opportunity to sell products and educate others about the services they provide.

The event runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 39200 12 Mile. Admission is \$1 and all proceeds benefit participating charities.

Products include pottery, clothing, jewelry, baskets, mugs, fleece blankets and pillows, kids' crafts, lighted wine bottles, votive lights, coasters, Christmas

wreaths, aprons, soup and bakery mixes, bread, purses, totes, treat mixes, cocoa mix, scarves, water bottles, cards, books, carvings, puzzle lights, lap quilts, pottolders, knit hats, pet items, baked goods, mosaic art tiles, coffee, ornaments and more.

Participating charities are ACT Uganda, A Beautiful Me, American Cancer Society, American House Foundation, Angela Hospice, Angels' Place, Apparent Project, Blessed Birthdays, Church World Service, Covenant House, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, Disaster Relief at

Work, Donate Life Coalition, Dr. Paws Pet Therapy, Faith Covenant Women Ministries, Family Adoption Consultants, Friends of John Paul School, Gideons International, Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, Giving Hope and Nurturing Abroad, Grace Centers of Hope, Heifer International, Helping Hands Touching Hearts, Hope Endeavors, Hope's Lap Quilt Group, Institute for Education of Women in Africa & the Diaspora, Key of Hope, Kids 4 Afghan Kids, Mayaworks, National Grange, On the Rise Bakery, Pal Craftaid, Project Linus,

Providence Hospital Assarian Cancer Center, Red Dirt Road, Inc., St. Joseph Parish Food Pantry, St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School, Sts. Peter & Paul Jesuit Warming Center, Salvation Army, Servant Ministries, Song and Spirit Institute for Peace, Southeastern Michigan Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Tree of Life, Warm Hearts Organization, Wellspring/Lutheran Child & Family Services, Women of Hope, Women at Risk.

For more information, visit www.alternativechristmasfair.org.



The shrubs are trimmed and mulched at Redford Interfaith Relief, thanks to members of Lola Valley #583 Masonic Lodge.



Lola Valley members Tom Arutoff (left), Fred Polena, Gary Franklin and Jim Eastman show off the results of their hard work. Volunteers Kevin Doran and Rob Tripp also helped.

Masons spruce up landscaping at Redford Interfaith Relief

Members of Lola Valley Masonic Lodge #583 recently completed a landscaping project for Redford Interfaith Relief.

Lodge members weeded, placed landscaping fabric and wood chip mulch, which was donated by Home Depot, on a shrub bed by the building's front entrance.

Redford Interfaith Relief is a 501(c)3 community-based charity that provides food, clothing and other assistance

to area residents in need. It is a volunteer organization sponsored by Redford-area churches, and it is funded by donations.

Lola Valley earlier this year organized a one-night Mark Twain show, starring Pat Tucker of Brighton Masonic Lodge #247, to benefit Redford Interfaith Relief. It raised more than \$1,200 with an additional matching grant of \$1,200 from the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

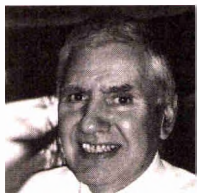
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Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

ANDREWS, EUGENE

Beloved husband of Mary Jane for 57 years. Dear Father of Brian and Christopher. Grandfather of Ryan and Kelsi. He will also be missed by many loving family and friends. Eugene was a World War II Vet. Memorial Gathering at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel, Livonia. Sat. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM with a service at 4:00 PM Memorial Contributions made to Angela Hospice Alzheimer's Association.



BAZAKIS, JAMES

October 23, 2014. Age 73 of Canton. Beloved and darling husband of Marisa for 49 years. Loving father of Dr. Andrew (Annie) and Debora (Christopher) Lutzenkirchen. Proud grandfather of Ryan Hunt, Anna-Marie Bazakis, Sophia Lutzenkirchen, Evelyn Bazakis, and Christopher Lutzenkirchen. Brother of George Bazakis and Eva (Nick) Spyros. Preceded in death by siblings Mary Mazarakis, Georgia Samolis, Harry Bazakis, and Sophia Sokaris; and his parents Michael and Anna. Jim served his country faithfully in the Navy. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 32 years of service. He was an avid University of Michigan fan. His Greek Orthodox faith was very important as he was devoted to his parish. Jim was a master of all things, including professional pastry chef, artist, musician, played violin and was a member of the Elk 100 of Watervliet, New York. Visitation was held Sunday at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Funeral Service was held on Monday at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 W. Five Mile Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorials may be made to Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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FORSHEE, EDSSEL J.

of Mesa, Arizona passed away on October 24, 2014, at the age of 96. He was born June 18, 1918 in Plymouth, Michigan to Cub and Mary Forshee. Edsel is survived by his four children: Judy (Jim) Abraham, Mary (Don) Carlson, Eddie II (Kareese) Forshee and Cathy (Newell) Cooper, 16 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. His wife Geraldine, married 67 years, two grandsons Brian Abraham and Eddie J. Forshee III preceded his death. Private graveside services will be held November 1, 2014, 2:00 p.m. Meldrum Mortuary handled the arrangements.

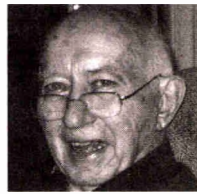


MINARD, WILLIAM F.

Of Warner Robins, Georgia. 87, passed away Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Services will be private. Mr. Minard was born on November 17, 1926, to the late Ray and Lephia Minard in Detroit, Michigan. He is also preceded in death by two sisters. Mr. Minard, a graduate of Michigan State, proudly served our country in the United States Navy during World War II. He later retired from General Dynamics as an Electrical Engineer. William was a member of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, MI a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, MI, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Mr. Minard is survived by his loving wife of 66 years Barbara Minard, Warner Robins; two sons, Bill Minard, MI; Steve Minard (Nancy), MI; three daughters, June Wise (Cres) Bonaire, Nancy King, MI, and Carol Potruski (Bob), Alaska. Please go to www.heritagememorialfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook. Heritage Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

HUTCHESON, GRACE

October 25, 2014. Beloved wife of Carl E. Mother of Lynn, Tony (Kelly), and the late Keith (Marietta). Grandmother of five. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-981-1700.



JONES, WAYNE H.

Founder of Plymouth Nursery, passed away peacefully on October 26 after a long illness. He is preceded in death by his wife Nancy L. (Fisher) Jones. Children are Nancella (Christopher) Johnson, Linnea (Keith) Garvey, Jeff, Kathy (Doron) Bronshtein. Grandchildren: Nathan, Marisa, and Andre Johnson, Lindsey (DaSilva) and Jim Garvey, Shai and Jordan Bronshtein. Great-grandchildren Jacoby and Luka DaSilva. Memorial service to follow in the spring.



RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

FALL HARVEST PARTY

Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N Sheldon, Canton

Details: Attendees may wear non-scary costumes to this family-oriented event that will include a kid-friendly dinner, trick or treating throughout the church, games, bounce houses, contests and prizes. Captive Free, will perform skits, music and puppet shows

Contact: 734-459-3333; office@connectingwithgod.org

PHOTO EXHIBIT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 30

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

Details: "Pioneering Voices" consists of photos and stories of transgender persons

Contact: 248-354-4488; www.northwestuu.org

NOVEMBER

BODY, MIND SPIRIT FEST

Time/Date: Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., concert, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: More than 40 vendors will have products aimed at helping body, mind, and spirit. Learn about conscious living, wellness, natural healing, personal growth, organics, holistic health, metaphysics and more. Tatiana Scavnicki performs rock, pop, world beat and mystical music with Mark Watson. Admission, \$5, admission and concert, \$10. Children with an adult admitted free. All proceeds go toward replacing the church roof

Contact: 734-421-1760 or email office@unityoflivonia.org

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

Location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, Dearborn Heights

Details: Handmade items for Christmas giving, bake sale, cookie walk, attic treasures

Contact: 313-274-8145

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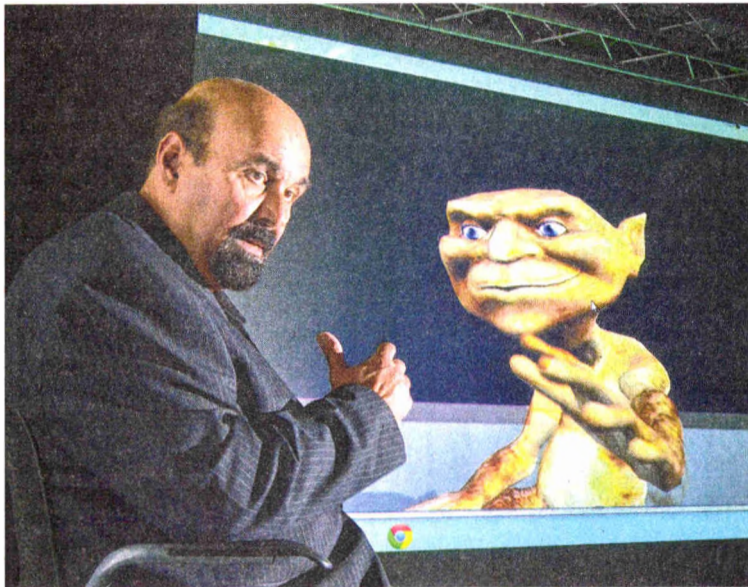
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Sight to see: College mixes animation, live action in 4-D children's play



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George Popovich, Ph.D., talks about Henry Ford College's Virtual Theatricality Lab.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Joanna Uhrig won't even break a sweat as her massive character moves across the stage in *Dinosaurus!*, a children's play opening this weekend at Henry Ford College, Dearborn.

The Westland woman likely will be in the audience, hearing her voice, watching her moves and wearing 3-D glasses that will help bring her animated dinosaur character to life as it interacts with two live actors on stage.

More than two years ago, she and other Henry Ford students who were cast as dinosaurs, worked out voices, walks, dance steps and personalities for their prehistoric animal characters. An animator videotaped their moves as they rehearsed the script and used it as a guide to animate the story about two explorers who discover an underground colony of dinosaurs. Students later recorded the script, giving a voice to their animated counterparts. The result is a 3-D animated story that will be projected on a 20- by 30-foot screen at the rear of the stage. Scenery on stage will be painted to match the virtual environment inhabited by the animated dinosaurs. Two actors, who portray the explorers, will interact with the virtual cast members, making the production a 4-D experience.

"I want to see the finished product. I am looking forward to seeing what they took from what I did and how they incorporated it into the finished product," Uhrig said. "You can compare it to a movie, but at the same time, it is theater. The cool thing is that there are live actors."

Special effects

The show has been in the making for five years through Henry Ford's Virtual Theatricality Lab (VTL), founded and run by George Popovich, Ph.D.

'DINOSAURUS!'

What: 3-D animated dinosaurs interact with live actors in this play for grades 1-5

When: 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1-22

Where: Adray Auditorium on the Henry Ford College main campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

Details: *Dinosaurus!* tells the story of two oil explorers who discover a lost colony of dinosaurs deep beneath the earth's surface. One wants to exploit the dinosaurs, the other wants to keep their underground habitat untouched by civilization. Performance time is approximately 50 minutes

Tickets: \$5 for children under 12; \$8 for everyone else
Contact: 313-845-6478; theatre.hfcc.edu/productions/2014/dinosaurus

Students and professionals involved in the Lab use advanced cinema technology, such as virtual reality, motion-capture and animation to enhance live stage productions.

Uhrig, who says her first role is as a mom to her children, got a taste of theater in 2002 when she played Ariel in *The Tempest* at Henry Ford College.

"We put it in outer space but used Shakespeare's language," said Popovich, whose version paid homage to the 1950s sci-fi film, *Forbidden Planet*, even modeling the Ariel character after a robot. The production used game developer software to create effects, manipulating virtual props in real time during the play. It was a regional winner at the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival in 2004.

A production of Caryl Chur-



Actor Mike Cochran interacts with 3-D animation, making it 4-D. The scene is from *Dinosaurus!*, Henry Ford College's upcoming show.

chill's *The Skriker* followed. The Lab created the Celtic demons in the play using motion capture, a process that records the actor's live motion and transforms it into a digital performance (think *Avatar*).

"We created the demons digitally. This does not supplant the actor. As a matter of fact, it makes the actor more accountable. One of the things we train with in acting is called the neutral mask. This thing is like a neutral mask. It totally lets you see what your body is doing," Popovich said. "If you don't support this stuff, if you don't create a character, it doesn't work."

The Skriker was a finalist for the National Bellwether Award, which recognizes innovative programs at colleges.

Creating Dinosaurus!

From 2008-09, as Popovich began to envision his next play, *Dinosaurus!*, he created a VTL teaching curriculum, along with certification for students who complete 18 credits in motion capture technology studies. There's also an acting class in motion capture available to theater students.

After two years of experimenting with motion capture, Popovich decided to animate the creatures in *Dinosaurus!*



Deron Porter works the animation program, advised by instructor Alan Contino, chief engineer.

"We found out motion capture wasn't going to work with the dinosaur show because there is something about four-legged things and then there is something about two-legged animals like us, trying to translate that motion, the physics fall apart," he said.

Uhrig initially joined the project to create choreography for a dinosaur dance. That led to creating character movements and voicing one of the animals.

"When you are on stage and being videotaped, you want to make it as animated as pos-

sible," said Uhrig, recalling early rehearsals for the show. "My character was a more curious character and kind of scared. You're dealing with prehistoric characters that come into contact with human beings. I remember mine was very deliberate and slow."

"It was a lot of fun. And I always enjoy working with George. I love his vision and the fact that he has taken theater and made it a bigger entity with motion capture and virtual reality. It's something to pay attention to in this area."

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.

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

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

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Art Quilts: Then and Now," featuring works by local fiber artists

Coming up: 2014 International Mosaic Exhibit and Auction, Nov. 7-Dec. 6

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday; opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

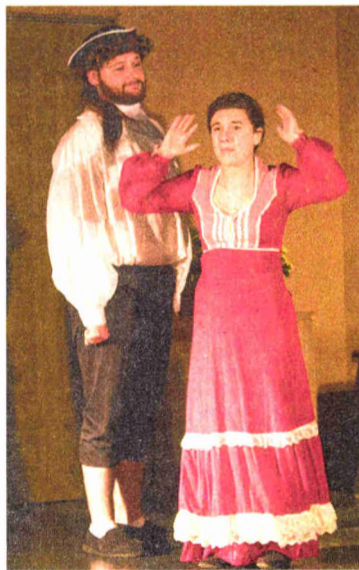
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Levels," a solo exhibit of works painted in acrylics, by Charles Stout

Contact: plymoutharts.com; 734-416-4278

VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-



Andrew Petrylka of St. Clair Shores is Ichabod Crane and Brianna Facione of Livonia is Katrina in Motor City Theatre's production of *Sleepy Hollow*, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, in Livonia.

Friday, through Nov. 1

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: 22nd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes works by 61 artists

Contact: 734-394-5308

COMEDY FORD COMMUNITY & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1

Location: 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Scottish comedian Danny Bhoj, tickets \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door

Contact: ticketmaster.com

FESTIVAL

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

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

Details: The event celebrates Canton's cultural diversity with music, dance and drama from around the world. Cultural exhibits and a sweets table will be stationed in the lobby. Admission is \$2

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage-theater.org

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Guardians of the Galaxy*, admission \$3

SHOCK-tober Series: *Abbott & Costello Meet the Invisible Man*, 7 p.m. Oct. 30; \$3 admission

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31

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

Details: *Ghostbusters*; \$5

Late show: *Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn*, 11:30 p.m. Oct. 31; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 28

Location: Second floor in the Community Gallery at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, will be on display. Admission is free

Contact: 313-833-7935

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through 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

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

LEARN DULCIMER

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. beginner; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. applying chords; 2-4 p.m. adding embellishments; 6-7:30 p.m. concert; 7:30-9:30 p.m. open jamming, Saturday, Nov. 15

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Rick Thum, a hammered dulcimer performer and instructor from Missouri, will lead workshops and perform. Fees are \$25 for the beginner workshop, \$30 for each of the remaining workshops, \$12 for the concert, \$6 for the concert if registered for a workshop

Contact: Rick Thum, 314-406-0690; rthum@rthum.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2

Location: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Broadway Channel (Sirius-XM) radio host, Seth Rudetsky, will hold an audition workshop for 15 actors. Tickets are \$25. www.farmingtonplayers.org

Contact: 248-553-2955

PUMPKIN SPICE ALL SEASON LONG

Fall has arrived, and with it comes the king of all seasonal flavors — pumpkin pie spice.

A versatile blend of comforting ingredients like nutmeg and cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice can flavor a lot more than Thanksgiving pie. Add it to a savory pasta dish, like Fettuccine Pumpkin Alfredo.

"It's the perfect dish for a chilly night," said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. "Pumpkin pie spice and chipotle chili pepper add a smoky warm taste to the Alfredo sauce, which is easily made from pumpkin and milk. Bacon is the perfect crispy topping."

Try these other ideas for using pumpkin spice in everyday favorites:

- » Stir into cream cheese for an autumn-flavored bagel spread.
- » Sprinkle on ground coffee for an at-home fall-inspired brew.
- » Mix with nuts and roast for a great party nibble or snack.
- » Blend with canned pumpkin and coconut milk for a delicious smoothie.

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FETTUCCINE PUMPKIN ALFREDO

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 8

1 package (16 ounces) fettuccine
3 cups milk
1 cup canned pumpkin
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
½ teaspoon McCormick Chipotle Chili Pepper
½ teaspoon salt
8 slices bacon, chopped
1 small onion, chopped

Cook pasta as directed on package. Drain well. Meanwhile, mix milk, pumpkin, Parmesan cheese, flour, pumpkin pie spice, chipotle chili pepper and salt in medium bowl until well blended. Set aside. Cook bacon in large skillet on medium-high heat until slightly crisp. Remove bacon. Drain on paper towels. Set aside. Remove all but 2 tablespoons bacon drippings from skillet. Add onion; cook and stir 3 minutes or softened. Stir in pumpkin mixture. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Place pasta in serving bowl. Add pumpkin sauce; toss to coat well. Top with crisp bacon.

PUMPKIN PIE SPICED COFFEE

Prep time: 4 minutes
Serves: 6 1-cup servings

¾ cup ground dark roast coffee
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
6 cups water

Place coffee and pumpkin pie spice in filter in brew basket of coffee maker. Add water to coffee maker; brew as directed. Pour into serving cups. Serve as desired with cream and sugar.



PUMPKIN SPICE SPREAD

Prep time: 5 minutes
Serves: 14 2-tablespoon-size portions

1 container (8 ounces) whipped cream cheese
¼ cup canned pumpkin
2 tablespoons firmly-packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
¼ cup finely-chopped pecans

Beat cream cheese, pumpkin, brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Stir in pecans. Cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

PUMPKIN AND APPLE SOUP

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves: 6 1-cup servings

3 tablespoons butter
1 cup finely chopped onion
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
1 cup chunky applesauce
3 ½ cups chicken broth
¼ cup heavy cream



Melt butter in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in pumpkin pie spice and ginger. Stir in pumpkin, applesauce and broth until well blended and smooth. Bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. If a smoother soup is desired, place mixture in batches in blender container; cover and blend until smooth. Stir in cream. Heat gently before serving, if necessary.

CITY BITES

Hotcakes for heroes

Nationwide — All Bob Evans restaurants will serve free all-you-can-eat hotcakes to veterans and active duty military members who present a valid military ID on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11. Eligible identification includes a US Uniformed Services (current or retired) Identification Card, a current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), or a card from a veterans organization, such as American Legion or VFW. Guests wearing a military uniform on Veterans Day also are eligible. Company founder Bob Evans was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Local Bob Evans restaurants include 13911 Middlebelt, Livonia;

41190 Ford Road, Canton; and 46080 Michigan Ave., Canton.

Beer and chocolate

Plymouth — Sample beers brewed in the Rouge River watershed at the sixth annual Friends of the Rouge Brew, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 W. Liberty. Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will lead the tasting, which will pair beer with chocolate. Admission includes beer samples, chocolate and a souvenir Friends of the Rouge pint glass. Tickets are \$40 in advance from therouge.org or by calling 313-792-9900. If any tickets remain, they will be available for an additional \$5 at the door. Rouge Brew is an adults-only event and all guests must be at least 21, with identifica-

Thanksgiving harvest

Canton — Canton Farmers Market, which closed for the season on Oct. 19, will reopen 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, for a one-day Thanksgiving Harvest Market. Featured vendors will include Agricola, Bobilin Honey, Cakes by Penny, Cellar Door Soap, Classique Bakes and Gifts, Farmington Soap Works, Good Times Kettle Corn, Grace Savory & Sweet, Intu Specialty Tea, Jen's Gourmet Dressings, Kapnick Orchards, Lula Bre's Sweet Eats, Parran's Greenhouse & Farm, Paw-la's Pantry, Prochaska Farm, Pure Pastures, Qais Truck, Sansonetti Sauces and Steinhauer Farm. Chef Paul Penney will demonstrate a recipe using seasonal produce. For more information, email Tina Lloyd at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or visit Cantonfun.org.

