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Ralphie peers
new exhibit.

## Classic ties

Red Ryder comes home with museum's 'Christmas Story'


Groups join forces for greater clout

By MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WITER
Strength in numbers.
Strength in numbers.
That's the guiding principal behind Collaborative Effort, a Plymouth-area human services program run jointly
by local social services agencies and by local so
churches.
The idea, said Marie Morrow, presi-
dent of the Plymouth Community dent of the Plymouth Community
United Way, is to together provide United Way, is to together provide ser-
vices that one agency or church alone could not afford, services that help those hurt by a troubled econom
In its six-year existence In its six-year existence,
Collaborative Effort has paid for car repairs, helped struggling residents
avoid utility shutoffs, funded emeravoid utility shutoffs, funded emer-
ency plumbing work and even paid gency plumbing work and even paid
for the removal of an active beehive at one house, those who work in the program say. People seeking help o
have nowhere else to turn. have nowhere else to turn.
"There are a lot of people who around and look for services, but $n$
every (organization) has the samie amount of money," Morrow said.
Collaborative Effort is also a w Collaborative Effort is also a way
of helping needy people who might
have fallen through the cracks in
addition to beeing a way or pooling
resources said Morrow who is in resources, said Morrow, who is in
midst of United Way's annual fundraising campaign. The United Way keeps a separate account into which
Collaborative Effort members contrib-
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Requests for help are vetted first by the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps, Collaborative Effort's member organizations.
Laurie and Community Ministries at the Plymouth Corps, said economic do turn has changed the needs in the
"With funding being cut, the requests have been for more routine
things, like rent, utility bills - huge things, like rent, utility bills - huge
htility bills," she said In addition to the and United Way, Collaborative Effort members include Plymout Goodfellows, St. Michael's Lutheran local Catholic parishes and the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency.
Morrow said the program has led Morrow said the program has led
to improved communications amon service organizations and given the people involved a better idea of each organization's resources tain types of problems to light," she said. "It's a good way of just working
together to help the community", ogether to help the community.
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details to bkadrichehometownific.com Preventing cancer Cancer nutritionist Sharlene Bidini is coming to
the Plymouth Cultural Cente he Pymouth Cultural Cente a.m., located at 525 Farmer Plymouth.
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rs, Mary E. Mitsch, RN PhDc, an Associate Professor of Nursing at Madonna
University, and Fr. John Riccardo, Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, will speak to the mportance of the rituals
that tive meaning to death and how creating a h olyan and
sacred space at the bedside sacred space at the bedside occur is an event that encourages families to grieve well.
Our Lady of Good Counsel Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is located on the
corner of Beck and North Territorial. For more infor Holiday Arts \& Crafts The annual PlymouthCanton Music Booster Ensemble is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Saturday, Nov. 21 at Plymouth High School. Exhibitors include makholiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing \& linens
paintings, painted glass ornapaintings, painted glass orna-
ments, and more. In addition to the 100 -plus exhibits, here will be food, baked goods, a a affle, and entertain-
ment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is $\$ 2$.
All the proceed All the proceeds from this the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth campus of three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. For mor information visit www.pcmb
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ing its 15 -year reunion 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at the Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty in Novi.
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## Third Baseline show Saturday in Plymouth

BaseLine Folk Society, which brings togetherey amateur
and professional folk, tradiand professional folk, tradi-
tional and acoustic musicians for monthly shows, will host its third open-microphone night of the seaso
Saturday. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce
Center for the Arts. 774 North Center for the Arts, 774 North
Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14. BaseLine's coffeehouses fea
ture up to eight open ture up to eight open-micro-

## GROUP

Pairadocs, playing their first show t.
2006.
It was the discovery of some
old reel-to-reel tapes of Two old reel-to-reel tapes of Two
Plus Sue, and a push from his Plus Sue, and a push from his
mother, Belle, that got he and Ditkoff together, Mullen said.
"All those things just kind of "All those things just kind of
came together so I cant help
cance, came together so I can't help
but think it's not coincidence," but thin
he said.
Ditkof Didkoff and Bob Mullen
had met through WSUUs Folk Music Association. With Music Association. With
Dunn, they performed at the FMA's weekly meetings and at
parties and small campus folk parties and
festivals.
festivals.
For Mike Mullen, Bob was a much-admired older brother ${ }_{\text {and }}^{\text {and mentor }}$ "I remember trying to be
like him," said Mullen, who lives in Northville Township and is one of the founders of
BaseLine. "I'm sure my musiBaseLine. "m sure my musi
cal influences have a lot to do with" Bob, he added. He remembers Two Plus Sue
rehearsing at the Mullen rehearsing at the Mullen
house on Grosse Ile on the weekends:
For Ditko For Ditkoff, Bob Mullen was
abest friend and Two Plus a best friend and Two Plus
Sue's lead singer. He was set to become the FMA president at
bet
WSU role Ditkof assumed WSU, a role Ditkoff assumed
after Mullens death. "He was a great guy," said
after aule
Ditkoff deat "He was a great guy", said
Ditkoff, of West Bloomfield.
"He was personable funny, "He was personable, funny,
phone performers, who sign
up on a first-come basis, plu performance by an established musician or group.
The guitar trio Pai - Drs. Tom Ditkoff and Jeff London, plus Mike
Mullen, one of te fer Mullen, one of the founders
of BaseLine - is the feaof Base ine - is the fea-
tured group on Saturday, and London, who writes many of
the trio's songs, will also host the trio's so
the event.
BaseLine
BaseLine, which moved
this year from No mhil
this year from Northville
to Plymouth, is offering memberships that are good
for the entire season which for the entire season, which
lasts through May, at $\$ 25$ lasts through May, at $\$ 25$
for individuals and $\$ 50$ for
families Cor individuals and $\$ 50$ for
families. For nonmembers
there is a $\$ 5$ cover chars there is a $\$ 5$ cover charge a
the door. the door.
Open-m Openister in person between
6:15 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., ; if more than eight want to play,
those who don't make the list are guaranteed a spot in next
month's show. month's show.


Pairadocs reaches back to Dr. Tom Ditkoff's old group, Two Plus Sue, which
played folk music in the 1960s. That's Ditkoff on the eft, with partners played folk music in the 1960. That's Ditkoff on the left, with partners
Sue Dunn and Bob Mullen. Mullen is the older brother of current Pairadocs member Mike Mullen.
witty, artsy, creative." The two met through the Folk Music soon began traveling to folk concerts together. reached out to a lot of people reached out to a lot of people,
said Mike Mullen. "Tom and
I. Im sure every dey we I, I'm sure, every day we think
about Bob." Two Plus Sue performed
cover tunes cover tunes, whereas Pairado
does covers and does covers and originals,
many written by London. many written by London.
Mullen said Ditkoff and London are "joyful" about
their music and look forwa
to rehearsing and performin "Jeff writes wonderful songs"
and is the "personality" of the trio, said Mullen. Mullen, who is a freelance graphic artist, said playing
music with his older brother music with his older brother's
bandmate - and with Bob's guitar - adds meaning to the ${ }^{\text {experience. }}$.Bob's always in the background, but we really have ground, bell wer end that have $I$
gone well bend can't help but thinking hes
smiling down," Mullen said.
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extibit to Hulsing. Drew Miller, Jaylan Smith and Jode Palmer hold the tubes.


Hulsing students enter for the next Huling stid
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their message across.
Michaela Julian 8 . Michaela Julian, 8 , of
Canton, said she enjoyed bei Canton, said she enjoyed being was surprised how much fun
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"It was really fun," she said.
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pair of eyeglasses were reportpair of eyeglasses were report
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truck which was parked in the
driveway of a house truck, which was parked in the
driveway of house on Pine
Court Court, had been left unlocked

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at the time of the larceny, late at the time of the larceny, late
Saturday or early Sunday. It Saturday or early Sunday. It
was not reported whether the
truck had been locked.
• Another navigation system - Another navigation system
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len from a 2009 Ford Flex. The
car was in the drivew car was in the driveway of a
house on Tamarack Court and
had been left unlocked, police - On Friday, three bottles of
cologne were cologne were reported stolen
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said. The car was sitting in the driveway of a house on
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man was arrested man was arrested on a arceny
charge after a secuity guard chad the Ktter a security guard
at Road accused him of trying to walk out of the store on Sunday with a brand-new pair
of boots. It was about 1:30 p.m., the guard told police, when he
noticed the man in the shoe noticed the man in the shoe department putting on a new
pair of Texas Steer boots, along
with with a woman who appeared to be with him who put a pair
of used athletic shoes in a bo of that she then put on a shelf. The couple went to the jewelry department for a few
minutes, the guard said, then minutes, the guard said, then
began walking out of the store without paying for the boots. The guard detained them
and police were called The and police were called. The
woman was not arrested, as woman was not arrested, as
the store declined to press charges, police said.
- By Matt Jachman


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facility expansion, the project is drawing accolades from township officials.
Hospital offici Hospital officials plan to
show the Center for Advance Show the Center for Advanced open house 2 -4 4..m. Sunday
at 1600 S. Canton Center, just at 1600 S . Canton Center, just
north of Palmer "The St. Joe's Center for Advanced Medicine \& Surge
is a beautiful new facility" is a beautiful new facilit
township Supervisor Phil Lawoy said. "We have enjoyed a long-standing relationship with St. Joe's and are excited
about the wonderful new services they are bringing to the community", St. Joseph has invested $\$ 43$
million in its Canton faciity - much of it in medica technology inside the twostory, 53, ooo-square-foot
facility The addition facility. The addition marks
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medical services is important
o provide service in our back yard," Goulet said, idding that
such services will become even such services will become even
more critical as the township demographics change and residents age.
Goulte also said the new Center will make it convenien for St. Joseph patients who now have to go to Ann Arbor for out
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As we head into this holiday season, shop-
pers will start to plan their holiday gift lists, hit the stores and start shopping. Getting the most for your holiday shopping dollars
this year will not only be about sticking to a budget, but managing valuable time to spend on shopping for the holidays. Bing.com commissioned University of
Washington Economist Ali Tarhouni to analyze data on consumer shopping behav ior and found the time spent holiday shopping could be more valuable than you might
think. - Res American can expect a $\$ 114$ savings, or roughly 10 percent savings per transaction
in time and material cost this holiday season by reducing the running around typically associated with holiday shopping. Y Shoppers could make an average of 5.4
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coming season, which is equivalent to an average of $\$ 98$ for lost working productivity and approximately $\$ 16$ for gas, according to
Tarhouni's research. - A typical consum
of five stores, shops for an average of two hours and spends an average of $\$ 150$ per
mall trip during the holiday season, accordmall trip during the holiday season, accord-
ing to a survey by Baker Retail Initiative and Verde Group Research. Conducting research by comparison shopping online
before heading into stores or making purbefore heading into stores or making pur-
chases online can help reduce the amount of time and money spent.
Mary Hunt, personal finance expert
, it's important to be smart in the way you approach your holiday shopping so you can
avoid these hidden costs and be more productive this holiday season. "This season it is all about value, and time is stten a more precious resource than
money," says Hunt. "If we consider how money, says Hunt. "If we consider how
valuable each hour of our holiday shopping experience is, consider how much more valuable spending time with loved ones is, or volunteering at a local food bank.
Shopping is about efficiency this time of year, and it's about using the tools available to make better purchasing decisions faster."
Hunt offers a few tips to help you make Hunt offers a few tips to help you make
faster and more informed shopping decisions this holiday season:
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ing your holiday shopping plan, start online ing your holiday shopping plan, start online.
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time.
-Shop alone. Take the kids to the mall to see the Holiday sights and sounds and enjoy hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls, but shop
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## GET THE MOST VALUE OUT

 OF YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPINGWhat is the hottest holiday gift-giving trend this season? It's all a
most bang for your buck. "Shopping for the holidays this year ing your dollar to get the most out of your purchases", says Steve Kemble, 'America's
Sassiest Lifestyle Guru' and General Sassiest Lifestyle Guru' and General
Growth Properties (GGP) gift-giving expe "Knowing the secrets to finding the best deals and creating a successful shopping strategy and creating a successfuul shopping strategy
will get you the most value as you shop for family and friends this holiday season."
To help make your holiday shopping experi ence a success, Kemble offers his top tips for a foolproof holiday shopping plan

Tip 1: Subscribe to your local mall's e-mail list
Be the first to find out about the hottest deals by joining the e-mail list of your local mall. By adding yourself to these lists, you may be alerted of upcoming sales, or even
receive special coupons or invitations to shopping events or promotions. Visit www. MerryGiving.com to find your local GGP nall Web site and register to receive exclusiv news, retail offers and mach more
Tip 2: Buy early and late
Be a savvy shopper and buy gifts through-
out the year when you find a good sale. By planning ahead and crossing some items off your list before the holidays, you can avoid
feeling pressured into last-minute purchases and find a few gifts during late-season sales when some stores offer deeper discounts.
Tip 3: Buy last year's model Skip the lines and the steep prices by buy-
ing last year's models on electronics that ing last year's models on electronics that
have likely seen up to 30 percent price cuts. have likely seen up to 30 percent price cuts.
Today's cutting-edge technological advancements in Mp3 players and digital cameras don't come cheap, so carefully consider the added value they offer. Do your research
and find out if those extra pixels or special and find out if those extra pixels or special
features are essential for the person you are feaures are essential for the person you are
shopping for. If you pay close attention, you
may find that last year's model does 95 percent of the things that this year's model does,
but at 70 percent of the perto
Tip 4: Comparison shop
Being organized is crucial to developing a
successful holiday shopping strategy. Start a successful holiday shopping strategy. Start a
list of items you need to purchase and watch for ads in the newspaper, on television, and in your mall subscription alerts starting in early November. Then make your purchases wher-
ever you find the best deals or most compelever you find the best deals or most compel-
ling promotions. For example, participating GGP malls all over the country are offerin special retail offers on Thanksgiving week-
end including $\$ 10$ GGP Gift Cards with ifying purchases, and free holiday "MistleTote" "piveaways full of retailer goodies, while supplies last. Check out www.MerryGiving.

Tip 5: Find value in the season's hottest gifts

Finally, once you have planned the perfect the holiday shopping strategy, keep your eyes
open for these hot holiday gifts that can offer open for these hot holiday gifts that can offer
great value. Eco-chic is in now more than ever, and many gifts put a hip spin on being environmentally friendly by using renewable
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responsible. For the techie on your list, smart responsible. For the techie on your list, smart
phones are the do-it-all tool that keeps fami-
lies phies connected with each other and the rest of
the world The latest the world. The latest smart phone technology is more affordable than ever - even free with
a new contract or group plan - and available across a variety of carriers. Finally, for your fashionista friend, remember that high fashion doesn't necessarily have to come with a
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cial partnership cial pazine, all taking place at participating GGP malls a cross the country.

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## Great season, tough ending for hometown marchers




The Plymoth-Canton Marching Band delivered a crowd-pleasing performance of their innovative and eerily entertaining competition program, 'Beneath the Surface:' based on the writings of Edgar Allan Poe, at the Bands of


Trumpet player william Garcia warms up before the P-CMB semifinals
performance at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in performance at the Bands ofium Satua
Indianapolis Lucas oil stadium Saturdy.
was a little different," said senior drum major Caroline
Williams. "There were a couple of mistakes. Those things happen and you can't change things."
Even so, two scorese from prelims and semi-finals ( 8 m. pres) would have given the P-CMB a ninth-plac
overall. But placements for $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { giver the P-CMB a ninth-place } \\ \text { overall. But placements for } \\ \text { finals are based on semi-final } \\ \text { scores alone, landing them in }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { In spite of the disappoint- } \\ \text { ment of not taking it into the }\end{array} \\ \text { finalist bands this year, the } \\ \text { Plymouth-Canton Band made }\end{array}$ P-CMB has never placed lower than 15 th at the Grand
Nationals, winning the championship, title in 1990, 1991,
and 1999. This year the and 1999. This year three othe
Michigan bands also made Michigan bands also made
semi-finals, but no Michigan semi-inals, but no Michiga

## it a a oint to cheer on those who did. "Band is a great thing"

 "Band is a great thing," saidsenior flutist Alex Rodriguez. "And we all have so much in common - we all pour our
hearts and souls into these shows. And even though our band can't personally be out here competing in finals, its wonderful to support people
like us who work as hard as w do. Even though I would love to be out there, I have noth-
ing but well wishes for these ing but well wishes for these
bands. I'm very, very proud of them."
Many of the P-CMB parent who provide a tremendous mount of support through th ing props, sewing and washin
uniforms, and fund-raising uniforms, and fund-raising
mong other things - were in hose Colts' bleachers cheering as well.
"We were disappointed for hem, said Sharon Hardin of daughter Cassie is a sernior in the guard this year. "But, at
the same time, were glad for the same time, were glad or
the other bands. It was a really strong field this year:"


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Rifles fly high as the Plymouth-Canton guard section practices maneuvers while
the saxoohone section including tom right Erin the saxophone section, including from right, Erin Zaluzec., Justine Williams, and
Grace Wine warm up before their semifinals performance Saturday at the Bands Grace Wine warm up before their semifinals performance $\mathcal{S}$
of America Grand National Champioinships in indianapolis.

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OUR VIEWS

## Bond performance

 provides good bang for the buckWork has begun on the last big project to be Work has begun on the last big project to be
paid for with funds from Plymouth-Canton
Community Schools' 2004 bond. Community Schools' 2004 bond.
And while crews are renovating the front of Salem High School, using what is now the courtyard to ultimately create
space, a thought occurs to us.
The district got a pretty good bang for its $\$ 109$
million buck. million buck.
The Salem courtyard renovation project was the 25 th bid package put out under the bond
With each package came $3-5$ projects, whic With each package came $3-5$ projects, which
puts the total number of projects around 100 give or take a few.
Work was done on 26 of the district's buildings, and every building except one built before 2000
had renovation work of some sort done on it. The lone exception is Central Middle School, which district officials agree has outlived its useful-
ness as a school. The district has reconvened its ness as a school. The district has reconvened its
Strategic Planning Committee, and the Central Middle School issue will be near the top of its priority list.
The performance under the auspices of the
2004 bond represents a confluence of eff 2004 bond represents a confluence of efforts
from administrators - primarily assistant super intendent Ken Jacobs - and construction managers at both TMP and McCarthy \& Smith According to district officials, every project came
in on time and under budget, an amazing accomplishment considering the economy, the nature of the work, Michigan weather and human nature. Don't think it's impressive? Ask Ann Arbor
school officials, who had a host of problems get school officials, who had a host of problems get
ting its new Skyline High School up and running some two years later than originally projected. That's not to say everything went smoothly
There were problems at West Middle Schoo There were problems at West Middle School
with issues relating to concrete. There were with issues relating to concrete. There were
issues at the administration building with the quality of materials being used. There were weather issues, particularly a rainy August that
left, for instance, a problem not-so-lovingly left, for instance, a problem not-so-lovingly
dubbed "Lake Gallimore" in front of Gallimore Elementary, where a new bus entrance/exit was Elementary, wh
being installed.
Despite those
Despite those issues, district officials also hang their hat on the bond creating something woe
fully missing these days, especially in Michigan Jobs. According to McCarthy \& Smith officials, the 2004 bond created some 760,000 manhours of labor, employing some 50 people a day.
Plymouth-Canton board members and admin
istrators have had plenty of financial issues with istrators have had plenty of financial issues with
which to deal lately. They've made some $\$ 20$ million worth of cuts the last eight years or so, and it
still won't be good enough because the state can't get its financial act together
mated $\$ 8$ million the district saved by being on time and under budget so much should hav gone back into the budget, rather than into more projects.
ound ticials knew there was work needed round the district they might not ever have the als reyected in 2006 and 2007 they understas ders arent necessarily in an approving mood. They also look at the economy, understand the financial situation and don't wish to burden their residents with another bond.
But they also understood their buildings had
infrastructure needs, and by taking ide needs with savings realized in the 2004 bond administrators have put the vast majority of the

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

How annoyed are you that Michigan lawmakers messed up the budget process yet again this year?
We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.


## LETTERS

## Legion thanks

Wednesday, Nov. 11, was a beautiful fall day that reminded us of the blesssing
of living in this area, in this free country. At 11 a.m., the Veterans Memorial Park in
Plymouth was the erfect back ground for Plymouth was the perfect background for all veterans, past and present, who made, and continue to make, the sacrifices that
enable the rest of us to enjoy this great life. enable the rest of us to enjoy this $g$ Earlier in the day, our group was honored to cook and serve breakfast to more than
60 people. Many veterans and their friend 60 people. Many veterans and their friends
and families enjoyed the opportunity to eat and families enjoyed the opportunity to eat
talk and do lots of reminiscing. This was our way of saying thank you to them.
We especially want to thank Bob Eva We especially want to thank Bob Evans
of Canton (on Ford Road) for again donatof Canton (on Ford Road) for again donat-
ing the pancake mix, suusages and other needed items for the breakfast. Their generous participation is very helpful to our organization.
We also wan
families who got unank our friends and come and help do the cooking and the to stayed to clean up!
We hope that you IOOF Hall on Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail the third Monday of the month. It's a great group with a a great cause.
If you want more information, please call If you want more information, please call
$(734)$ ) $459-1778$.
unice Taylor merican Legion Auxiliar

## Put families first

I am a pediatrician and a mother, living and working in Thaddeus McCotter's district. While fuld expected that Re
McCotter would not vote for the health reform bill, I did not expect that he would vote "yes" on the other health care proposa
considered that day.
This health care plan, known as "the
Boehner substitute," was clearly not writte in the best interests of improving the qual-
ity of health care in this country. Rather ity of health care in this country. Rather,
this proposal was cleverly drafted to best. this proposal was cleverly dratted to best
serve the needs of the insurance industry. According to the bipartisan
Congressional Budget Office win into this bill, eight out of 10 Americans would only see a 3 -percent drop in insurance premiums under the best-case scenario and thousands of uninsured and
underinsured families would receive no help whatsoever.
Fortunately, health care reform bill passed without the assistance of Rep.
McCotter's vote, but this is only the first act in a three-act play. Next the health care reform bill will move to the Senate for
debate before finally heading to the debate before finally heading to the confer-
ence committee to work out the differences ence committee to work out the differences
between the successful House reform bill and what ultimately clears the U.S. Senate. As a doctor, I won't pretend to know exactly
how to fix every problem with our current system, but I do know we just can't ignore these problems any longer. We all need a health care reform bill to hit President As a doctor, I talk to families every day economy has had on their ability to keep coung family who is strugly spoke with a making Cobra payments since the husband was laid off from his job. His wife continues to work full time, but her job doesn't offer ealth insurance and she has a "pre-existng condition." Even though their month
Cobra payments are higher than their mortgage payment, this young family simply cannot afford to miss an insurance pay ment. Under the reform plan that passed
he House, the days of families choosing between health care and a roof over their eads will come to an end. Another patient, a laid-off auto worker,
is struggling to care for his son, who was is struggling to care for his son, who was sleep when I think that both mom and dad now work as many hours as they can get
t part-time jobs that, of course, do not at part-time jobs that, of course, do not
provide health insurance. While they feel ucky to have work, they simply can't afford he therapy their beautiful 2 -year-old boy really need
situation.
I, as a mother, doctor and citizen, am very concerned hat duning hese trying imes my representative seems to be work
ing in direct opposition to the needs of the working families in my neighborhood This behavior on his part is nothing short ward, Ihope that my neighbors, patients and friends will join with me in urging Rep. McCotter to put families first and stop

Kathryn Bondy Fessler, M.D., Ph.D.
staff physician, Integrated Heath Associates
research fellow, University of Michigan


Commander of American Legion Post 391 Frank Pawelak presents a medal of heroism to Steve Monaghan for saving the life of a woman stung by a swarm of bees during Plymouth's Veterans Day ceremony last week.
who have suffered from the effect that this Hospice month
We seek your help in letting your readers know about National Hospice Month and,
more importaty more importantly, about the services available
to them from their local hospices. Sponsored by both the National Hospice
\& Palliative Care and Michigan Hospice \& \& Palliative Care and Michigan Hospice \&
Palliative Care Organizations, this special Palliative Care Organizations, this special
month pays tribute to hospice providers, who are dedicated to providing physical, spiri-
tual and emotional support to tual and emotional support to terminially ill
patients it a also serves as a means fofinceasin patients; it also serves as a means of increasing
public awareness about the available choices in end-oflife care.
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also provide free grief support services to the community at large.
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Gloria Danna Brooks
president and CEO, Arbor Hospice

## Cell phones for Soldiers

Nationwide effort keeps troops connected
by wensor von buskirk
When Patt Carlson heard about Cell Phones for wanted to get involved. The nationwide program colects used cell phones and turns them into pre-paid
calling cards for troops "verseas.
"I thought it was a cool
idea," said Carlson "I just idea," said Carlson. "I just
thought it was a wonderful teffort." Carlson is director of operations for Pogo
Management Co., a Farmington Hills-based business that manages 34
storage units throughout storage units throughout
Michigan and Ohio. Each Iichigan and Ohio. Eac phones through December, tion boxes are already more than half full.
She said the self-storage
facilities are a natural fit for the program, because customers are often moving or downsizing and sorting "It's amazing how man phones people throw away, he said. "I went through my drawer and found
Old cell phones may seem obsolete next to shiny new but they are actually loaded with value. Each donated cell phone is sent for recyinternational company based in Dexter. According to ReCellular's He phones are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more han 40 countries around
he world. The rest are harvested for components like gold, silver and plati-

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FOR SOLDIERS

num from circuit boards copper wiring from phone chargers, nickel, iron, cad
mium and lead from battery packs; and plastic fro hone cases and accessoFor each donated phone,
FCellular pas Recellular pays enough to provide a soldier with on
hour of talk time. YOUNG FOUNDERS Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagBerquist of Norwell, Mass, fter they read an article hout a soldier who ran up ing home from Iraq. The siblings started the nonprofit using $\$ 21$ of their raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prediers abroad.

Through increased fund-raising efforts, the
Bergquist family hopes to Bergquist family hopes to
raise more than $\$ 9$ milraise more than $\$ 9$ mil-
lion in the next five years and expand into providing
other services such as vide phones. More than 150,000 troop
are currently serving overare currently serving over
seas, and Carlson said it's especially important to hel them stay connected with
loved ones during the loved ones during the hol
days. "Our troops are representing all of us so we
should support them," she should support them," she
said.
Visit www.cellphonesforsoldier com to find a drop-off site near you, ort to print materials and
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ishable food to Laurel Park Place during November and December. Laurel Park Place
is teaming up with Santa and is teaming up with Santa and
his elves to collect food and financial donations for City , Livonia and Wayne County's
neediest families. As part of Santa Feeds America, the largest nationwide canned food drive ever conducted by a shopping center developer,
Laurel Park Place is joining more than 80 CBL properties
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Michigan will use all donaMichigan will use all dona-
tions to provide for those in need during the holidays ind into 2010. For more informa-
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www.cblproperties.com or LaurelParkPlace.com. Coat Collection Efforts WESTLAND - The Lands' End Shop at Sears in Westland Center is among Lands' End
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initiative to collect coats for those in need across the country. Through Nov. 30 Lands' End Shops at Sears, and receive 20 percent off.
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Public Schools. Orchard Mall is located at Maple and
Orchard Lake Roads. Buckle Opens at Twelve Oaks
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Westland resident Sally Looney points out her mother's name on the 2008
Tree of Life as friend Josephine Giurlanda, also of Westland, looks on.

## Tree of Life provides unique holiday tradition

For many shoppers who frequent Laurel Park Place in
Livonia, the Angela Hospice Livonia, the Angela Hospice
Tree of Life is a sight they instantly recognize. The annual Tree of Life offers individuals the chance
to remember and honor thei to remember and honor their
loved ones during the holiday by placing angel ornaments on the trees when they make
donation to Angela Hospice.
For Maureen Mullins, it is donation to Angela Hospice.
For Maureen Mullins, it is
not only the beautiful trees
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { and lighted display that are } \\ \text { familiar, but the thousands of } & \begin{array}{l}\text { her own family, just as it is a } \\ \text { tradition for many in the com- }\end{array}\end{array}$ familighted dist the thousuand are
names that names that grace the little gold
angels. Mullins works in medical records at Angela Hospice and has talked with countless
family members of the family members of the many
patients whose charts she has patients wh.
processed.
"Being in "Being in medical records, I see every name that comes,
through here," said Mullins, through here," said Mullins,
a hospice volunteer Tree of
a hospice volunter. Tree of
Life has become a tradition fo
munity.
"It is interesting to see the names of patients I recognize from many, many years agoo,"
she said. "Their familise she said. "Their families still
pay tribute to them by putting pay tribute to them by putting
an ornament on the tree. It is almost overwhelming to see." Many Angela Hospice sup-
porters visit the Tree of Life porters visit the Tree of Life
each year and attend the ope ceremony, open to every-
one in the community as well. This year's openingt ook place
Saturday. The Tree of Life is located inside Laurel Park, near the Von Maur store. "I think it's a happy way of
remembering people," Mullin remembering people," Mullin
said. "People associate losing
someone with angels and its said. People associate losing
someone with angels, and it's a
way way of remembering, the peo-
ple they've lost in a public ple they've lost in a public way
to show they meant something to show they meant something
to someone.'
Last year more than 4,000 Last year more than 4,000
angels decorated the seven angels decorated the seven
trees at Laurel Park Place, trees at Laurel Park-ace,
each angel representin some
one who is loved and thought one who is loved and thought
of at this special time of year. n in the years she has been involved, and it has become more meaningful
her own family as well. her own family as well.
Mullins helps to set up the
display with her husband and daughter, along with other Angela Hospice volunters.
She also takes the opportunity
to hang angels in memory of to hang angels in memory of
her loved ones, including her father and godmother who
were both served by Angela Hospice.
"When we started this even
. 2 years ago, we couldnt have
imagined it growing into what it is today," said Sister Mary Giovanni, president, CEO an
founder of Angela Hospice Iounder of Angela Hospice provide this opportunity for people to do something special
for their loved ones, even those for their loved ones, even t. I am moved and gratefull that soll many people take this time to
support Angela Hospice prosupport Angela,
grams as well."
Te Tree $L$ ife will be on display during mall hours through Dec. 24. For more infermatioct Angela Hospice
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 Maureen Mullins holds the angel and godmother for the Angela Hospice Tree of Life.


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## Try to top that

 he pigskin tumbled $\begin{aligned} & \text { through the air meeting } \\ & \text { a brisk wind, toward the }\end{aligned}$ $\underset{\text { uprights. }}{\text { a }}$ uprights.With time running out in the fourth quarter of regional football final between Canton and host Novi-Detroit
Catholic Central thousands Catholic Central, thousands the ball would land. The undefeated Shamrocks and Tim Baechler's amazing Chiefs were knotted likely to

the shock of
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dium - when
Canton senior
Alex Dixon Alex Dixon
tried to nail a


Almost traveling in slow
motion as everybody waited to find out the outcome of
Dixon's kick, the football
 ly falling in the end zone a few
ly
lords short yards short of the ultimate
target. target.
Mome Catholic Central scored and Canton didn't. Final, 31-24. Season over for the Chiefs, just
when it looked as though it when it looked as though it
might be extended to the dismay of Blue Nation. Dixon might have fared, defense not found an answer just in the nick of time. His field-goal try easily could have able. Canton survived a wide-to-the-leff field goal try at the other end and then had more
than four minutes to go for broke. Most pundits predicted an easy win for CC ; it was
far from that as the Chiefs far from that as the Chiefs
bounced back with a vengeance all afternoon. For example, twice after the
Shamrocks scored a player broke less for TDs on player broke less for TDs on
the ery first play of the subse-

## NOT ENOUGH

## In absolute crunch time,

 the Chiefs moved crisply. Itwas first-and-10 at the CC 26
$\overline{\text { Please see } \mathbf{S M I T H}, \mathbf{B 3}}$


Chiefs nearly shock Shamrocks

SIDELINES
WSJFL Super Bowl
The Plymouth-Canton Steelers' freshmen squad gave it their all Sunday. Bu
the team lost $26-12$ to the Lake Area Hawks in the Western Suburban Junior Football League freshma Super Bowl.
Despite the lo Dearborn Redskins-hosted
game, the Steleresf game, the Steelers finished
$10-1$ and captured the 10-1 and captured the onship and - a did all of the
Steelers teams this fall (yar Steelers teams this fall (var-
sity, junior varsity, freshmen) sity, junior varsity, freshmen

- proudly represented their organization with sports manship and dedication noten a team spokesman.
In the Super Bowl, the Steelers were buoyed by the running of Aaron Brazelton
and Dylan Stackhouse the and Dylan Stackhouse, the
latter who scored the sealaterer who scored the sea-
son's final touchdown. Offensive lineman David
Dart Jr. anchored the front Dart Jr. anchored the fro
line to help the tailbacks line to help the taibacks
find ample running room Defensively, Jared Golles
had a great game with sev had a great game with sev-
eral huge tackles and Luke Walkley did an awesome job on the line. For more about youth
football, please look inside football, please
today's Observer.
Coaches, please call It's getting close to the
winter season of high school sports, believe it or not. Coaches or their assistants
are asked to supply recaps of games, meets and matches (win or lose, home or away) to
help spotlight the accomplishhelp spotight the accomplish-
ments of deserving studentments of deserving stude
athletes at Canton, Plymout Salem and Plymouth Christian Academy. ${ }^{\text {Observer sports editor Tim }}$ Smith (tsmith @hometown-
life.com) or leave him detailed life.com) or leave him detailed messages at (313) 222-2637.
Deadlines are Tuesday nights for the Thursday paper and
Friday nights for the Sunday Friday nig
edition.
Scouts love Seguin
Plymouth Whalers scor ing sensation Tyler Seguin is Hockey League prospects in the latest ranking by NHL Central Scoutin
to NHL.com.
Seguin jumped to the head of the class thanks to outstanding numbers so
far this season. The speed playmaking forward is second in the league with 19
goals and fourth with goals and fourth with 36
points in just 18 games points in just 18 games.
is expected to return this week after tor missing several games due to an injury. great start to the season, Central Scouting's Chris Edwardst told NHL.com.
"He has been producing an He has been producing and
playing consistently well. He makes things happen every time he is on the iee and he Senior Olympics
Senior Olympics
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The Michigan Senior
Olympics are three month olympics are three mo to start getting in shape. Event organizers are lo
ing for athletes 50 years ing for athletes 50 years
and over to compete and enjoy the camaraderie and challenge that the MSO has
to offer. It's a good time to to offer. It's a good time to
chase away the winter blue and have some wintertime fun. The 2010 Michigan Senior Olympics are sche
uled for Jan
$25-27$ uled for Jan. $25-27$ at
various venues in Oakl County. The registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 14
The games feature the The games feature
snow sports of Alpine skiing, cross country s ing and snow shoeing Badminton, picklecall,
weight lifting, bocce ball and dancesport are the
other scheduled event other scheduled edevts.
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ympics.org, or call (800) 400 lympics.org, or call (800) 400
8161 for more information.


## Salem girls harriers dominate All-Observer team

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a second straight year when she
places devent at heregiona finals
with a time of 19 -minutes, 34 -sec-
 She also regisistered her personal
best time of 19.05 .9 at the Weyne best time of 19:0.5.9 at the Warne.
County Championship, the third Countr Championship, the thin
fastest time in Salem history for
s.000 meters. 5,000 meters. Other higlight included beeng
named the teams Most Valuable namer the teamts Most Valuable
Runner, taking fift place at the
Kensintan Conference Finals Runner, teking fifth llace e t he
Kensington Confernce
(1inals
(1929) and sixith at the Wayne Kensington Conterence Finals
(19:29) and sixth at the Wayne
County Champioinship (99.0.5.).
Victoria's a talented young lady
ond "Victoria's a talented young lady
who strives ot be the bestshe can
every competition", said Rocks
 coach Dave Gerlach, whose team
won its first Kensingon Conference
title.


 had an excellent season, finishin
seventh at the D-1 regionals and
35that the state
Kuthestates.ent 35th at the state meet.
Kubickis seasons sest mark
19:07, close to her career best
time of $18: 54$. 19:O7, close to her career best - a
tite of 1:545, , whicis is Canton
school mark she shares with another runner.
Chiefs coach Eric Pahl said
Kubicki developed into a team Kubicki developed into ot team lead-
er si much that teammates named
her the 2010 captain. her the 2010 captain.
pick ons included being ist-team
pict the all-county and all-con pierce teams.
feneuncty teand
Bianca has really dedicated her"Bianca has really dedicated her-
self to cross country this year," Pahl
said. "She trained all summer and said. She trained all summer and
came into the season in good running shape.
she was asked to take on many
different challenges with the team. She was asken to take on many.
Nofferent challenges with the team.
Not did she succeed in this, but
 The sophomore laced fourth at
Brighton regionaw with her best
time of the season (18:50) DeFlor time of the season (18:50). DeFlori
was 6 sth in the D-1 state meet. was 6 th in the D-1state meet.
She won the armington city meet
and was second in the OAA White and was second in
Division meet.
Deflorio also fi.
Deflorio also finished 18th
at Oakland County sixth at the at Oakland County, sixth st the
Haseltt Invite and 13th at the MSU Spartan Invite. She was undefeated
in dual meets. in dual meets.
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almospoved her time on
almy course we ran, anyalmost tevery course we ran, any-
where from 30 seconds to a minut


 2th-place finish at the regionals
(19:51.6). She ran 20:03.6 at the state meet
for 7 tot place, but that didnnt spoil
 ed arlying Salems third fastest time
for areshman in school history for
5,000 meters) with her 19:49.2 at 5,000 meters with her 19:4.2 at
the Wayne County Championship,
hich was her rersonal which was her personal best.
Flynna laso finished in 11th place
at the Kensington Conference Flynn also finished in 11th place
at the Kensington Conference
Finals 1 and and 1 15th at the Wayne
County meet. County meet.
shanen is a all-around athlete
who is sery compeetive", Gerlach
 alraady distance erunner and has
"This team inco muloh sucesess.
ang forward to
 Junior of the evear", "ooms energed
his season. She qualified for the Dhis season. She qualified for the
D-1 state meet tith her 6 bh-place
time of $20: 22$ 2. second $a t$ the time of 20:22.2 seconds at the
regionals.
Other highlights included finishing with a personal best of 20:00
at the Kensingon Conference
Finals (tth-best time in school history for aunior), good for 16 th
lise and a thace and a 2 st-place eshowing at
the Wayne County Championship $\stackrel{(20: 16.8) .}{\text { "Kara is av }}$

 reakout year this season to provide
Salem with solid fifth runner.
"Kari is Salem wth a soilid firth runner.
UKara is one of the most consis-
tent distance runners who knows
 unior ran a personal best $19: 56.7$ at Re Jackson Invitational.
Rash wound up 82nd in the
Division 1 finals 2 (20.0.1). Sivision 1 finals (20:10.1) 1 16th at
the regional (20:27.9) and 22 nd hhe regional (20:27.9) and 22nd
at the Wayne County Invitational 20:33.0.). She e added a as 2sth at the
Wayne County meet ( 20.310 ) Wayne County meet (20:31.0).
"Katit really stepped it uthis
season and ran like a mature and
.
 great deal of talent, and shse proved
to herself and others that she is capa

## SWIMMING

(5-0) for a share of the title by winning the division meet.
Salems Rocks - described by head coach Chuck Olson as ory - will ber represested by six swimmers while five members
of the Chiefs will travel tothe shores of Lake Michigan. Meanwhile, Canton divers
Mallory Hudak and Robin Mallory Hudak and Robin
Piwowar took part in Tuesday D1 regional diving meet at Ann
Arbor Pioneer. The top 16 will Arbor Pioneer. The
also go to Holland. Olson said he is "very optimistic", that the Salem swimmers' preliminaries will be fast and will ensure
their return for the finals on their return,"


## Lamoureux, who will <br> Lamoureux, who will part in the 500 free.

REDEMPTION
According to Salem's Olson, a good showing this weekend
would help take the sting out would help take the sting out
his team's losing record. But he emphasized that the Rocks are much better than that 2-9 record in dual meets.
"I told the girls this is the best worst team I've ever had," Olson said. "On paper we don't look
very good, $2-9$ in dual meets very yood, $2-9$ in dual meets,
which doesn't sound very good." which doesnit sound very good."
But he said Salem swam competitively against state-
ranked teams such as ranked teams such as No. 4
Novi and three others in the top 10 - Livonia Stevenson Northville and South Lyon.
"So we've lost to
and "So we've lost to good com-
petition and weve been in the meets," Olson added. "But we
just couldn't finish the deal."


One of six members of the Salem varsity giris swim team headed to the Division 1 state meet in Holland is Lauren Seroka, shown here diving into the PLENTY OF PELAYS
PLENTY OF RELAYS
For all of the teams, their $\begin{gathered}\text { Relays in the state met } \\ \text { for the Wildcats include: the }\end{gathered}$ relays are making quite a
splash.
Plymouth will have three Plymouth will have three
relay teams in the mix with relay teams in the mix with tw
more from Salem and Canton:

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## Gilf $_{\text {fROM PAGE B1 }}$

all-purpose yards), who scored ${ }_{20}$ 23-yard a pass from Delapaz. "They figured out what we
were doing and stopped us, were doing and stopped us,
they just shut us down." they just shut us down."
With wind blowing into his face, Canton senior Alex Dixon just could not put
enough steam behind a 47 enough steam behind a $47-1$ -
yard field-goal attempt that would have won the game as "Oe elapsed. stop and that was the oppor tunity we needed," Baechler
said. "And then we ran out said. "And then we ran out of
time and the field goal was just too far, with a little bit of just too far, with a
wind in our face."
In overtime In overtime (where teams
start from the 10 -yard line) start from the 10 -yard line),
the Shamrocks needed just one play - a 10 -yard run by
senior Anthony Copal senior Anthony Capatina ( 17
carries, 106 yards) to break carries, 106 yards) to break
the deadlock and win their 12 th straight game and their
first teaional title since first regional title since 2007.
"We didn't really expect our defense to give up that much (24 points)," Capatina said. But they've bailed us (offense) turn to step it up. We both got it done when we needed to." As they have all season, Cikatina and senior tailback proved to be a tough 1-2 punch for the Chiefs.
"They do have different styles," Mach said. "One can
beat you fast and one can beat you slow. We're going to wear
you down. But they wore us COMING BACK
COMING BACK for Canton to show the Shamrocks that it wasn't going to be business as usual.
Catholic Central allowed just three defensive touchdowns hhree defensive touchdown
before Saturday, when the Chiefs doubled that total. CC took an early 3-0 lead
when D'Agostino booted a 28 yard field goal with $2: 37$ left yar the first. The Chiefs came right back,
as they did all day with as they did all day, with a
58 -yard pass from Delapaz to senior tight end Dakota Dark-Bird and a bulldozing 1-yard run by Payter enabled
freshman Conner Shennan to tie the game with a 23 -yard field goal.
Catholic Catholic Central marched 88 yards in 15 plays to take a
$10-3$ led with just $1: 10$ left in


Making a key play for the Chiefs in the first uyarter is senior tight end
Dakota Dark-Bird, who caught this Kevin Delapaz pass near midfield and yard line to set up a field goal. The
play went for 58 yards. play went for 58 yards.
the first half.
A A 14-yard run by Capatina the Shamrocks end kept the drive going and Palazeti fin-
ished things with ished things with a two-yard
plunge, leap. line.
Undaunted, Canton diately responded to hush the CC crowd.
On the very On the very first play
after getting the ball back, Stackhouse blew through the line and veered down the left
sidelines for a 67 -vard touch sidelines for a 67 -yard touch-
down gallop. The extra-point down yallop. The extra-point 10-9 at halftime. The Shamrocks started field possession following Capatinas's 32 -yard return to
the CC 35 and senior the CC 35 and senior quar-
terback Sam Landry ( $6-12$, 88 yards) hit senior tight end Michael Kinville for a clutch 11-yard gainer to midfield. A personal foul against
Canton further helped CC's cause as did a 12 -yard run
by junior tailback by junior tailback Justin
Messner.
On third down and short,
the Chiefs' defense stopped


Canton junior Davion Stackhouse secures a 23 -yard TD pass from Kevin
Delapaz to even the Division regional at $24-24$ in the fourth
Palazeti. But when the $6-2$
244-pounder rot the ball
again on fourth down he again on fourth down he
muscled his way 18 yards for muscled his way 18 yards for
the TD, giving the Shamrocks
IN THE CLUTCH
Canton answered again
with a big-play score as Payter stormed 76 yards up the mid-
dle of the field for six points. The Chiefs then made it $17-17$ on a nifty two-point pass from
Delapaz to Delapaza to junior tight end
Angelo Lanava witht An the third.
The game's see-saw flavor
continued on CC's next offent continued on CC's next offen-
sive series. The Shamocts sive series. The Shamrocks
scored on a two yard run by
Parent Palazeti, but the key play of the 80 -yard drive was another
fourth-down conversion. Despite Canton's defensive
Dressure, Landry
fourt Despite Cantons defensive
pressure, Landry launched a
throw just in time that junior wide-out Andrew Nelson
hauled in for 23 yard an hauled in for 23 yards along
the left sidelines with less the left sidelines with less the third. After the Chiefs oot the After the Chiefs got the ball
again, they took it 68 yards again, they took it 68 yards
in 11 plays. This time, Canton in 11 plays. This time, Canton
came through on fourth down
as Delapaz fired as Delapaz fired a pass across
the eqrain to Stackopise for the grain to Stackhouse for a
23 -yard TD catch with 10:00 to play in regulation. The extra point made it 24
24 and set up the final chapte ${ }^{24}$ and set up the final chap of an intriguing matchup.
But the final page turned
out to be not so sweet for out to be not so sweet for
Canton. -"We worked really hard in practice and we knew,
we could do it, , it hurts, we could do it, ... it hurts,' Delapaz said.

## Canton Bills flag down state title

Canton's Workman Elementary School must be
buzzing these days thanks to the Canton Bills flag football The Bills, comprised
The
entirely of Workan stur entirely of Workman stu2nd Grade Division of the Michigan Youth Flag Football League State Championships
at Walled Lake Northern with shutout defense in all three tournament games.
After blanking the After blanking the
Northville Jets 13 -0 team's opener, the Bills knocked off the Canton Texans in the second and champion-
ship games, by scores of 14-0 ship games, by scores
and 6 -0, respectively. The three opponents man-
aged a total of two combined aged a total
first downs In the championship final, the Bills broke a scoreless tie
late in the first half as Nathan
Janke ran around the righ Janke ran around the right corner and
end zone.
Outstand Outstanding defense in the second half by Adam Janack
was a key factor, and the was a key factor, and the
Marko Aking ifflag pull by
bed the game. In the earlier win over
the Texans Bill the Texans, Bills defenders
Fletcher Cumming Hails and Janack excelled in pitching the shutout. Against Northville, good
runs by Luke Nader and runs by Luse Nader and
Caden Musa sparked the Caden Musa sparked the
offense with touchdowns scored by Janke and Aki.
Completing an extra-point pass was Connor Fox. Meanwhile, the Bills dedicat-
ed their tourney performane ed their tourney performance
to star player Cian McGill, who to star player Cian McGill, who
was ill and missed the entire was iil and missed
state champiosship.


## SMITH

following the latest in a string Canton senior running back ${ }_{\text {But Cather }}$ Adam Payter But Catholic Central's
defense - which gave up 30 points all season before Saturday - wouldn't fold and actually pushed Canton back and third down. Oh, what might have been or completion from senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz. Of course, this was one of those games where both
teams performed like champi ons on a a perfect autumn day
for football, before a crowd for football, before a crowd
estimated at more than 3,500 fans.
And the atmosphere was a winner, too. Fans rode shuttle from a nearby field or shop
ping center parking lot to ping center parking lot to
Catholic Central. Where else does that happen?
Turning off of Beck Road, buses whisked down a feeder
road past hundreds of handmade signs proclaiming it Shamrock Country" or a
place where "C Attuc

## WHALERS

game in Windsor, last night
and tonight, too," Hackett said
"So and tonight, too", Hackett said.
"So it was pretty nice for me to
play well I definitely wanted play well. .. I definitely wante
to impress him."
Although crediting his Although crediting his puck, Hackett was particular olid during a two-minute 5 -on-3 penalty kill late in the
first period with Plymouth up
${ }_{\mathrm{Mc}} \mathrm{Mc}^{-0}$ Culey McCauley got the Whalers
on the board at $8: 22$, beaton the board at 8:22, beatMaxwell (22 saves) with a wrist shot. He converted a pass
from forward Tyler G. Brown rom forward Tyler G. Brown
to finish a hard-driving line rush, started by left wing Josh
Brittain. rush, star
Brittain.
The Whalers added to their
lead with McCauley's second goal, a power-play marker at 11:47. He walked out of the left
corner and flipped a shot into corner and flipped a shot into
the goalmouth, which banked the goalmout Assisting on the goal were
defensemen Austin Farmington Hills) and Jenks (1 goal, 2 assists).
would lead the team to its 12 th would lead the team to its 12th
straight victory.
Once fans muscled their way Once fans muscled their way
through the crowded gates, through the crowded gates,
they had to squeeze into whatever bleacher space they could
find.
Media members stood on Media members stood on
top of the press boo and fans of top of the press box and ans of
both teams ringed the outside
of the Turf fied because they couldn't find seats. With fans of the teams on
opposite sides of the field, it opposite sides of the field, it
was ansy to tell whether the Shamrocks or Chiefs were on
the move or holding on for the move o
dear life.

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$$ were so quiet it was as if a

community mute button was conshed.
They let loose a huge roar, or maybe a sigh of relief, once the
game finally ended. game finally ended.
It's too bad it did, beca the D1 championship game
Nov. 28 at Ford Field might Nov. 28 at Ford Field might
not be as compelling or comnetitive as the 48 -minutes-plus. of great action Saturday.

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mail, tsmith

A Plymouth penalty early in
the middle stanza wiped out the middle stanza wiped out
an apparent goal by winger
yyan Hayes, but McCauley got Ryan Hayes, but McCauley got
it back with his 14th of the seait back with his 14th of the
son at 8:34 to make it 3-0.
Perched to the left of Perched to the eft of
Maxwell, he ripped home then rebound of a Hayes shot high
into the cage for the natural into the cage for the natural
hat trick. The Rangers (15-4-1-2) broke Hackett's shutout at
17:44 of the frame when defen17:44 of the frame when defen aman John Moore blasted fivo-hole during a two-man
dvantage. advantage.
But the Whalers restored their three-goal lead with just six seconds left when McCauley's shot was stopped
by Maxwell, only for winger Joe Gaynor to bang it home. Defenseman AJ Jenks fin-
ished the scoring with a beauished the scoring with a beaua minute into the third. The blueliner skated down Maxwell turned aside. But Jenks followed his shot for the rebound goal. Clarkston's Josh Bemis started the play. road for three games this week road for three games this week-
end, starting Friday at Ottawa.

## Madonna women fall

| teen different play- | ibuted |
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| ed Tuesday night as | ints and nine rebo |
| NCAA Division III quar- | MU, unable to cover from |
| finalis | a $50-27$ halftime deficit, got |
| Michigan Intercollegiat | a game-high 21 points fro |
| Athletic Associat | Tabatha Wyd |
| pion Hope College | Kim Olech (Plym |
| opened its season with | contributed 12 points |
| 70 non-conference win | rebounds. Shantelle H |
| Madonna University (2-1). Carrie Snikkers led the | chipped in with 11 points. The Crusaders shot just |
| Flying Dutch |  |
| were 28-2 a year ago, with |  |
| points. Erika Bruinsma | cent) and committed a total |
| added 11, while Phila | of 33 |

Celebrating Saturday after winning the 2nd Grade Division of the Michigan Youth Flag Football League State Championships are the Canton Bills. The entire team is comprised of players from Workman Elementary School in Canton. The team includes the following: (frront row, from left) LLike Nader,
Connior Fox, Donovan Hais, Caden Musa, Nathan Janke, Marko Aki Fletcher Connor Fox, Donovan Haiss, Caden Mus, Nathan Janke, Marko A Ai, FFetche
Cumingo and Adam Janack; (back row, from left) Coach Walt, Coach Scott, Cummings and Adam Janack; (back row, from left) Coach Walt, Coach Scott,
Coach Rob and Coach Todd. Not pictured are Cian McGill and Coach Darin.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Give 'Pickleball' a try

 Plymouth and Canton residents are welsport teing offered by unique recreational nd Recreation - pickleball The sport combines ping pong and bad-minton, with a hard paddle used to send minton, with a hard paddle used to send sions are held at the Northville Recreatio Center based out of Hillside Middle Beginne p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays $\$ \$ 2$ per person) and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesdays and Thursdays ( $\$ 2$. Three courts are Intermediate to advanced play is 12
non noon to 3 p.m. Wedn
p.m. Saturdays ( $\$ 4$ ). Paddles and pickleballs are provided at the center. Call (248) 349-0203 for more
information.

## Plymouth YMCA eyes grant

 Liberty Mutual will soon donate a$\$ 2,500$ Responsible Community Grant to

20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right ing their commitment to doing the righ The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping "The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on
what it means to be a responsible coach what it means to be a responsible coach
and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice presideparent of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond
that, Liberty Mutual is making a signifithat, Liberty Mutual is making a signifi-
cant financial contribution to support cant financial contribution to support
he efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA." The ongoing, community-based program offers meaningful, easy-to-use edu-
cational resources for youth sports par-ents and coaches, including access to on-the-field game and practice preparation
tools as well as self-pacec online courses tools as well as self-paced online courses cs addressing youth sports issues. The Responsible Sports program,
including community grants, comes at
crucial time for communities where youth programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, lim-
ited volunteer activity and mounting pro ram-administration costs. Through the resources provided by the
rants, it is hoped that "our organizations grants, it is hoped that "our organization
hrive even under challenging circumtances."
For more information, contact the
YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or go to www esponsiblesports.com.
Time to register for YMCA
The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering plenty of leagues and instructional classes his fall and winter, as detailed below: There is something for everyone this is ongoing for Girls Volleyball Clinics (for ages 8-10 and 10-12), Basketball Clinics
(for ages $6-7$ and 8 ). for ages $6-7$ and $8-9$ ), Sports Sampler
Class (for ages $3-5$ ) and Little Dragons Martial Arts (for ages 4-7).
For more informet For more information on YMCA leagues and programs, check out www.ymcade-
troit.org or call the office at $734-453-290$



## Strictly Business



Sisters Sondra Hathaway and Ronda Miller own Second Time Around, a women's consignment clothing store on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

## Consignment store keeps women in style

Observer: Tell us about your
business, including the types of business, including the types of
services and/or products you feature. Second Time: We are a offering consigns that are sently used and often are new with tags. All items are current and in style. We do offer som
vintage clothing. Our sizes range from 0-18. We also have a great selection of purses
(Coach, Dooney $\&$ Bourke (Coach, Dooney \& Bourke,
Fendi, Vera Bradley to name just a few!) Other items for sale at great deals are shoes, jewerry, scarves, gloves, and are current and in style! Observer: How did you first decide to open your business? bought the house we have the store in several years ago. Her intention was to have a home
and also a business that we and run to help offset the mortgage. We tossed around several ideas for businesses.
One day my sister Sondra One day my sister, Sondra,
came in and said why don't we open a consignment store for women's clothing. It was
a great idea, especially in a great idea, especialy in
the economy we're in right now. Women are trying to
be frugal, but they still want be frugal, but they still want
to look good! We started to look good. We started
working on the house right
away to transform it into a away to transform it into a
consignment boutique. We consignment boutique. We
loved that it was an older loved that it was an olce
house just a block from downtown Plymouth. We think the building really lent itself to what we were trying
to accomplish. We wanted our customers to come in and have an experience from the
ambiance of the store to the

SECOND TIME AROUND - Business name and address: Second Time Around Women's Arber Trail, Plymouth - Your name and titte: Sondra Hathaway, David \& Ronda Miller, Yours//operators - Business opened when: June d when: June - Your Business specialty:We specialize in gently used. often new with tags womens clothing, shoes, purses and jewelery that re current and in style. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed Sundays (Consigments are accepted Tuesday-Saturday
no appointment necessary no appointment necessary) 9133: a Web site is coming soon
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I were drive through Plymouth looking for houses that could also be used as businesses. We drove by this house and called the realtor and asked to see
inside. It was exactly what we were looking for. We love how Plymouth is like a step back in time with it's downtown
square, old movie theater and squat little shop Observer: What makes your business unique?
Second Time:
is uniqua Time: Our business is unique because we've taken
an old house and converted
to a great shop. Our custom love the feeling, when they
come in. There's a homey come in. Theres a homey
feeling and it's relaxing to come in, forget the stress of the
day and shop. day and shop. Observer: How has it changed since you opened? Second Time: We've learned
alot since we opened $2^{1 / k}$ years alot since we opened $2{ }^{1 / 2}$ years
ago. We've seen what works ago. We've seen what works
and what doesn't. We listen to what our customers say and
take our lead from them. We take our lead from them. We
like to think we learn from like to think we learn from
what we do and move on. We've done alot to to the building
since we've openied. For since we've opened. For
example, we've added all new lighting, added a computer software system and we have a website coming soon! Our
future goal for next spring/ future goal for next sprine summer is to repaint the
outside of the house.
Observer: How has the eco Observer: How has the economy
affected your husiness? affected your business?
Second Time: We started our business when it's was jus heading into a bad economy. So we don't know what it will
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im people are really into recycling
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realize hey realize hey why spend aloot of
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shop consignment, get a good shop consignment, get a goo something more memorable
like a vacation Observer: What is in store for the future of your business? Second Time: We hope
God continues to bless our God continues to bless our
business! We will strive to keep our customers our \#1 priority as well as provide te tax planning
question is, will you need this money in five to seven years? If you can invest the money for at
least this time, the next question is, do you have the money oo pay the additional tax without touching any of the money
that you are converting? If the answer is yes, I believe a Rot conversion makes sense. My advice when it comes to
tax planning is to always be certain you do not let the tax tail wag the dog. You do not want to do something for tax
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you decide must make good economic sense. The goal is not
to lower your taxes, but rather to lower your taxes, but rather
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Good luck! Good luck!
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www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

## Economic breakfast The December 2009 Good Morning Plymout Community Breakfast will again take a glimpse into ou economic future. The event will feature local experts who feature loca experts who work directly in fields critical to our economy. This year we have also added to the line up of speakers State Representative Marc Corriveaut to discuss the impact of decreasing state tax revenues on the Michiga economy. Speakers include: -Government: Representat Corriveau <br> $\bullet$ Financial Institutions: Bill Lawton, Community Financial Lawton, Commmunity Financia - Real Estate: Jeff Glover, Keller Williams Realty, Jeff Glover \& Associates

 - Investment/Stocks: Steve Alexandrowski, GEM AssetManagement, LLC - Auto: To be announced These breakfasts normally draw $50-80$ people and pro-
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please call (734) $453-1540$ or e-mail teri@ plymouth-
mich.org. The cost is $\$ 12.00$ nd can be paid in advance. 48 hours prior to the event, 8 hours prior to the event,
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Redford couple, church cook Thanksgiving dinner for all

never really my favorite holiday, but now that
my husband and $I$ do this it is our favorite holimy husband and I do this it is our favor."
day. It's so nice th help out other people."
Karen initialy Karen initially cooked and cleanedle. for an
elderly couple, bringing them special dinners elderly couple, bringing them special dinners
at the holidays. Her husband suggested they at the holidays. Her husband suggested they expand their efforts and cook a holiday meal
for the community. They knew of other elderly
couples, people who couldn't couples, people who couldn't cook for them-
selves and those who were home alone without
any family.
They enlisted the help of other parishioners They enlisted the help of other parishioner
and served about 50 guests that first year. and served about 50 guests that first year.
Participation has since ranged betwen $150-$ 250 guests. Any leftovers are passed along to another church feeding program.
"The guests all have different situations," "The guests all have different situations,"
Karen said. "ne group came in - there were Karen said. "One group came in - there were
10 of them - that had a death in the family and
were coing to a funeral home and couldn't cook were going to a funeral home and couldn't co
Thanksgiving dinner. So they stopped in. Thanksgiving dinner. So they stopped in.
"They all have different situations. Theyre Thet always people who ore e lone or are hand capped or are financially strapped. Some
people have a sudden crisis. I never know how people have a sudden crisis. I never know how
many people rlll have from year to year."
She hopes fears over the Swine Flu doesn't many people Yll have from year to year dosn't
She hopes fears over the wine Flu doent
discourage people from attending the dinner discourage people from attending the dinner
this year. Shell have hand sanitizers placed this year. She'll have hand sanitizers placed
throughout the dining area and volunteers will throughout the dining area and They'll serve the
be stationed at each food dish. guests, cutting down on the number of people
who handle utensils. Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 2 $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on Nov. 26 at the church family center,
located at Six Mile and Beech Daly. To make a leservation, call (313) $534-9000$ on or before Monday, Nov. 23.

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## MOV. 1

 St. Michael the Archangel Parishwill host a
 an afternoon of Advent reflections
.ed by the Rev. Alex Kratz, O.F..., of the Archdiocesese of Detroit's Mobile Evangelization Team, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, in the school
gymasium, 11441 Hubbard, south of
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pare for the coming of the Christ pare for the coming of the Christ
child through Fr. Kratz's insights into the people, culture, and city of Jesus' birth. Fr. Kratz, AFranciscan
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asisit church youth in attending their statewide retreat and defray mate-
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Redford, will have a special service of Thanksgiving a t 10 a.m. Nov. 26 . The sermon theme will be: "It it the bread the Lord has given you to eat." For more information, call
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## 'American Idol' runner-up joins orchestra for Christmas favorites

BY LNDD ANN CHOMIN
CONRRBUTNG WRITER Dave Siefkes can't wait for the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's concert featuring special guest David Archuleta
at Hill Auditorium. Not only is the American Idol runner-up singing music from his latest recording, but for the first
time performs Have Yourself time performs Have Yourself
$a$ Merry Little Christmas to arrangements for orchestra
Archuleta is currently Archuleta is currently
on tour with his Christmas on tour with his Christmas
from the Heart CD released in mid-October. In addition
to selections such as Joy to to selections such as Joy to
the World and Silent Night and Ave Maria, Archuleta sings his original Melodies
of Christmas. The orchest of Christmas. The orchestra
rounds out the program with rounds out the program with
selections from the Nutcracker Suite es well as Sleigh Ride. "This is the first concert hes ever done with sym-
phony orchestra," said Siefkes orchestra marketing director and a former Livonia resident.
"This is the premier of these This is the premiere of these
arrangements even for his arrangements even for his
biggest hit Crush (the first single from his debut album) and a couple we're keeping
as a surprise. He has such a
great voice. We'l have our 76 great voice. We'll have our 76 piece orchestra on the stage
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way for the orchestra to draw


American Idol David Archuleta will perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony.
young people to concerts. As
part of their educational out reach Ann Arbor Symphony members regularly present
programs that introduce students to classical music at schools in Farmington Hill Livonia, Northville, Novi,
West Bloomfield, Canton, an Plymouth.
YOUNG PERFORMER Archuleta appeals to the
ung-at-heart. He was only years old when he won th Utah Talent Competition's
vision for children and the wo years later became the unior Vocal Champion on Stor Search 2 . When he auditioned or American Idol Archuleta to compete at just 16 years old His Honduran-born mother exposed Archuleta early to
he Latin music. She and her sisters sang at events while his
father played recordings of a variety of music styles includ
ing the jazz he performed ing the jazz he performed.
"Were trying to do some-
. thingto extend our reach a thing to extend our reach a
little," said Siefkes. "The folks at
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CONRBUUINGWRITER
Anyone who enjoys opera
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Isbel Bayrakdarian at the Ford Community \&Performing Arts recently returned fiom Flirencece Bayrakdarian is an award-win-
ning singer havingwon first prize in the 200o Operalia competition
founded by Placido Domino tele ndary tenor Since thenshos thelen home Jour Juno awards. Shewon
thenetropolitan Opera National Elizabeth II Golden Jhiblee Medal in 2005, Virginia Parker Prize fiom
the Canada Council for the Arts, and George London Fooundation. recordings to her creditinclud-
ing the Grammy Award winning soundtrack for theefilm The Lord of
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Bornin Lebanon, Bayrakdarian isofArmenian heritage, so when approacheabyy the board atst. Sark
Armenian Apostolic Cuurchin
Dearborn sheimmediatel ssid yes to helpingthem raise finds for the
church. Bayrakdarian's firstexperience as avocalist was at church. No
acitizen of Canada, Bayrakdarian says the church and her family
remain the focus of her life. fine eclassirial musictocomemetothe concert", said Michael Hagopian,
chairman of the church's board of trustees and aNorthyill resident.
"Oneof the parishioners is related to Isabel and asked meifthe church
wouldbeinterested Weimmedita jumped at theopportunity" happytobe partof of the comminittee "Thinink this is a wonderful opportunity forpeopple of the areato torar
someone from the New York Met,
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Detroit Artist Market
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Contact: (313) $832-8540$ or visit www.detroi-
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Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. $10: 30$ p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall
Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays
Location: 350 Madison Ave Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, fre Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Leegends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thurscdays; 8 p.m. $\& 10: 30$ p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
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Kirchen Honky-Tonk Holiday, Thursday, Dec. 10 Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org Detroit Institute of Arts Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and $8: 30$
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stuffing your thawed turkey with fresh citrus stuffing your thawed turkey with fresh citrus
fruits, brushing on a glaze, and making a few no-stress side dishes to perfectly complement Yhe meal. You'll went to start with a fresh or fro-
een thawed turkey appropriately rinsed and zen thawed turkey, appropriately rinsed and
drained. Quarter a fresh orange or two and stuff into the carcass. Stir together about 3
tablespons fresh orange tabespo, 1 teaspoon garlic salt, 1 teaspoon fresh
or dried herbs of your choice, and a dash of pepaccording to package directions. The citrus flavor permeating your turke Cranberry Stuffing, as well as a Fruity Holida Salad that's ready in less than five minutes and sure to please. Add some baked yams, canned
cranberry sauce and fresh bakery rolls or bread for a meal to remember. Your stuffing can bake while the completely roasted turkey rests and is
carved. carved.
It doesn't take great culinary skills or a lot of effort to create a good holiday dinner. For more recipes and holiday tips, visit www.stuffingreci-
pes.com. pes.com.

Fruity Holiday Salad

1 medium head of fresh lettuce, chopped or 1 bag of pre-packaged
${ }^{\text {salad }} 1$ large
1 large, fresh carrot, shredded (optional if using bagged salad) 1 cup fresh, sliced celery
1 cup canned Mandarin Orange sicies, drained
$k$ cup purchased or prepared light vinaigrette salad dressing 2 cups salad croutons
Toss the vegetables, fruit and vinaigrette together until
well combined. Sprinkle with croutons and serve for the perfect blend of sweet and savory, crunchy salad.

Easy Sausage and Cranberry Stuffing Makes $10-12$ servings
1 cup dried cranberries
1cup diep apple junberie
1 2cup apple juice
1 pound uncooked breakfast or mild sausage
2 cups diced, fresh celery
1 cup diced, fresh onion
1 to $11 / 2$ cups chopped pecans (optional)
1 to 1 I' cups chopped pe
$3 / 1$ cup chicken broth
1 10-ounce package herb seasoned cube stuffing

Place dried cranberries, apple juice and $1 / 2$ cup chicken
broth into small glass bowl; microwave uncovered on high broth into small glass bowl; microwave uncovered on high
for 2 minutes. Stir, and place to the side (allowing liquid to for 2 minutes. btir, and place to Preheat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. In large, nonstick pot, brown
sliced or chopped sausage, breaking up and stirring fresiceen or choppero sausage, breaking up and stirring fre-
quently until browned. Reduce heat to low, add vegetable and sauté until somewhat tender (about 3 -4 minutes). Add chopped pecans if desired, soaked cranberries (including
liquid), and ${ }^{3}+$ cup of chicken broth; stir and remove from
heat heat.
Fold in entire contents of stuffing mix until well com-
bined, and spoon mixture into a 9 - by 11-inch beking


Fruity Holiday Salad


A sausage and cranberry stuffing, makes a erfect side to citrus-glazed turkey
dish that has been prepared with cooking oil spray. Cover baking dish with foil Remove foil, return to oven, and bake fo. Remove foil, return to oven, and bake
an additional 10 minutes uncovered. Remove from the oven, cool slightly while slicing turkey or other poultry to
serve with the meal, and garnish before presentation with $1 / 2$ cup pecan halves, if desired.
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Let guests help decorate holiday cupcakes

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# Habitat homes: Hand up, not a handout 

BY JULIE BROWN
O\&E STAFF WRITER Angela Landon's pretty excited
about moving into a Habitat for Humanity home in November. "Oh, my gosh, a lot," she said when
asked of the Taylor home's meanasked of the Taylor home's mean-
ing to her family, which includes ing to her family, which includes
two children ages 7 and 10 . She wants a stable place for her kids to
grow up, and Habitat for Humanity orow up, and Habitat for Humanity of Western
through.
"I
"I never would have had a chance
to own a house any other way" said to own a house any other way", said
Landon, who had lived for about five months in Westland's shelter. "Things happent o everybory,", said
Landon, whod had a good job. She Landon, who'd had a good job. She
got sick: "I ended up in a shelter. It was a really eye-opening experience.," The shelter staff and volunteers we
a big help to Landon, who is disa big hel
abled.
"There are people who have a lot more need even than me," she said. "T'm so lucky to have found Habitat.
She"ll get the keys to her home at She'll get the keys to her home at
6665 Buck in Taylor the morning of Monday, Nov. 23. Alice Dent, execu-
tive director of the Habitat affiliate tive director of the Habitat affiliate,
based in Plymouth, is so encouraged
when she hears stories like Landon's. "I'm just thrilled we are providing housing for the homeless," said D noting some people don"t realize
Habitat does that. "We were able to find creative ways to get her sweat equity hours completed."
All new Habitat homeowners must complete so many hours of "sweat equity" work on their own or other houses. The Buck home in Taylor has
UPS and JP Properties as sponsors, UPS and JP Properties as sponsors,
and was a rehab construction. II'ts a busy time of year for the
Habitat affiliate with dedicaHabitat affiliate with dedica-
tions also in Inkster Wayne and tions also in Inkster, Wayne and
Westland. At all dedications, the keys are turned over to the new ho eowners. For the Taylor site, there
was a UPS grant, and Dent worked was a UPS grant, and Dent worked
with the city of Taylor's Taylor Cares program in a partnership, with JP Properties giving the money for the
house. Dent praises all the officials she worked with in the communities. "That's our first build in Wayne," sh
said of the Thrivent Financial for Sutherans build at 35430 Glover in Wayne. Tiana Beavers and her family are the partner family for that new
construction, dedicated Nov. 2 . construction, dedicated Nox. 2 . Vincent came via Neighborhood Stabilization funds, with public Westland. The Inkster property at 26120 Dunning was bought from a private individual. Oct. 29 was dedication day for the
26120 Dunning in Inkster build by


Delta Air Lines. Northwest Airlines hes done home builds with Habitat
locally in the past, locally in the past, Dent said, and
this most recent one marked the merger with Delta. The Delta 6 build included six
Habitat affiliates in states Habitat affiliates in states across the all states' Habitat homes. "So that was a signififcant build for
everyone this year", Dent said. The everyone this year," Dent said. The
Chantel Dixon family, coming from Chantel Dixon family, coming from
Taylor to live in the home, did sweat equity work at other sites as well. "This was a Blitz Build", Dent said "This house was built in one month,
Today, Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4 p. is the dedication for the Apostle
Churches build at 37241 Vincete Churcheses build at or the the Apostle
Wincent Westland.
Kanette The partner family for the Westland rehab construction.
"We're excited to be busy," Dent
said of transitioning four families said of transitioning four families
into good housing through the Christian ministry. She was excited to give Landon two gallons of brigh
pink paint for her daughter's room. "This is one of the most memorable builds. This is just giving her
so much hope." so much hope."
Other Habitat built or Dunning in Inkster and there's one lot left with sponsors being sought. It's next to the Delta


The Dunning home in Inkster partner
children and their grandmother). "We're really looking for someone
to do that so we can complete that
project," Dent said. project," Dent said.
Alice Dent of Habitat for Humanity of

Western Wayne County can be reached at
adenthfhww adenthfhwwc@aol.com or ( $7344459-7744$.
The office address is 638 Starkweather. Plymouth, MI 48170 , the Web site habitat-

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