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Red Ryder

Visitors can celebrate the holidays with the Plymouth Historical Museum's new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story," which opened Wednesday.

The exhibit is based on the Christmas movie, A Christmas Story, as well as the original story by Jean Shepherd from which the movie is based. The museum will be filled with vignettes of scenes from the



The Plymouth Historical Museum's 'A Red Ryder Christmas Story' exhibit runs through Dec. 31.

movie, including the infamous leg lamp and Flick's tongue getting stuck to the lamp pole.

Since Red Ryder

BB guns were originally sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth, the story of Ralphie's quest for this particular BB gun is significant to Plymouth's history. The exhibit runs through Dec. 31.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8940 for more information.

Coney coming

A new American/Greek coney restaurant is planning to open in the empty bank building at the corner of Main and Penniman, which used to house the Plymouth Play Cafe, according to information provided by Plymouth Downtown Development officials.

George Stefanakis is one of four owners of the building, which will house the Greek Islands restaurant, targeted to open some time in April. He said the owners want to restore the building to its 1920s look, with new windows and restoration of the clock.

Music grant

The Michigan Philharmonic announced that it received a \$40,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for a multicultural Bollywood Music Festival to be performed at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit on May 19-20.

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Voters put four new faces on P-C board

By Brad Kadrich, Observer Staff Writer

Local Republicans took some heat for getting involved in the nonpartisan Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education election.

But if Tuesday's election results were any indication, Republicans apparently had a message that resonated.

Two of the four so-called "M&M" candidates — former board Presidents Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney — were among four new trustees elected to four-year terms Tuesday, along with Plymouth City Commissioner John

Complete election results, A5.

Barrett and political newcomer Sheila Paton, co-founder of the district's Legislative Action Network.

Those four supplanted three incumbents — current board President John Jackson and Trustees Steven Sneiderman and Nancy Eggenberger (the fourth incumbent, Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, opted not to seek re-election). The incumbents fell well behind the top four vote-getters.

"It's what I've been saying the last

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Board of Education winner Sheila Paton got a thumbs-up from her son, Jacob, and a smile from her husband, Brian, when results were announced Tuesday.



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Chloe Wiewiora and Emily Langdon practice folding the flag under the watchful eye of veteran Joe Girolamo.

Lessons for the young

Vet teaches flag etiquette to local Brownie troop

By Matt Jachman, Observer Staff Writer

HONORING VETERANS

People will gather in Plymouth for a brief ceremony to honor all U.S. military veterans.

The event begins at 11 a.m. Friday at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, which is at Church and Main streets, just outside Central Middle School.

The ceremony, sponsored by four local veterans organizations, will include remarks by veterans, a rifle salute, a performance of Taps on the bugle and singing by CMS students. Participants are then invited to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695, 1426 South Mill, for a luncheon of chili and hot dogs.

Brownie scouts in Plymouth got a bonus — several, in fact — with their lessons on flag etiquette one afternoon last week.

Joe Girolamo, a World War II veteran who teaches in Livonia, threw in a little history, some war stories and even a couple of training drills when he spoke to about 10 Brownies about the flag Nov. 3 at the Plymouth District Library. The scouts were from Brownie Troop 40027, based at Smith Elementary School.

Girolamo had the girls marching double time — actually a quick jog — around a



Girls are shown the proper way of folding the flag.

library conference room as they took turns carrying the flag in the correct manner, made sure their salutes were snappy and had them repeat the Pledge of Allegiance with greater enthusiasm.

"I want to hear the Pledge

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Mother sues district over alleged assault

By Brad Kadrich, Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth woman is suing Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and several of its employees after charging in Wayne County Circuit Court her 14-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted during at least three incidents at Discovery Middle School in March.

The suit claims the woman's daughter, who has Down syndrome and is part of a Mild Cognitively Impaired Program at the school, was assaulted by a male student in the same program.

The suit names the district along with Julie Woodhams, the district's director for special services; Joslyn Clark, the supervisor for secondary special services; and Discovery teacher Amy Carns, as well as Principal Roche LaVictor and Assistant Principal Terry Sawchuck.

District officials declined to comment, but released a written statement.

"As of noon on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has not been formally served with a lawsuit," the statement read. "We are aware of the situation, and have contacted our legal counsel. We are cognizant of state and federal laws that protect our students' rights. Accordingly, it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time."

According to the suit, filed by Royal Oak attorney Michael Dorfman, the boy admitted to at least three incidents:

According to the suit the boy, who is described in the suit as "much larger" than the girl, admitted to forcing the girl to have anal sex with him, though when asked if he "fully penetrated" her, the boy allegedly said, "Not all the way."

The suit claims the boy admitted to twice forcing the girl to

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# Wright tops field in commission race

By Brad Kadrich  
and Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writers

About the only suspense in Tuesday's Plymouth City Commission election was the order in which the four candidates seeking four seats would finish.

By about 9:30 p.m., Commissioner Mike Wright — and the other three candidates — had the answer.

Wright, the city's mayor pro tem, was the top finisher, snagging 846 votes to earn one of three four-year commission terms.

Incumbent Commissioner Ed Hingelberg, second with 787 votes, and Planning Commissioner Meg Dooley, third with 784 votes, won the other four-year terms. Newcomer Diane Bogenrieder was fourth with 733 votes and won a two-year term.

Dooley said she is honored to be joining the commission, though it is a



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Voters walk by candidates' volunteers at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Election Day.

turn in her life she hadn't expected until recently. "After getting involved in the Planning Commission, I liked being able to contribute, and I'm looking forward to serving," she said.

Dooley said she is "absolutely" joining a good commission team, but added that Commission-

ers Dave Workman and John Barrett, who decided not to seek re-election, "really will be missed." Barrett, a retired educator, won a four-year term on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

Dooley listed keeping on top of city expenses, in anticipation of decreas-



City Commission candidate Diane Bogenrieder takes up her position outside the Plymouth Cultural Center.

ing revenue, and working to increase available downtown parking as two of her commission priorities for 2012, but said the city has a good handle on both issues.

Tuesday's four winners will take the oath of office at a special commission meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at city hall. The new commission will be officially seated for its first meet-

ing Monday, Nov. 21.

Voter participation in Plymouth was about 30 percent for Tuesday's election, surprising Clerk Linda Langmesser, who had predicted participation of about half that. Some 2,140 Plymouth voters cast ballots in the race, out of just over 7,000 registered voters.

Langmesser said strong interest in the race for the Plymouth-Can-

## HOW THEY VOTED

Here's how the candidates fared in the Plymouth City Commission election:

Mike Wright	846
Ed Hingelberg	787
Meg Dooley	784
Diane Bogenrieder	733

ton Community Schools Board of Education must have drawn voters.

Hingelberg met a significant portion of them while standing outside the Plymouth Cultural Center most of election day, despite the fact he was virtually assured a spot on the commission.

"Why wouldn't I be out here? It's election day," he said. "I know a lot of people in Plymouth, but I don't know a lot of people, too, so hopefully I can meet them and invite them down to a meeting. If nothing else, I can say, 'Thank you for voting.'"

# Plymouth brightens up for the holidays

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The holiday season will be in full swing in Plymouth Friday with the beginning of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign and the official downtown tree-lighting ceremony.

The public is invited to Kellogg Park at 6 p.m. Friday to see officials throw the switch for the new LED lights installed in about 30 trees downtown, including in the park, in the Main Street boulevard between Ann

Arbor Trail and Penniman, and in front of participating businesses. The Salvation Army's brass band will perform, Panera Bread and the Community Financial Credit Union will provide refreshments, there will be gifts for the first 100 people attending, and FM radio station Magic 105.1 will be broadcasting.

Those who bring non-perishable food items for the local Salvation Army food pantry will be entered in a drawing for gift certificates from area businesses.

The event will also mark the kickoff of the local Red Kettle campaign, which has an overall goal of \$315,000, said Maj. Dan Hull of the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps.

"This community has a giving heart, and we've been blessed in the past," Hull said.

The goal is the same as last year's Hull said, even though need appears to be growing.

As of midday Tuesday, some 330 families in the Plymouth Corps service area had applied for Thanksgiving assistance,

versus a total of 285 families that received Thanksgiving assistance last year, Hull said.

Hull said the total number of families that will receive holiday assistance should reach 500, and will include some 1,300 children. "We're expecting some big numbers," he said.

But the Red Kettle campaign is about more than helping at the holidays, Hull said. "We're really depending on these funds to help set the tone for the coming year," he said.

Those who wish to help area families in need during the holidays, Hull said, can also

do so through the Adopt an Angel program, which supplies toys and clothes to children, and through donations to the Plymouth Corps' food pantry.

The new LED lights represent an effort by business owners to light up more trees downtown during the holidays, said Tony Bruscatto, the Downtown Development Authority operations director. Participating merchants came up with \$12,500 for the lights, the DDA matched that, and the LEDs were permanently installed, he said.

The hope is that more businesses will join the

effort next year and expand the program, he said.

The combination of the tree-lighting and the Red Kettle campaign kickoff is a natural, Bruscatto said, as downtown merchants have long been supportive of the Plymouth Corps.

"We just think it's a continuation of that great partnership," he said.

To volunteer as a bell-ringer for the Plymouth Corps' Red Kettle campaign, sign up via the website [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org), or call (734) 453-5464. Donations can be mailed to Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth MI 48170.

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# Hundreds pitch in to Make a Difference

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Scouts and soccer moms, church ladies (men, too) and club members and volunteers from a host of other organizations turned out Saturday to make a difference in the lives of the elderly and people with disabilities.

About 350 volunteers, working through the Plymouth Community United Way, did leaf-raking, shrub-trimming, general cleanup and other outdoor chores on Saturday at homes in Plymouth and Canton townships. It was the United Way's Make a Difference Day, an event that matches those in need with those who want to help.

"They did a wonderful job for me," said Joan Brady, who had a crew of volunteers at her home in Plymouth Township's Lake Pointe subdivision.

The workers raked and bagged leaves, Brady said, and trimmed bushes, work she finds difficult because of osteoporosis. "I appreciate what they do. They're wonderful," she said.

"It was a fabulous experience," said Marne Holdefer of Canton, who joined five others from Plymouth First United Methodist Church to clean up the yard at another home in Plymouth Township.

The homeowner couldn't have done the work on her own, Holdefer said, but came out to thank and chat with volunteers.

The recipient was



The Key Club from P-CEP raked a few leaves. Volunteers are: Yanisa Godard, Ariba Khan, Lindsay Davis, Abby Klemetson, Audrey Halim, Olivia Schaefer, Rachel Amodio, Oleseun Oladipo, Allison Fries, Amanda Kilgore and Josh Johnson.

"humbled and a little overwhelmed that six people would show up to do her yard work," Holdefer said, but had a positive attitude and was "extremely grateful."

"It was just a real special time," she said.

Saturday was Holdefer's first time as a Make a Difference Day volunteer, and marked her church's return to participating in the program after a hiatus of several years. Other church members, she said, volunteered as members of other groups, in addition to the six on her team.

"We will make this an ongoing project of the church," Holdefer said.

Mary Bartek of Plymouth Township was on a

team of Plymouth Democratic Club members; the group was sent to two different houses, also in Plymouth Township.

Volunteers gathered at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps before fanning out to their assignments, and Bartek said she saw many other volunteers there whom she knew from other organizations.

"It's a great experience," Bartek said. "We love doing it." The PDC is a regular participant in Make a Difference Day.

It's all about giving back, Bartek said. "That's just part of what I personally, and many people in our club, like."

According to Linda Chomin, a United Way

spokeswoman, 48 yards in the three communities were cleaned up in Saturday's effort. Participating groups included local Girl Scouts, church groups, the Plymouth High School hockey team and the Key Club (a branch of the Kiwanis for young people) at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Volunteers were treated to a continental breakfast supplied by Panera Bread, Einstein Bagels, Dunkin' Donuts and the Hiller's and Busch's supermarkets. They brought their own rakes and tools, and yard-waste bags were donated by Home Depot and Lowe's.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Thefts from cars

There were at least three thefts from vehicles in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge Road on the night of Nov. 2 or early the next day, and a wallet found at the scene of one incident links it to another on a nearby street.

A man reporting the theft of cash from his BMW, parked outside a house on Red Maple Court, told police he also found a wallet just outside his car with the identification of a man living on nearby Countrywood Drive, according to Plymouth Township Police Department reports. The BMW had been locked, the victim said, but police said there were no signs of forced entry.

That victim turned the wallet over to police, and the owner retrieved it, minus the cash inside, a report said.

In the Countrywood incident, police said, the wallet had been taken from a Toyota 4-Runner that had been left unlocked in the driveway of the victim's house.

In the third theft in the area, an iPod was reported stolen from a Ford Expedition as the vehicle sat in the driveway of a house on South Quail Run Drive, police said. The victim was uncertain if she had locked the Expedition, police said.

### Another larceny

An earlier larceny from a vehicle occurred late on Oct. 28 or early the next day in the driveway of a house on Burning Tree Lane.

A purse and its contents were reported stolen from a Chevrolet Tahoe. Police said a handle on a door had been damaged.

### Shoplifting arrest

A woman was arrested

on a shoplifting charge Sunday afternoon at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

A store employee told police she spotted the woman put several make-up items in her purse and walk past the cash registers without paying for the items.

The employee confronted the woman, escorted her to the store security office and called police, a police report said. The responding officer arrested her and gave her a citation with a mandatory court date.

Police recovered make-up supplies, earrings, bottles of fragrance and other items thought to have been stolen. Police also impounded the car, a Pontiac, the suspect told them she arrived in.

### Garage burglaries

Two garages in the same township neighborhood were burglarized on Oct. 25 or early the next day. Power tools were reported stolen from both of them.

One incident was at a house on River Oaks Drive, where the detached garage had been left unlocked, police said.

The other was at a house on Eastside Drive, where the side door of the detached garage had been left unlocked, police said. In that burglary, a motorcycle helmet was also reported stolen.

### Bike theft

A black mountain bicycle was reported stolen from the garage of a house on Eckles Road on Nov. 2. The victim told police the garage had been left open and the bike had been taken between 7:30 p.m. and shortly after 8 p.m. that day.

—By Matt Jachman

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## ELECTION

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three years ... people are fed up with the way the board has been operating," said Maloney, who served on the board from 1995-99, including a stint as president from 1998-99. "They aren't operating in a cohesive manner and they haven't focused on the important priorities of the district. To me it's a clear mandate (from voters) to change the way they operate."

Paton, an active parent whose LAN kept tabs on funding issues coming out of Lansing, roared to an easy victory, grabbing more than 7,000 votes. She was followed by Barrett, a Plymouth resident and 40-year educator, who finished with 5,877. Horvath and Maloney finished third and fourth, respectively.



Horvath Maloney

Eggenberger, in the top three as early returns came in, eventually slid to fifth, about 600 votes out of the running. Sneideman and Jackson finished eighth and ninth, respectively. Votes were cast in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, and Northville, Salem and Superior townships. Results weren't available from Superior Township at press time.

The four new board members join incumbents Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and Adrienne Davis at the table in January.

"I'm really pleased," Paton said. "I'm eager to



Sheila Paton and John Barrett finished as the top two vote-getters in Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election. The pair will take their seats in January.

get to work and continue to focus on the kids. This is going to be great. We're going to move forward in a positive direction."

Barrett, who gave up his seat on the Plymouth City Commission to run for the school board, said the results came at the end of what he called "a long journey." Like Paton,

Barrett said he's ready to get to work.

"First and foremost, we have to make sure Plymouth-Canton is offering the best possible education," Barrett said. "We need to motivate our students to achieve at as high a level as possible. We need to make sure we have the best curriculum

package, regardless of the budget."

Horvath said the focus needs to be on the district's priorities, including what he believes is a dire financial picture that's only going to get worse if the district doesn't attack it.

"I think the fact the incumbents lost shows people don't like the direction (of the board), said Horvath, who previously served on the board from 1994-98, including two years as president. "I think we have some big financial issues we've been hiding, and we have to get them out in the light of day and spend a lot of time with them. Without keeping the doors open and the lights on, it's going to be hard for the teachers to do what they do best."

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## HOW THEY VOTED

Here are the vote totals in the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Election (totals reflect votes in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Salem townships; results from Superior Township were not available at press time):

Sheila Paton	7,101
John Barrett	5,877
Mark Horvath	5,525
Mike Maloney	5,292
N. Eggenberger	4,693
Mike Andro	3,983
Matt Dame	3,850
John Jackson	3,457
Steven Sneideman	3,039
Abdul Muhiuddin	2,913
Stephanie Goecke	2,799
Michael Redman	1,386
John Nichols	1,103
A. Williams-Chehmani	939
Clifton Nealey	429

## SUIT

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touch his penis, once outside his clothing and once by forcing her hand inside his open zipper.

The suit claims the defendants, among other things, failed to properly supervise the boy and didn't administer a Functional Behavioral Assessment despite the fact the boy had been moved from Pioneer Middle School for similar behavior. The suit points out the district's Student Handbook "specifically prohibits harassment and is required to 'provide a physically and psychologically safe learning environment (where) harassment will not be tolerated.'"

Instead, the suit claims, the special education classroom at Discovery is "no more than a student warehouse where students repeatedly sexually assault other students while purportedly under the supervision of the teacher."

"Rather than instruct the students on sexual education and physical boundaries as required by state law," the suit alleges, "the defendants would rather show the students *Alvin and the*

*Chipmunks* films and have them eat popcorn."

The mother, whose name is being withheld to protect the daughter, declined comment, referring inquiries to Dorfman.

In a release, Dorfman chastised the district and its employees for allowing the incidents, and others like them, to happen.

"(The victim) is a sweet and vulnerable girl who, because of her cognitive impairments, was repeatedly targeted for sexual assault by another student," Dorfman said in a release Wednesday. "Had Plymouth-Canton Community Schools properly monitored these students and delivered them the services they needed, rather than warehousing them like cattle, these repeated sexual assaults would have never occurred."

Dorfman's release said the boy who allegedly assaulted the girl has been charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages on behalf of the mother. The case is pending before Judge Jeanne Stempien.

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# PCEP marchers fall just short of state crown

By Diane Hanson  
Correspondent

By a mere eight-tenths of a point, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band missed the Flight I top spot at Saturday's 32nd annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals at Ford Field.

After a stellar competition season, the 180 hometown marchers captured the Flight I second-place trophy with a score of 89.97 along with the caption for Best Music at the daylong high school marching band championships. Flight I first place went to Walled Lake Central with a score of 90.77.

"That was a fantastic performance," said David Armbruster, director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "That was the best one of the year. This band has progressed forward the entire year and there has never been a step back. They peaked at the right moment."

All three drum majors agreed with their director's assessment.

"I was really excited about our show," said Canton senior Grace Wine. "It was a spectacular run-through and I'm so proud of everyone in the band."

"This show was full of passion," noted Plymouth senior Ali Johnson.

Shelbie Torok, a Salem junior, added, "I think it was the best show we've had all season and there was the most energy put into this show today."

The show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon," was comprised of some eight-and-a-half minutes of intriguing music, incredibly fast-paced marching, creative choreography and colorful props — including vine-covered horns — depicting one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Saturday's performance at Ford Field was the final staging of this year's competition show for the hometown marchers. They have opted not to travel to Indianapolis this year for the Bands of America Grand National Championships.

Instead, the nationally acclaimed band (winner of three national championships) will be gearing up for their first-time appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

"We're very excited about Macy's and we have five rehearsals left," said Armbruster. He recommended band fans set their DVRs. Plymouth-Canton's performance during the nationally televised event will be a full minute and 15 seconds.

For Armbruster, this will be the pinnacle of an already incredible year.

"This has been a phenomenal group of students to work with this year," he said. "I couldn't ask for a better group. I am always amazed and impressed with the dedication that they have to the activity. The parents and staff have been unbelievably supportive and dedicated to the program. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful program."



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON  
Center drum major Grace Wine signals the judges her 180-member band is ready to begin their nearly 10-minute show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon," at the MCBA State Finals Saturday at Ford Field.



Loyal and enthusiastic band boosters cheer on the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band as they enter Ford Field Saturday for their award-winning State Finals performance.



Clarinetists Caili Johnson (from left), Gena Adler, Maddie Battishill, and Kevin Melcher add choreographed moves as part of the overall general effect of the P-CMB's dynamic state finals performance on Saturday.



Plymouth-Canton band director David Armbruster, also the vice president of the MCBA, had the honor of presenting his own drum majors, (from left), Shelbie Torok, Grace Wine and Ali Johnson, with the Flight I second-place trophy during the awards ceremony. The hometown marchers also captured the Flight I caption award for Best Music.



Percussionists Namratha Mallya, front, and Claire McManus are nestled amid props of greenery and flowers for the Plymouth-Canton State Finals performance of their show, "Ancient Gardens of Babylon," Saturday.



Color guard member Sarah Schmidt stretches to intercept her airborne flag at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals Saturday at Ford Field.

## State band finals: Marchers put on musical mastery display

By Diane Hanson  
Correspondent

Forty-eight of Michigan's top high school marching bands converged on Ford Field Saturday for a spectacular display of marching prowess and musical mastery that reverberated from the rafters at the 32nd Annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals.

The 12 highest scoring bands during the fall competition season in each of Flights I, II, III, and IV (flights are determined by the school's enrollment, not band size, with the largest schools in Flight I) qualified for the prestigious finals show.

Mack Pittard, in his 20th year as the executive director of the MCBA, took a few minutes out of his busy schedule on Saturday to talk about the nature of today's high school bands, and the daylong State Finals contest.

"A lot of people equate marching bands with the half-time shows they see at their local games which is one part of it," said Pittard. "But these people take it to a little higher level in terms of the design of the show, the thought put into it, and the demands placed on the kids. It's very challenging and it's very time consuming. It takes a lot of practice hours to do this and it takes a pretty competent staff that has the knowledge to design a good show and teach it to the students."

More than 5,000 teens comprised the finalist bands and some 18,000 to 20,000 spectators cheered them on. The competition began at 8:15 a.m. and wrapped up with the final awards in Flight IV presented at 10:30 p.m.

Here's a recap of the championship results:

### Flight I

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Walled Lake Central | 90.77 |
| 2. Plymouth-Canton     | 89.97 |
| 3. Rockford            | 87.59 |
| 4. West Bloomfield     | 86.99 |
| 5. Lake Orion          | 84.93 |
| 6. L'Anse Creuse       | 84.87 |
| 7. Troy Athens         | 83.27 |
| 8. Lakeland            | 81.07 |
| 9. Grand Blanc         | 79.97 |
| 10. Grandville         | 79.64 |
| 11. Novi               | 78.08 |
| 12. Clarkston          | 77.57 |

### Caption Awards:

- Best Music:** Plymouth-Canton  
**Best Marching:** Walled Lake Central  
**Best General Effect:** Walled Lake Central

### Flight II

- |                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Jenison             | 91.23 |
| 2. Reeths-Puffer       | 90.83 |
| 3. South Lyon          | 84.51 |
| 4. Farmington Harrison | 83.36 |
| 5. Southgate Anderson  | 82.66 |

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| 6. Flushing                     | 81.94 |
| 7. Carman-Ainsworth             | 78.65 |
| 8. Woodhaven                    | 76.77 |
| 9. Farmington                   | 75.07 |
| 10. Wyandotte Roosevelt         | 74.88 |
| 11. Lakeview (St. Clair Shores) | 73.55 |
| 12. Milford                     | 69.74 |

### Caption Awards:

- Best Music:** Reeths-Puffer  
**Best Marching:** Jenison  
**Best General Effect:** Jenison

### Flight III

- |                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ferndale                 | 86.34 |
| 2. Byron Center             | 85.51 |
| 3. DeWitt                   | 84.58 |
| 4. Stevensville Lakeshore   | 82.92 |
| 5. Northview (Grand Rapids) | 82.46 |
| 6. Redford Thurston         | 81.00 |
| 7. Cedar Springs            | 76.86 |
| 8. Linden                   | 75.59 |
| 9. Mt. Pleasant             | 74.28 |
| 10. Lamphere                | 73.53 |
| 11. Fruitport               | 73.36 |

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|----------------|-------|
| 12. Marysville | 71.78 |
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### Caption Awards:

- Best Music:** Ferndale  
**Best Marching:** Ferndale  
**Best General Effect:** Byron Center

### Flight IV

- |                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Godwin Heights               | 86.37 |
| 2. Newaygo                      | 84.79 |
| 3. Grant                        | 82.20 |
| 4. Parchment                    | 80.73 |
| 5. Belding                      | 78.97 |
| 6. Allegan                      | 76.21 |
| 7. Watervliet                   | 75.75 |
| 8. Durand                       | 75.22 |
| 9. Edwardsburg                  | 72.67 |
| 10. Brooklyn Columbia Central   | 70.78 |
| 11. Comstock Park               | 68.56 |
| 12. St. Clair Shores South Lake | 67.52 |

### Caption Awards:

- Best Music:** Godwin Heights  
**Best Marching:** Godwin Heights  
**Best General Effect:** Newaygo





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# FLAG

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of Allegiance this time!" said Girolamo, who reached the rank of sergeant during the war. Girolamo asked the girls to call him Major Joe; the rank, he said, is an honorary one.

Using several flags as props, he went over scenarios about how the should be displayed, with the general rule that, in a staging featuring more than one flag, no other flag should be placed more prominently than the current U.S. flag, even state flags and older, out-of-date U.S. flags. "Every other flag is second," Girolamo said. The girls, all third-graders, also got lessons in folding the flag into the proper triangular shape.

A lighter moment came when Girolamo asked how the girls might use the flag if they became stranded on a boat, in the middle of a river, that had run out of fuel. One scout suggested it could be



Olivia Buzzelli learns the proper way to post the colors.

used as a paddle. "That's one way, but now you want some help. You want help," he said before explaining that flag could be displayed upside-down as a signal of distress. "Outside of that, you can paddle away if you have a paddle," he added.

Girolamo, 90, teaches in the combined Reserve

Officers Training Corps program for Livonia's Stevenson and Churchill high schools; he said this school year would be his last. He got his own ROTC training at Northwestern High School in Detroit before joining the Army in the fall of 1942; he served in North Africa and Europe on an Army construction unit.

"We built airfields. We built roads. Whatever they want," he told the scouts. Girolamo himself operated a bulldozer and a grader, and was also camp bugler. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

He spoke of crossing the Atlantic to North Africa in a troop transport ship along with hundreds of his fellow soldiers. There wasn't any dining room for them, he said.

"You got your food, and wherever you could find a place to sit, you sat," he said.

The girls seemed to take to the flag lessons as well as the marching drills. "They like that running," Girolamo said afterward.

"It's cool learning all the facts," said one scout, Jane Cislo of Plymouth.

Girolamo is the great-uncle of one of the Brownie scouts, Olivia Buzzelli of Plymouth Township. The flag etiquette lessons will help the scouts earn a "triad badge," called Wave the Flag, to display on their Brownie vests, said Julie Langdon, the troop leader.

Girolamo said he planned to mark Veterans Day, which is Friday, by participating in a



'Major Joe' Girolamo knows flag etiquette.



Joe Girolamo knows flag history, too.

program in Farmington Hills, and then by taking in a free movie at a local theater that state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-West-

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# Plymouth chamber's auction a 1970s flashback

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Business mainstream met 1970s counterculture Friday when about 450 people gathered for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 22nd annual dinner and auction.

The fundraiser at Laurel Manor in Livonia, billed as the Groovy '70s Funky Disco Ball, brought chamber members dressed as hippies, flower children, disco devotees and other characters of the era. There was a disco set on the stage, retired radio disc jockey Dick Purtan was the master of ceremonies, and the playlist was weighted heavily toward 1970s tunes.

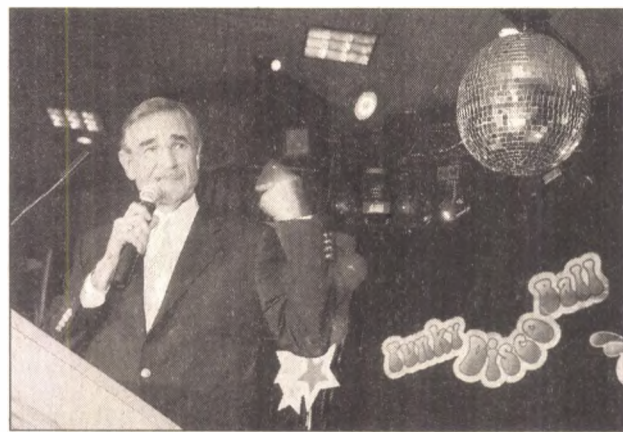
"We had a cross-section," said Wes Graff, the chamber's executive director, of attendees who wore costumes Friday. "Some folks had to cut and buy chest hair for the event," he joked.

Graff himself dressed as a '70-style dude, with a loud sport jacket and a puffy cap. "It was pretty inexpensive at the church rummage sale," Graff said of his costume.

Auction items included a poster-sized photograph of Major League Baseball's world champion 1968 Detroit Tigers, autographed by team members; a refurbished Schwinn Stingray bicycle, in keeping with the 1970s theme; and dinner for 10, at the buyer's house, cooked up by the Over the Grill Gang, a group of men who meet regularly at Compari's, a restaurant in downtown Plymouth, to practice their chef skills.

The latter item was so popular in the bidding, earning \$1,900, Graff said, that the Gang agreed to do another dinner for a second buyer at the same price.

Receipts hadn't been



Retired radio personality Dick Purtan emceed the auction.



Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, and Lucia Morrison were among the 450 guests at Friday's dinner/auction.



Jill Breen Engel and Frank Engel enjoyed the festivities. Jill is the executive director of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities in Canton.

totalled Monday, but auction organizers said that with greater attendance, more sponsors and better auction results, this year's proceeds should go a long way toward helping the chamber's mission.

Event co-chairwoman Linda Siegrist of the accounting firm Siegrist

& Siegrist in Plymouth, credited Graff's salesmanship for the increase in the number of sponsors.

"They're getting their name out there," she said of sponsors. "They feel like they're doing something for their community."

She also credited volunteers, from sponsoring businesses and local organizations, for helping stage the event. Some 40 to 50 volunteers worked the day of the event, Siegrist said, and setup was especially challenging, as organizers couldn't get into Laurel Manor until Friday morning.

"When the whole thing is put together it is magical," she said.

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Hippies Marty Kerstens and Liz Kelley Kerstens enjoy the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction.

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# Paddling down the Rouge wasn't easy but definitely encouraging

**W**ell, we did it. It took us pretty much most of the daylight hours over a three-day period, but we were able to canoe the Rouge River from Canton all the way to Dearborn — a journey of about 22 river miles. Of course, along the way we had to duck under, climb over, or trudge around well over a hundred logjams of varying size. But we did it.

And I'm happy to report that nobody in our group of about a dozen foolhardy souls died or was seriously injured during our exploratory venture.

The group — which included myself, members of Friends of the Rouge, and some officials from Wayne County, Canton Township and the city of Wayne — shoved off on a Friday morning at Beck Road in the western portion of Canton. On Sunday evening, just as the sun was setting in the west, we pulled up near Fairlane, Henry Ford's historic estate in Dearborn. Ford's estate, located on the campus of U-of-M Dearborn, sits majestically on the main branch of the Rouge River, near



Livonia's Bill Craig paddles his canoe along the Lower Rouge River.

its confluence with the Lower Rouge River, which is the branch we floated on. Our trip took us through most of Canton, Wayne, a portion of Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and finally Dearborn.

Day one was perhaps the most grueling. The river is smaller in western Canton, and it winds quite a bit. As a result, it is just littered with fallen timber that has created dozens and dozens of logjams. That meant us finding any means necessary to get past each one — many had to be portaged around. By the end of the day, we had only

made it to Lilley Road.

Day two began at Lilley and we made our way east, traveling under I-275 and towards Hannan Road and into Wayne. There weren't as many logjams as the previous day. By the end of the day, we had reached Wayne Road, where we pulled out at Goudy Park — the site of a dam, which was appropriate because this dam (under Wayne Road) was the reason for our trip in the first place.

After years of efforts to find the money for the project, it was recently announced that the National Oceanic and



Believe it or not the Rouge River and the natural corridor along it supports lots of wildlife. Here is a giant snapping turtle living in Dearborn.

Atmospheric Administration and the Great Lake Restoration Initiative would provide grant money to remove the dam, most likely in 2012.

Friends of the Rouge, a group with a long history of trying to save the Rouge, saw the dam removal project as a way to also promote the recreational opportunities of the river, especially fishing and canoeing. That's when the idea for our trip was hatched.

Day three was by far the most rewarding. Because of the work volunteers have been doing over the last decade or so, most of the river is open through the city of Wayne, east of Wayne Road. We actually got to paddle continuously for very long stretches, making it to Inkster Road by lunch. We paddled into Dearborn Heights. At Telegraph Road, we had a debate. It was about 4:30 p.m. The plan had been to take out there, and finish the trip on a fourth day. Some of us wanted to complete the journey that day though — Fairlane



Sue Thompson and Bill Craig canoe in Canton Township.



Sally Petrella, Bill Craig and Kurt Kuban got out of the canoes to check out the man-made wetlands in Inkster, which is home to more frog and toad species than anywhere in the Rouge River watershed, according to Petrella.

was only a couple miles away. We took a vote, and we decided to finish the trip that day. It was a great decision, because as we pulled up at Henry Ford's elegant home next to a large waterfall he built on the river, there was a perfect sunset. It was an appropriate end of our journey.

This was all about letting the public know of the potential of the Rouge River — and its recreational possibilities. I can say without any hesitation, this long forgotten and ill-treated river is on its way back. It could be a great resource and add to the quality of life of our area, especially in the communities it passes through.

The Rouge River is never going to be the AuSable or the Manistee, two of the most beau-

tiful and popular rivers in the state. Or even the Huron for that matter. The Rouge River watershed is home to more than a million people. And that many people cause lots of problems for a river like the Rouge — storm water runoff, garbage, and even dumping of raw sewage. But the Lower Rouge could be a real nice canoe route, especially from Canton to Inkster Road. It is something that Canton, Wayne, Westland and Inkster should really try to promote, not to mention Wayne County, which owns most of the land along the river.

**Kurt Kuban** is an editor with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies. He welcomes your feedback at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com).

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# Candidates' cocky putdowns ignore social, economic realities

Most of the presidential candidates appear to be hopelessly out of touch with the way a sizeable number of their fellow citizens live.

That's not an original observation, and it's likely to be repeated, in private and in public, thousands of times before the election a year from now either gives us a new president or gives the current one another term.

In a time when the income gap between the rich in the U.S. and most of the rest of us is as wide as it's ever been — the widest in the developed world, by some accounts — the statement isn't a surprising one, either. One has to be quite well off, if not fabulously wealthy, even to mount a half-credible presidential campaign, and we need look no further than today's headlines to see how

money buys political influence. But the point was brought home, again, for me personally in Plymouth a few weeks ago, when I spoke with Starkweather Education Center students for a news feature about their work to spruce up a park across the street from their school in the Old Village neighborhood.

These are students who are making the most of second chances, and their determination to work hard and overcome obstacles in their young lives to get through the alternative high school demonstrates they're setting their goals higher than Starkweather. I greatly admire them.

One young man told me he puts in 47 hours a week at a local Hungry Howie's in addition to attending Starkweather five days a week. Add homework and that sounds like two full-time jobs or more — and it sounds like too much for anyone, let alone someone who may not even be old enough to vote.

Another student, with a baby

to care for when she's not in school or at work, had worked until 4 a.m., then had come to school a few hours later. She appeared to be motivated, and a teacher told me she admired the student's drive and smarts.

Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidates are in a contest to see who can take the toughest stance, the harshest line, who can best boost his or her standing by pushing down on people thought to be at the margins, from Mitt Romney's "corporations-are-people-too" remark to Herman Cain's broad-brush admonishment that the unemployed should blame themselves for their predicament.

And their "debate" audiences so far — which represent, I submit, an extremely narrow segment of public opinion — are rewarding this behavior, with some of them sometimes cheering on such mean-spiritedness.

What would those candidates say to the student I spoke with if his restaurant clos-

es and he finds himself unemployed, or if time pressures force him to drop out in order to earn his keep at a low-wage job? What would they say to the young mom who finds the triple demands of school, parenting and earning a livelihood too much, and leaves school in order to stay afloat in a take-no-prisoners economy?

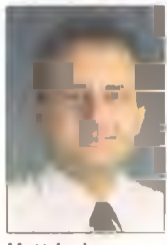
Blame yourself? When tens of millions are unemployed or underemployed, and tens of millions more are hanging on in low-wage jobs, no-benefit jobs, trying to improve their lot, as these Starkweather students are, is that an adequate answer? No wonder so many drop out of the economy — and how convenient for the people running things, and the people who benefit most from the way things are run, that those so-called "discouraged workers" aren't counted in the official unemployment rate.

One need not go just to Starkweather to see people making the best of a situation in which

the odds are stacked against them, in contrast to politicians who deliver crowd-pleasing lines while ignoring basic realities.

These candidates could visit any urban high school, or a devastated neighborhood where people are rebuilding houses, or simply struggling to hang on with few prospects for jobs or improved services. They could ride the bus with Detroit commuters whose pay is so low they can't afford cars, and whose bus service has been atrocious for years, or with suburbanites who are trying to help the environment and their budgets by using mass transit, and whose service is soon to be cut. Or they could talk to people at job fairs and the unemployment lines — and see if they still think it's right to tell them to "blame yourself."

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Matt Jachman

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Guest speaker will be Patrick Schwerdtfeger, the author of "Marketing Shortcuts for the Self-Employed" (2011, Wiley & Sons, Inc.) and a regular speaker for Bloomberg TV. He has spoken about modern entrepreneurship and the social media revolution at conferences and business events around the world.

There is no cost to attend the luncheon (lunch is served noon to 12:30 p.m.). To RSVP, e-mail Billiejo\_pabst@cable.comcast.com

### Santa House

From the day after Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, Santa's House resides in Kellogg Park facing Main Street. Hundreds of families each year pay a visit to Santa, along with thousands of people seeing the house during Santa's arrival, walking through the Christmas tree display in Kellogg Park and driving by on Main Street.

The sponsorship includes a banner up to 10 feet on the back of the house facing the Christmas trees and the stage where Santa arrives the day after Thanksgiving. Also, it includes signage on the side of the house where people walk up to the door, on the front of the porch railing facing Main Street and in the house.

Anyone interested in the sponsorship, please call Wes Graff at (734) 453-1540 to discuss the



Santa will visit with children at his house outside Kellogg Park following his arrival in Plymouth Friday, Nov. 25, through New Year's Day.

cost and benefits of taking advantage of this opportunity.

### After-hours party

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors an "After Hours New Member Celebration" 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Courthouse Grille on Plymouth Road, next to the 35th District Court.

All members are invited to a special year-end celebration of new members. Many of these new members are already active attending events or getting involved in other initiatives, but at this event we want to thank them for joining our Chamber, this year. The evening will include complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The event will include special name badges for members who joined after Jan. 1. We also will have raffles for all mem-

bers and a great evening of networking for new members and those who have been with us for years.

The Courthouse Grille is located at 41661 Plymouth Road. There is no fee to attend this event. RSVP by Nov. 14 to teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

### Drop-in theater

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering theater classes for kids and adults through Dec. 12. Theatrical Movement and the Art of Improv (school-age thru adult); Learn to Love Auditions (school-age thru adult) and Introduction to Acting Techniques and Methods (age 10 thru adult). Classes are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members.

For more information call (734) 416-4278 or visit www.plymoutharts.com/drop-in-theatre-classes.

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Business grows in indoor market

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

**Hydro Helper:** We are an indoor garden shop and hydroponic supply store. We offer a full line of hydroponic supplies including: lighting, nutrients, soil, organics and a variety of soil-less media. We carry everything that you would need to successfully grow herbs, fruits and vegetables indoors hydroponically.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

**Hydro Helper:** Being an indoor grower, I saw how quickly this industry was beginning to expand. So I began paying attention to other indoor grow supply stores, and realized that there was a market for a knowledgeable, friendly and helpful store.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Canton?

**Hydro Helper:** Our company selected Canton because there were no other hydroponic stores in the area. Canton is a very strong retail district, having worked in and around the community for the past three to four years, I believed it would be a great area to operate a specialty retail store.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Hydro Helper:** It is our willingness to go above and beyond to help our customers. We strive to assist our customers by having a vast inventory of supplies on-hand backed by expert growers capable of answering all customers' questions regarding indoor gardening.

**Observer:** How has it



General Manager Eric Judd cuts the ribbon on Hydro Helper, located at 6445 Canton Center in Canton. The store opened earlier this year.

### HYDRO HELPER

**Business name and address:** Hydro Helper, 6445 Canton Center, Canton

**Your name:** Eric Judd, General Manager

**Your hometown:** Chelsea

**Business opened:** May 5, 2011

**Number of employees:** 3

**Hours of operation:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Your business specialty:** Indoor gardening, grow supply.

**Phone and website:** (734) 354-3900, Hydrohelper.net

### changed since it opened?

**Hydro Helper:** We have continued to expand our inventory to keep current with the demands of customers. We are committed to having the best stocked hydroponic retail outlet in the Canton area.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Hydro Helper:** Our industry is actually growing due to the economic situation; people are more concerned than ever about food safety, economizing and personal self sufficiency. Today having access to food that you can grow yourself, in the safety of your home, makes more sense now than ever.

**Observer:** Any advice for

### other business owners?

**Hydro Helper:** Here at Hydro Helper we believe in community service. I think it is important that as a local business to become active in the community. Practicing good corporate citizenship benefits everyone.

**Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

**Hydro Helper:** We plan to grow with both the industry and the times. Hydroponics is rapidly expanding technology. In the future it will be common for homes to have a devoted grow room for personal use. More and more food is being produced hydroponically around the world. We plan to be part of that trend.

## PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Business news

From the desk of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• TranquiliTea will have a Taste of the Holidays 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. A wide selection of "for a limited time only" teas will be available for sampling at this first-time event.

• Holiday Happening at Penniman Gallery, Plymouth's decorative arts gallery, on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 13, from noon to 5 p.m. The event features 20 percent off all holiday items. Penniman Gallery is located at 827 Penniman Ave., in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5531 for details.

• Jill Andra Young Photography has a one-day only special: Photos with Santa on Sunday, Nov. 13. No sitting fee, special package price \$65. Greeting card package \$57.

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• LED lamppost lights at the corner

of Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. GE has loaned the city a couple of LED lights to see how they look. The lights are projected to have a 25-year lifespan, and could someday save the city thousands of dollars.

DDA officials point out it's only a test. There are no plans, at this time, to purchase LED lights for downtown.

### MEDC proposals

The Michigan Strategic Fund and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation are looking for proposals from high-performance business incubators or accelerators in Michigan to support entrepreneurs in launching and growing start-up companies throughout the state.

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# Westland business finds room in CMA gift bags

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

When artists received their gift bags at the Country Music Awards Wednesday, inside they found a product with a local connection.

Included in the bags were Face Flair, self-adhering decorative pieces designed by Kim Torres, a Canton resident who bases her business in Westland.

"They're all my own designs. They're kid-safe and you can reuse them," said Torres, who started Face Flair about 18 months ago with husband Patrick and her brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Karen Pomaranski, who live in Sacramento, Calif. "We're trying to make it worldwide."

A company called Distinctive Accents saw the Face Flair website and made the connection to the CMA gift bags. Each gift bag included a full-size classic flair along with a smaller mini flair four-pack.

"We included a postcard and sticker with our website information. Also a note that you can use Face Flair on your face but also on instruments and other objects," said Torres, who works full-time managing three groups homes for developmentally disabled residents.

Not able to afford to attend art school, Torres said she draws pictures for clients at the group homes. A past president of the Westland Jaycees, Torres said she came up with the idea for

Face Flair after she used cell phone bling to make a design on her face at a Jaycees fund-raiser.

"Some random guys stopped me and asked where they could buy the design for their girlfriends," said Torres, who also added face-painting to her services.


"I really love the face-painting and it gets the Face Flair out there," said Torres, who donates 20 percent of her face-painting booth proceeds when working at fund-raisers.

Starting this week, Torres will be offering Face Flair at the Friday night Glow Skates at Westland's Mike Modano Arena.

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Local company Face Flair provided decorations like this for gift bags at the Country Music Awards.



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## OUR VIEWS



## Paying back a debt

### Veterans deserve more than pat on back

President Barack Obama recently announced the war in Iraq will come to an end at the end of the year, and that all our troops will be coming home.

It seems Americans should have applauded the president's announcement that he was bringing the U.S. mission in Iraq to a conclusion and ending one of nation's longest wars. But the reaction to the speech seemed to be mixed at best. Those on the right said Obama's announcement was a political ploy in an attempt to boost his low popularity numbers, even though it was George W. Bush who signed the agreement to bring the troops home by the end of December 2011 (it was announced at the shoe-throwing press conference). Those on the left also decried the announcement as something that should have been done much sooner.

One group of people you can bet cheered the news, however, are those in the military and their families. Let's be honest, while the war to date has cost the country more than an estimated \$800 billion, they are the people who paid and continue to pay the real cost. More than 4,400 troops have been killed, and another 32,000 wounded — some suffering devastating, life-changing injuries. The Iraq War may have been one of the longest wars in our history, yet it has been fought completely by a volunteer force. As a result many of our troops have had to serve multiple tours in a nontraditional, but very dangerous theater of war.

In the end, historians will have to debate the merits of this war and its impact on the nation. Regardless how any of us individually feel about the war, however, we as a nation have a responsibility to pay our military families back — including those who are and have served in Afghanistan (and elsewhere in our battle against global terrorism).

Because the end of combat doesn't end the war for our troops — in some ways it is really just beginning. Many of them will have ongoing medical and psychological issues from their war experiences. And to make matters worse, they are coming home to a landscape scarred with unemployment and bitter partisan politics. We must make sure that we are providing them with the tools to succeed in their post-war lives. That means more than just tending to their medical needs. They should have full access to a college education, vocational training and even a job. If that means giving them government jobs re-building our nation's infrastructure then that's what we should do.

Oddly enough, over in Washington, the so-called congressional "super committee" has a couple more weeks to decide on a deficit-reduction plan. According to reports, committee members are discussing major cuts to the defense department, which will most likely mean reductions in veterans' benefits. This is not the time to be cutting aid to our veterans. We have a moral obligation to help them as they reintegrate back into society.

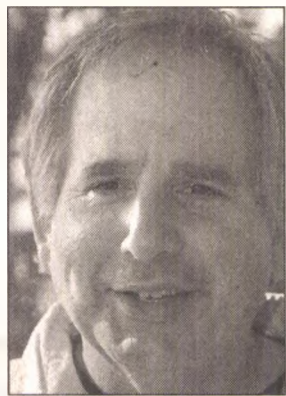
We owe these people — these warriors and defenders of our freedom — more than just a pat on the back once a year in November. They didn't let us down, and we can't let them down.

Think about that as we commemorate Veterans Day tomorrow.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What is it that you most like to splurge on?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"If I told you I wouldn't want it in the paper."  
**Rodney Nivison**  
Plymouth



"I don't know that we splurge on anything. Probably going out for dinner."  
**Edythe Gaberson**  
Plymouth Township



"Probably stuff for my kids. ... Probably clothes. That's what I end up splurging on."  
**Amy McCarthy**  
Plymouth



"Baseball fields. ... Children. My third one just graduated from college."  
**Deb Madonna**  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Palooza praise

I wanted to thank the families of Plymouth for giving my staff and me a great afternoon of trick-or-treating at the Plymouth Palooza. Everyone was so friendly. It was obvious to all of us that a good time was had by all.

Teri from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce made it so easy for us to sign up as a participant. It is certainly an event that my staff and I will look forward to every year. Especially since we all got to dress up and have as much fun as the kids and their parents.

It was a fun afternoon meeting new folks, seeing old friends and helping to put smiles on the faces of so many children and parents.

For over 30 years we have been working in Plymouth and each year it is just amazing how much fun the people have, not only in putting on the events but in participating.

Job well done, Plymouth.

**Gary Feucht, D.D.S.**  
Plymouth

### Pay more, get less

Funding for schools has been largely reduced over the last few years. As a result, sports teams have suffered. As a high school cross country runner, I have experienced this firsthand. Fees for schools' athletics have gone up recently, something not all families can afford. Most teams fund-raise, yet it is not enough — fewer students will join a sports team now, or in the future, if costs continue to rise.

All summer, my cross country team practices and fundraises, trying to help our parents cut down fees on clothing, "pay-to-play" and camp — all of which adds up to a costly total. Other sports do fundraise as well, and some are more or less expensive than others — but one thing they all have in common are rising totals (per child) who participate in a school sport.

While we are paying more for sports, we are getting less. With the slow economy, some families are finding it difficult to pay for sports. Busing for sport events on the weekends has been eliminated. Parents are expected to transport athletes to and from weekend events. Some teams are participating in fewer invites, and equipment and uniforms are sometimes inadequate. This creates a stressful and unfair situation for coaches, players, and families.

This is a problem.

If "pay-to-play" fees for school athletes were cut even slightly, and benefits were returned, more athletes would be inclined to join teams. With additional athletes, schools would receive more revenue. Our community would also receive a boost as children participating in sports are more likely to stay out of trouble and earn better grades. Scholarships are also available to those student-athletes who do well academically and perform well in their respective sport(s).

The benefits for schools, students, and the community would

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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**Emily Bizon**  
junior, Salem High School

### 'Grind' disgust

I am the parent of a Plymouth High School student. My wife and I recently chaperoned the Plymouth Homecoming Dance, or it should be renamed the Plymouth Homecoming Grind.

If you don't know what grinding is, as many parents don't, let me tell you what I saw. On that night in a very dark cafeteria, with music blasting, there were around 1,600 teens. Many of the girls wore dresses that barely covered their bottoms in a standing position. Now picture the girls bent over grabbing their ankles, or on all fours on the floor, while the guys grind their fronts into the girls' backsides, sometimes joined by one or more guys doing the same thing in their faces.

Yes, that's what we saw everywhere we looked at the "dance." There were kids who tried to stay on the outer edges but unwisely got sucked into the "gropefest" toward the center of the crowd.

I asked the administrator in charge to do something to break up the orgy but he said there were too many kids and he didn't want to start a riot. I was doubly shocked when the administrator told me I didn't have to be there.

The police have acknowledged that if this behavior occurred in Kellogg Park or any other public place, the participants would be arrested. Yet the staff, administrators and police all stood by watching and allowed it at the high school dance.

There are policies in place at PCEP which were put there to prevent this very thing, but they are not being enforced. There is a dress code in the handbook which applies to school functions that requires modesty (dresses to be at fingertip length, student handbook, page 16). There is also a public display of affection policy which states that the public display of affection and/or physical contact is not considered acceptable behavior and is inappropriate at school. My teen tells me that this behavior also occurs in the halls at school.

School districts across the country have addressed these issues with good results, without taking the dances away from the kids. When rules are clear and enforced, our kids can enjoy good clean fun while maintaining respect for each other. As a concerned parent, I demand that the school enforce the good policies already in place for the safety and well-being of our children at the Park. I hope others will add their voices to mine.

**Ken Waldrep**  
Canton

### Friends of troops

In preparing for the upcoming Christmas and Valentine mail collections, Friends of Our Troops would like to extend special thanks to Debbie Maloni's class at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth, which participated in the most recent campaign. They were the top elementary school in Michigan (They were assisted by Jodi Ring).

Cards and letters are received from across the nation, mixed thoroughly, divided into hundreds of packages, then sent to military units across the U.S. and around the world.

Anyone who would like to know how to join the Fan Mail for the Troops campaign can receive complete information and instructions by sending their name and mailing address to Friends of Our Troops, P.O. Box 65408, Fayetteville, N.C. 28306. The troops will thank you, and so do we.

**Ben Wiser, executive director**  
Fayetteville, N.C.

### Colbeck recall

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is actively pushing for a law to make Michigan a "right to work state."

It is apparent that the good senator is the poster boy for the so-called tea party, whose leadership, by the way, is no more than the extreme right wing of the Republican Party, the same people wearing two different hats.

These people have two main issues they expect the minions they sent to Lansing and Washington D.C., to accomplish; Make sure the rich get richer at the expense of working people and inflict their religious views on every one else.

Let's look at who has been harmed by these people: the poor, the unemployed, the underemployed, the elderly, lower-level public workers, union members and, of course, the issues of women's rights.

Now who has benefited? No surprise, the rich and religious zealots. It looks like these extremists got exactly what they paid for in last year's state and federal elections.

I have never been a believer in recall elections, but with the devastation that Mr. Colbert could inflict on my people (the above named harmed) in the next three years, I would surely make an exception in his case.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

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DIVISION 1 BOYS SOCCER FINAL

## Goal-den!

Ovesea's late tally gives Chiefs Division 1 boys soccer championship

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

All it took was one shot to determine a state champion.

And it was Canton junior forward Daniel Ovesea who made good on it. He scored with 3:55 remaining in the second half Saturday to give Canton a 1-0 victory over Grand Haven in the Division 1 state final at East Kentwood Crestwood Middle School.

On the winner, Ovesea lofted a floating direct kick from inside the mid-field stripe and it drifted over a scrum of players into the top left corner.

The sun was in the eyes of Buccaneers goalkeeper Ethan Beswick, and so was Canton senior defender Connor Furgason — looking to distract Beswick amid the chaos in the goal-mouth area.

"We just tried to cause confusion in the box," Canton head coach George Tomasso said. "I thought Connor Furgason did a great job to cause that confusion for the goalkeeper, he went straight up.

"He didn't touch him at all and the ball floated right in over him and we got the goal."

One of the Grand Haven players involved in the play, sophomore midfielder William Bennick, said the sun "was right in line with the ball, it was definitely in the keeper's eyes. He's played every one of those all year, so something must have happened."

### On the money

Tomasso said it was "fitting" that Ovesea scored, since he's been the team's go-to scorer all season.

According to Ovesea,



Canton senior Connor Furgason (No. 11) screens the Grand Haven goalie as the championship-winning shot by Daniel Ovesea finds its place inside the left post. The goal gave the Chiefs a 1-0 victory and their first Division 1 title in 17 years.

PHOTOS BY STEVE KAHRIS

he knew Furgason would be causing havoc for the Grand Haven goalie and that his job was simple — make sure his kick was on target.

"I knew Connor was going to be right in front of the goalie so I had to put it right on net," Ovesea said. "... I give all the credit to Connor, that was amazing in how he got position in front of the goalie."

The strong play of Chiefs senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy had a lot to do with Canton even getting to that point. He made 10 stops, including

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The action is intense as Grand Haven's William Bennick (No. 9, left) and Canton junior forward Daniel Ovesea (No. 9, right) go for a 50/50 ball. Also shown are Canton's Neil Zech (No. 4), Griffin Parks (No. 23) and Grand Haven's Chad Buitenhuis (No. 7).

### Salem euchre tournament

Salem Wrestling Boosters is hosting a euchre tournament at 6 p.m. Saturday, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 7 p.m. The annual fundraiser is for ages 21 and over. It costs \$25 per player. Fees include cash prizes, 50/50 and raffles. Complimentary food will be available, along with cash bar.

Contact Rich Rohn at richrohn@gmail.com or the Salem wrestling website (www.wrestling.salemrocks.com) for more information.

### MU harrier rules WHAC

Freshman Bianca Kubicki (Canton) made Madonna University cross country history on Saturday as the rookie became the first MU runner to ever win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's individual championship held on the 5-kilometer course at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Kubicki won the race by a full six seconds (18:37) over Aquinas' Catie Rietsema to earn WHAC Runner of the Year honors and become the second Crusader (Sarah Sherwood — 2008, 2009, 2010) to earn first-team All-WHAC honors and join Sherwood in earning a bid to the NAIA National Championships, Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Fort Vancouver (Wash.) Historical Site.

Fellow freshman Jaclyn Sawasky and sophomore Karli Kuchka (Livonia Stevenson) earned All-WHAC second-team honors by placing 11th and 13th with times of 19:25 and 19:31, respectively.

Other MU finishers included senior Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 29th (20:39); senior Cassie Yarnall, 32nd (20:49); freshman Shannon Dusute, 42nd (21:43); and senior Emily Bambach (Livonia Ladywood), 54th (22:29).

As a team, the Crusaders placed third overall.

### MU pitcher All-America

Madonna University junior pitcher Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) has been named to the Preseason All-America team by the NAIA Baseball Coaches Association All-America Selection Committee.

The Dearborn Divine Child grad earned NAIA All-America first team honors in 2011, posted a 9-0 record as a starting pitcher to help guide the Crusaders to the program's fourth straight and sixth Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) championship in the last seven years.

Gooding, a two-time All-WHAC selection with a 19-1 career record, is the only conference player to garner preseason All-America honors from the NAIA for this upcoming season.

The Crusaders begin their 2012 campaign at Point Loma Nazarene on Feb. 10 in San Diego, Calif.

### VOLLEYBALL REGIONALS

## Chiefs crank it up in time

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It took almost the entire first game Tuesday for Canton's girls volleyball team to get up to speed against White Lake Lakeland.

The Eagles led 20-14 in the Class A regional semifinal at Brighton High School, but the Chiefs turned it around in the late stages of Game 1 thanks to an eight-point run at the service stripe by senior Maggie Deloy to prevail 25-22.

Canton then finished off the 3-0 victory with wins of 25-22 and 26-24 to advance to Thursday's regional final against No. 1-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy (63-3) with the first game set to start at 6 p.m.

"Our team starts off slow every single time," Canton head coach Mary Kryaska said. "And it's starting to become a habit and it's not good, because the next teams that we play from here on out aren't going to care

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### DISTRICT FINAL

## CC nips Canton in old-school battle

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Given the opportunity, Bronko Nagurski would have strapped on his leather helmet and jumped into the mix during Saturday afternoon's Division 1 district championship tilt between Canton and host Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Playing 1930s-style football when passes (nine combined) were scarce and brute force in the trenches was vital, the 10-1 Shamrocks edged the Chiefs, 21-14, to advance to this weekend's regional round of play-offs against Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-2).

In the end, CC won the game by a foot — the distance Canton running back Kevin Buford's fourth-and-4 run deep in Shamrock territory, deep in the fourth quarter, fell short — and an arm: CC quarterback Kyle Cooper's right one, which delivered a game-tying 62-yard scoring strike to Jon Malone and a key fourth-and-8 laser early in the fourth to Matt Doneth to keep the Shamrocks' game-winning drive alive.

Canton, which led 14-7 at the half, finished 9-2.

### Not enough

"We just didn't make quite enough plays," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler.



Catholic Central's David Houle muscled his way toward the end zone despite efforts from Canton's Demetre Lopez (No. 6) and Zachary Smilo (No. 20) to stop him.

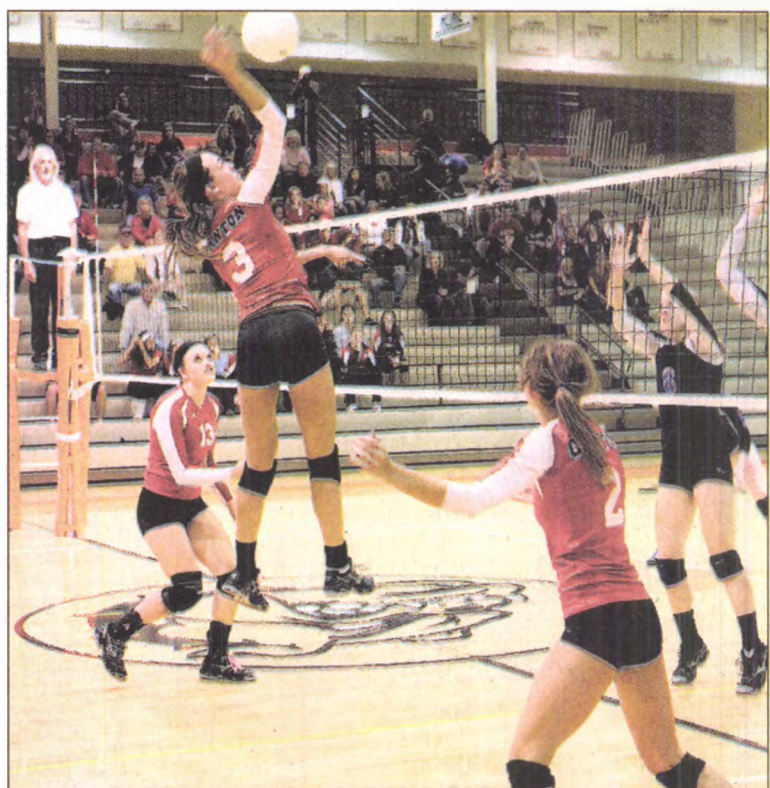
"That third quarter just kind of melted away — I think we ran three plays — and we couldn't get them off the field. We had a

good drive going in the fourth quarter, but they made just

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Canton's Alaina Turner (No. 3) elevates to knock the ball over the net during Tuesday's Division 1 regional girls volleyball match against White Lake Lakeland. Also shown are Canton players Erica den Boer (No. 13) and Lauren Martin (No. 2) and Lakeland's Mary Armstrong (No. 8).



JOHN KEMSKI

## SPIKERS

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about letting us back in." Kryska said the Chiefs will have to "play like we did today, times 10" to prevail against Mercy. Against the Eagles, Canton "picked it up on defense and on serve-receive" in the final two games.

Leading the way for Canton (41-9) were seniors Alaina Turner (14 kills, 15 digs), Kristen Muir (seven kills, 11 digs), Deloy (10 digs, two aces), Lauren Martin (34 assists), Jordan Tubaro (10 kills) and juniors Erica den Boer (11 kills, 10 digs) and Becca Middleton (five digs).

Lakeland head coach Jen Cottrill, whose team finished the season 36-13-1, lamented how the early

advantage evaporated. "I think we thought we had it in the bag," Cottrill noted. "We just sat back, our serve-receive broke down, gave Canton a couple easy points and they were right back in the game."

"... I really think that momentum swing in the first game determined the match. It was unfortunate, but that's the game of volleyball."

### Better start

The Chiefs came out much stronger in Game 2, leading virtually the entire way and finishing off the win one Turner's line-drive ace — which hit the top of the net and slipped over to the other side.

Lakeland fell behind in the third game when Turner rolled off five service points, with den Boer and Deloy strong with a

mix of tips and spikes. That gave Canton a 9-4 edge and the lead held until Eagles' sophomore Amanda Breitenbach reeled off three points to make it a 23-23 game.

The teams exchanged sideouts before the Chiefs finally clinched it. First, Martin set up Muir for a kill and Muir followed up with an ace to complete the job.

According to Cottrill, it will be tough to lose her five seniors, including middle blockers Mary Armstrong, Brittany Leonard, setter Clara Schultz, libero Lindsey Hansard and right-side hitter Caitlin Wojichowski.

"Both my middles, Brittany Leonard and Mary Armstrong, were great all season," she said. "My seniors were awesome."

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# Eagles roll into regionals

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

After Plymouth Christian Academy earned a ninth straight Class D girls volleyball district championship, the Eagles got right back to work Tuesday toward the next goal in their postseason march.

The Eagles got stronger as the night progressed, defeating Lansing Christian 3-0 in a regional semifinal contest at Adrian Lenawee Christian.

PCA (42-6-4) rolled to a 25-21, 25-19, 25-12 victory over the Pilgrims, who could not handle the Eagles' potent offense.

"Our team played with confidence and really took control of the game," PCA head coach Kelly Blackney said. "The coaching staff was proud with

(PCA's) performance from start to finish."

The win moved the Eagles into Thursday's regional final against North Adams-Jerome with the first game beginning at 7 p.m.

Spearheading the Eagles with 16 kills, along with six digs and four blocks, was senior Kristin Malcolm.

Chipping in were Jenny Malcolm (24 assists), Jessica Rich (eight digs), Amy Zinn (six digs) and Sarah Howard (five kills).

Meanwhile, PCA swept past Saline Washtenaw Christian on Friday night for the district championship, winning 25-22, 25-13, 25-7.

"Washtenaw came out strong," Blackney said. "Their defense gave our offense trouble — they were picking up every-

thing, and that shook up our hitters."

"We made some hitting errors, service errors and our passing was off target."

After the first game, the Eagles opted to control the pace and the adjustment worked wonders.

"We started both sets stronger and cut down on our errors," Blackney noted. "By adding more complexity to our offense, we were able to find holes in their defense."

In the district final, Kristin Malcolm led PCA with 25 kills while Jenny Malcolm (38 assists), Zinn (seven kills, 12 digs), Howard (nine kills) and Rich (three aces, 12 digs) also contributed to the clinching victory.

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# Blazers take care of C'ville

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

Upstart Livonia Clarenceville showed some serious spunk during the early stages of Tuesday night's Class B regional semifinal volleyball match against perennial power Livonia Ladywood.

But at the end of the day, the Blazers' nucleus of formidable seniors led them to a 25-17, 25-9, 25-15 at Carleton Airport High School.

Ladywood (39-17) advanced to Thursday's 6 p.m. regional final against host Airport, which dispatched University Detroit Prep in three sets.

"I thought we played really well," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "Our seniors are really stepping up in the post-season and refusing to lose. We have a senior libero, a senior setter and a couple of our top hitters are seniors, which really helps."

"I thought Clarenceville was much improved from last year. Their coach has done a phenomenal job.

They're better trained and a better team. They gave us a good match."

Ladywood senior setter Alex Hines did a stellar job of mixing up the Blazers' attack as she dished out 27 assist-to-kills. Senior outside hitters Jennifer Rhodes and Kenzie Kettner both finished with 10 kills.

Rhodes and Kettner also topped the Blazers in digs, racking up 11 and 10, respectively.

Playing in its first regional tournament since 1997, Clarenceville rocketed to a 9-5 lead in the opening set thanks in large part to the play of sophomore middle hitter Ayanna Buckley, who had a hand (literally) in five of the nine Trojan points. But Kettner and Rhodes soon established themselves at the net, leading Ladywood to an eight-point win.

"I told the girls, 'Don't let the name 'Ladywood' intimidate you,'" Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "I told them they had to go out and play their game, and they did. We start-

ed strong; the girls were playing with confidence, but in the end, they outplayed us."

Clarenceville senior Angela McAlpine was in the middle of the action most of the night, both at the net and as a defuser for the Trojans' defense.

"I hated to take her off the floor," Merschman said of McAlpine. "When she wasn't out there, we struggled."

Ladywood bolted to an 11-2 lead in set two and never looked back. Senior libero Kristine Aurand, who was a defensive sparkplug all night, along with Izabella Porada, both reeled off impressive service runs in the 18-point rout.

Hines launched three consecutive aces midway through the set to give the Blazers complete control.

The third set was tight for awhile — Ladywood led just 7-6 early on — but the Blazers' offense started clicking big-time from there on out.

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# P-C Steelers sweep into WSJFL Super Bowls

Sunday's Western Suburban Junior Football League playoffs were coated with a black-and-gold tint as the Plymouth-Canton Steelers advanced three teams to this weekend's Super Bowls.

The varsity Steelers improved to 9-0 with an impressive 33-21 victory over Ypsilanti. The Steelers will take on the Westland Comets Sunday at 3 p.m. in the varsity WSJFL Super Bowl at Westland John Glenn High School.

The junior varsity Steelers upended the Dearborn Heights Redskins, 26-16, to improve to 8-1. Nick Polydorus, Joseph Vespaziani and Bryce Lynn all played well for the defending Super Bowl champions.

Ben Kandah was having an excellent game before leaving the contest early due to an injury.

The Steelers' high-powered offense was led by Dylan Stackhouse, who scored twice on punishing runs up the middle.

Lou Baechler anchored the Steelers' defense, recovering a pair of fumbles.

The JV Steelers will battle the Redford Rangers in Sunday's 1 p.m. JV Super Bowl at John Glenn.



JON VESPAZIANI

Plymouth Canton Steelers junior varsity running back AJ Brazelton fights for extra yardage during his team's 26-16 victory over Dearborn Heights.

The freshmen Steelers improved to 7-2 with a dramatic 6-0 victory over the Redskins. Following a scoreless first half, the Steelers' Ben Bennett scored the game's lone TD with a 4-yard third-quarter run.

The Steelers' defense was paced by Charles Shreve, who picked off a pass in the first half and made a touchdown-saving tackle in the fourth quarter. The Steelers will take on the unbeaten Canton Lions in Sunday's 11 a.m. freshmen Super Bowl at John Glenn.

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ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Canton senior running back Zac Merillat broke free for a 42-yard touchdown on the Chiefs' first drive in Saturday's 21-14 loss to Novi Catholic Central.

## FOOTBALL

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enough stops.

"That's our offense. That's what we do. I thought we left a couple things out there; we missed a couple passes. It just wasn't in the cards, I guess."

CC outgained Canton, 284-277, in total yardage. Of the 103 plays run from scrimmage, only nine gained more than eight yards.

"We told the boys all week that it was going to be a 48-minute game and that it was going to come down to the fourth quarter," said CC head coach Tom Mach. "We knew they were a very good team that comes after you hard. I'm proud of the way the kids came through in the fourth quarter. They

played with a lot of heart and soul."

Canton grabbed a 7-0 lead on its first drive when senior running back Zac Merillat did a Shamrock shake at the line of scrimmage and out-sprinted the CC secondary to the end zone for a 42-yard TD.

The Shamrocks countered on their first possession, manufacturing a seven-play, 60-yard scoring drive that ended with David Houle's 10-yard TD run up the gut. Alex Kozlowski tackled on the first of his three extra points and the game was deadlocked at 7-7.

The Chiefs marched to the CC 12 on its next drive, but came away empty when Anthony Darkangelo recovered a fumble on a first-and-10 play.

Canton finally broke the deadlock on the last

play of the first half when Buford bulled into the end zone from 1 yard out to give the Chiefs a 14-7 advantage. The TD was set up four plays earlier when Michael Boes recovered a fumble at the CC 10. Kyle Adams had pinned the Shamrocks deep with a booming 66-yard punt.

CC's game-tying play — the 62-yard Cooper-to-Malone hook-up — was sandwiched in between a pair of Canton three-and-outs.

The game-winning drive — a 13-play, 55-yard monster that chewed up close to seven minutes — was capped by a 2-yard scoring plunge by Houle, who gave the Shamrocks a 21-14 lead. The TD came three plays after Cooper hit Doneth with a 20-yard connection on a crossing pattern on fourth-and-8 from the Canton 25.



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Catholic Central's Jon Malone (foreground) somehow caught this pass from quarterback Kyle Cooper even though Canton's Kevin Buford (No. 1) got his hand on it.



CHIEFS WIN DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2011 Division 1 champion Canton Chiefs enjoy their moment in the sun after defeating Grand Haven in the boys soccer final Saturday at East Kentwood Crestwood Middle School. PHOTOS BY STEVE KAHRIS

PREP CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

# Harriers close it out at MIS

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill girls cross country coach Sue Tatro had no real complaints about her team's showing during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula finals held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. "Our performance at the state meet capped off a very solid season for us," said Tatro, whose team finished 14th in the 28-team field. "I expected to place in the top 15 because we have been consistent in all of our meets. I was relaxed going into the final stretch of the season because I sensed their confidence and determination, and I knew that they would accomplish their team goals."

Grosse Pointe South edged Saline for the team title by five points, 106-111.

Rounding out the top 10 was Grand Haven (163), Birmingham Seaholm (185), Rockford (232), Rochester Adams (232), Traverse City West (235), Northville (259), Hudsonville (286) and Grand Ledge (293).

West Bloomfield junior Erin Finn led all runners with a 5-kilometer time of 17 minutes, 22.6 seconds.

The Chargers' top finisher was junior Kerigan Riley, who placed 20th overall in 18:40.8.

"It was exciting to watch Kerigan (Riley) achieve All-State honors as she is a very talented and determined young lady," Tatro said of the regional champion. "She ran a flawless race from start to finish. I'm extremely proud of the entire team."

Rounding out Churchill's top five was junior Sydney Anderson, 92nd (19:35.2); senior Bethany Pilat, 106th (19:43.0); sophomore Megan McFarlane, 120th (19:51.2); and junior Michelle Azar, 166th (20:19.4).

Plymouth and Salem each had two finishers in the individual finals.

For the Wildcats, Nicole Traitses placed 87th overall with a time of 19:32.5 while Marina DeBiasi came in 173rd (20:30.8). Salem's Adrianna Beltran was 140th (20:00.2) while Amanda Beyer came in 150th (20:07.2).

**Division 1 boys**

Milford placed three runners in the top 10

to win the Division 1 boys team title with 128 points with Hartland and Waterford Mott placing second and third, respectively, with 172 and 177.

White Lake Lakeland's Garret Zuk was the 5K individual winner in 15:21.2.

Plymouth senior Derek Gielarowski had an outstanding showing, placing 12th with a time of 15:50.9.

Finishing 117th overall with a time of 16:45.6 was Canton senior Miles Felton.

**Division 4 girls**

Lutheran High Westland earned 15th place in the final standings in Saturday's Division 4 girls finals held at MIS.

The Warriors, coming off their second straight regional title, scored 422 points with Hesperia taking the team crown with 67.

Lutheran Westland's top finisher was junior Erin Hardin, who placed 42nd overall in 20:27.4.

Other scorers for the Warriors included senior Erin Lyle, 64th (20:57.4); senior Jess Rice, 101st (21:36.2); junior Angela Morrison, 194th (23:49.1); and junior Jessica Drife, 196th (23:53.0).

Plymouth Christian sophomore Terra Crown placed 52nd with a time of 20:35.2.

**Division 4 boys**

Plymouth Christian finished 21st out of 27 teams with 510 points with Lutheran Westland (528) right behind in 22nd at the Division 4 boys state finals at MIS.

Concord, led by individual winner Spencer Nousain (15:55.8), also captured the team title with 64 points.

For PCA, Ethan Levack and Trevor Baloga finished 92nd and 93rd, respectively, with times of 18:28.4 and 18:29.3.

Jimmy Parks placed 100th (18:38.7), followed by Ian Rose, 105th (18:46.5); Jacob Nichols, 120th (19:03.5); Steven Zomermaand, 175th (21:06.2) and Nathan Harold, 181st (22:09.3).

The Warriors, who had a total of 528, were paced by senior Jake Fairbairn, 70th (17:34.6); junior Eric Smith, 113th (18:08.1); junior Daniel Bunge, 176th (19:05.9); senior Caleb Kempf, 190th (19:25.8); and junior Peter Sillanpaa, 210th (20:56.6).

**CHAMPS**

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a key one just 90 seconds into the second half.

Grand Haven forward Nathan Rose made a dash into the Canton 18-yard box where he was met by the sliding Murphy, making the toughest stop he had to make on the crisp, windy afternoon in the Grand Rapids suburb.

"The first half they were dangerous because the wind was coming at us," Murphy noted. "So any long ball was a dangerous ball. We did a great job defending.

"So to come out in the second half, we had to come out strong and I just did what I had to do to keep the ball out of the net."

**Gaining momentum**

After that, the Chiefs (24-1-2) began taking more control of the play, with a string of corner kicks around the 10-minute mark.

In the 33rd minute of the half, Canton seniors Shean Krolicki and Mitch Posuniak worked a play that resulted in a Posuniak bid from inside the box, but it trickled wide of the left post.

Just before Ovesea's title-winning goal, Krolicki injured his foot making a second effort to kick the ball from a Grand Haven forward. But Krolicki remained in the game for the subsequent direct kick that somehow found enough of an opening to give the Chiefs their first state championship since 1994 — when Tomasso was the goalkeeper.

After the trophy presentation, where Tomasso hoisted the trophy toward the sunny, blue sky, he smiled and said the 2011 championship was sweeter.

"These guys wrote their own destiny," Tomasso said.

The championship capped four stellar seasons by Canton's group of seniors — Murphy, Furgason, Posuniak, Shean Krolicki, Tyler Winingham, Nathan Bergeon, Mitch Pepper, Connor Hicks, Ryan Kilgore, Bryan Berinti, Neil Zech, Cody Kahrs and Bryan Ren.

"We knew we had to play our best today," Winingham said. "It's the state finals, we knew we had to play our best out there."

Furgason said the end result was a rewarding payoff for all the hard work over his prep career.

"Our whole team played great defensively and I'm glad we won," Furgason said. "It's the greatest feeling in my life, it's worth everything, the last four years of working in varsity soccer."

**Tentative start**

In the scoreless first half, Grand Haven (18-2-3) had the edge in territorial play as the Chiefs seemed more tentative than usual in pushing the ball up the field and had five shots on Murphy while Beswick only had

to stop one.

With about 37:20 to go, a Grand Haven corner kick resulted in Murphy punching the ball over the crossbar.

About 10 minutes later, Murphy ranged out to the top of the box to cut off a potentially dangerous rush by Rose and he got in front of two attempts by Bennick.

Canton started to get something going on offense in the final 10 minutes. Oversea collected a feed from Shean Krolicki at the top of the Buccaneers' 18-yard box, spun and sent a shot that missed the right post.

With under two minutes left in the half, Posuniak's slicing drive from the left flank was stopped by Beswick.

Despite the loss, Bennick said the Buccaneers succeeded in making a name for themselves all over the state.

"We had a great season," Bennick noted. "Especially since we're from the small town of Grand Haven where nobody knows about us, we're so far west.

"We've been playing together since like first or second grade, we had an excellent season, an excellent run. I'm very proud of the boys."

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One of the key reasons for Canton's championship was the play of senior goalkeeper Steven Murphy, shown punching the ball out of trouble while Grand Haven's Chad Buitenhuis tries to get in his way. At left for the Chiefs is senior defender Tyler Winingham (No. 6).



Canton senior forward Mitch Posuniak (No. 12) closes in on Grand Haven's Austin Schild (No. 2) during Saturday's championship game. At left for the Buccaneers is Nicholas Kline (No. 20).

## Two-sport Chiefs make right call

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The end of last week was agonizing for Canton juniors Connor Shennan and Scott Piwowar.

Both had to decide whether they'd be playing soccer or football for their high school on Saturday afternoon. They ultimately chose soccer and contributed to the Chiefs' 1-0 victory over Grand Haven for the Division 1 state title.

"It was an extremely tough decision," said Shennan following the game. "I believe it was for both of us. It just came down to a state championship or a district final (football) game and I just had to pick the state championship.

"I've been with the soccer guys for three years, so has Scott, so it was just kind of extremely emotional for both of us. I just hope football's going well right now."

At the time it was, with Canton leading 14-7 in the third quarter against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

But the Shamrocks came back to win 21-14, knocking the Chiefs out of the postseason.

Although Shennan and Piwowar had to make tough choices, it helped to get the total blessing of Canton football coach Tim Baechler that it would be okay for them to be at East Kentwood Crestwood Middle School for the Chiefs' soccer final against the Buccaneers.



Canton juniors (from left) Connor Shennan and Scott Piwowar celebrate their soccer team's championship Saturday. Shennan is shown wearing what he called a 'Super Chiefs' cape.

even believe this," said Piwowar about being part of the soccer championship. "Our coach (Baechler) told us 'You won that semifinal (Nov. 2 against Warren DeLaSalle),' Piwowar said. 'You go have a hell of a game on Saturday.' And we did."

Shennan celebrated the title by donning a red "Super Chiefs" cape that obviously mirrored how he was feeling in the moments following the victory.

"It's a Super Chiefs cape," Shennan said. "I just put it on in all my excitement, I was just going crazy."

Piwowar added that it would be tough to not be there with the rest of his soccer team for the culmination — win or lose.

"We're a family, we're all together," Piwowar stressed. "We're brothers in arms."

Meanwhile, once the splendor of the sunny championship Saturday soaks in a little bit, they'll perhaps realize another bonus remains in store for them.

They'll still get to play Canton Chiefs football, albeit in 2012 when they are seniors.

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## KING, ILA Y.

Age 80, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away November 4, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



## REDDAMAN, ERNESTINE M. (nee HARTUNG)

November 6, 2011 age 95. Beloved wife of the late Lester. Dear mother of Marjorie (William) Taylor, Ernest (Katherine) Reddeman and Robert (Sandra) Reddeman. Also leaves 6 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by one grandson. Visitation Friday 2pm-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be held on Saturday 11am. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



## SERVALISH, DIANE

Age 49, Nov 6, 2011 of Livonia. Beloved wife of Craig. Loving mother of Andrew and Sean. Dear sister of Craig (Connie), Lance, Colleen and Scott Tracy. Special Aunt to Ryan, Darin, Molly and Chelsea. Daughter-in-law of Don and Sandy Servalish. In state Thurs 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 Wayne Rd. Westland. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland, MI. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice. To share a memory, visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



## MAXWELL, JERRY HOLLIS

Celebrated Civil War historian and North Farmington teacher passed away October 29 at the age of 69. Jerry spent 32 years teaching various history courses at North Farmington HS, receiving various awards, most notably the DAR National Teacher of the Year in 1995. A historical lecturer and member of the Michigan Regimental Civil War Round Table since 1972, Jerry's passion for the Civil War culminated in The Perfect Lion, his definitive book on Artillerist John Pelham. Jerry was a loving and hilarious husband to Carlene, father to Brent and Holly, grandfather to William and Sofia, and friend and mentor to many more. A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, November 19th at the Embassy Suites in Livonia, MI from 4-9 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry Maxwell's name to Brandy Station, VA (www.brandystation-foundation.com) or to the Detroit Film Theater at the DIA (http://www.dia.org/support/tributes-memorials.aspx). He will be greatly missed and remembered by all who were touched by him.



**NIEMAN, LUCILLE M.**  
Age 89, November 2, 2011, former 50 year resident of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Fred Nieman. Loving mother of Rick (Cindy) and Kathy Nieman. Dear grandmother of Matthew and Molly. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 2 PM until Memorial Service at 3 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society. Share a memory of Lucille at www.rgharris.com

## RUPPEL, PAMELA LOHR

65, of Westland, Michigan passed away unexpectedly in her home on November 1, 2011. She was born on April 12, 1946 in Detroit to the late John and Edith (Lohr) Ruppel of Wayne. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and attended college at Northern Michigan University and Schoolcraft Community College. Pam retired in 2007 from the Wayne-Westland Schools system after more than 30 years of service. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Wayne. During retirement, she enjoyed spending quality time with her family and many friends. She loved to read and was always adding to her collection of frog memorabilia. She is survived by her brother John (Chris) Ruppel of Midland, her sister Kay (Ron) Bolenbaugh of Rockwood; her nephews, John (Lisa) Ruppel of Bedford, NH and their children Zachery and Nicole; Ken (Dawn) Ruppel of Columbus, OH; and Andy Bolenbaugh of Flat Rock and his daughter Samantha; and her good friend Robin McDougall of Livonia. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2011, 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, (2 Towne Square, Wayne, MI 48184), officiated by Rev. Daniel Vellinga. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested for The American Diabetes Association or the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

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By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

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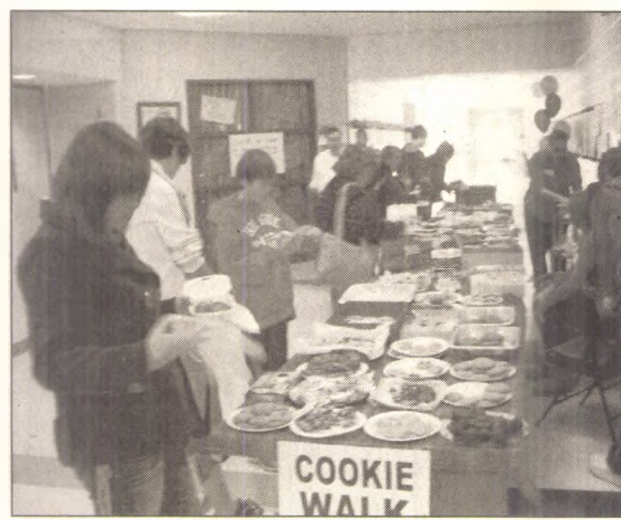
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Shoppers will find hundreds of ways to make gift-giving meaningful this holiday season through "alternative" fairs this weekend in Farmington Hills and next weekend in Plymouth.

More than 50 nonprofit organizations, including local charities, social service agencies and international fair trade groups, will sell goods and raise awareness and funds for their causes, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Hope Lutheran Church, in Farmington Hills, created the Alternative Christmas Fair 11 years ago and moved the event to roomier St. Fabian last year.

"We do have several new charities. We probably have 12-15," said Joy DeFranco, event chair. "We have the Kirsten Haglund Foundation this year. She was Miss America in 2008 and has a foundation for eating disorders. Another one we're excited to have this year is On the Rise Bakery from the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. They help men that have been in jail or involved in substance abuse. They're given an opportunity to be bakers. Their bakery items are fabulous."

Local vendors will offer everything from creative craft kits — from Arts & Scraps in Ann Arbor — to African art from Farmington Hills-based Touching Hands Helping Hearts, which supplies a village in Mozambique. Forgotten Harvest and



Shoppers buy homemade cookies last year at the Alternative Christmas Fair in Farmington Hills.

The Pink Fund will have holiday greeting cards on hand. Saints Peter & Paul Warming Center and Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries will sell food mixes. The Salvation Army will offer decorative baskets and bags and Paws With A Cause will sell gifts for furry friends.

Organizations with a global mission will sell handmade gifts from around the world, such as Guatemalan coffee, Afghan bracelets and Palestinian sculptures. "Everything opens at 10 a.m. We do have a line out the door and we had over 1,000 shoppers last year," DeFranco said.

Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, limits its alternative fair to an hour after Sunday worship on Nov. 20. The fair is open to the public and will start at 11:30 a.m.

Nonprofit organizations, such as Appalachian Service Project, Baldwin Center, Cass Community Social Services, First Step, and Habitat for Humanity, will be on hand with information and opportunities to donate.

"What we encourage people to do is to take literature home and instead of buying a material gift for some-

one on their gift list, to contribute to one of these organizations," said Rosemary Jones, fair coordinator.

Charities will include church members, such as Pam and Ron Fair, who work with overseas missions. The Fairs have spent time in Africa assisting Rafiki, an organization that helps orphans. Members of the Kappler family also will be on hand to spread the word about Kris and Sarah Kappler's mission in Uzbekistan.

Shoppers can sponsor a child's music lessons locally through the Michigan Fine Arts Academy or take a global approach by buying an animal — or a share of an animal — for individuals overseas through Heifer International.

"I've given my grandchildren an animal in their honor. You can give a goat, a heifer, rabbits, honeybees. It could be a pair of sheep, a chicken or rooster. They have a wonderful program. These are concrete things people can give and make a difference."

For more information about the fairs, visit www.alternative-christmasfair.org for the Farmington Hills event and www.pfumc.org for the Plymouth event.

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## Performers celebrate art of storytelling

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

The Detroit Story League's annual fall performance in Livonia is part of a worldwide event for adults — and that's no tall tale.

When the organization's six storytellers take the stage Friday, Nov. 18 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, performers around the globe will be doing the same in their own locales with the same purpose in mind: to foster and preserve the oral tradition of storytelling and build community support for storytelling.

"Tellabration," launched 23 years ago in Connecticut, bonds storytellers in spirit as they weave their yarns the same day, generally the Saturday closest to Thanksgiving Day.

Detroit Story League's event will start with a silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by storytelling at 7 p.m. and refreshments served at 8:45 p.m. All proceeds from the \$5 admission will benefit the Detroit Story League's scholarship fund.

Storytellers this year will include Judy Sima, Barbara Schutzgruber, Nola McDonald, Loretta Vitek, and a duo, The Fabricators. Andrew Feldstein serves as story concert maestro.

"Our group is diverse and that's what we pride ourselves on," said Barbara Shapiro, who co-chairs the event. "Loretta tells dragon stories and she's an expert in Italian stories. Barbara is a weaver. She has a strong background in education and does Scottish and English folk tales, and string stories. Judy is very well-rounded. She has written a book on storytelling."

McDonald is known for poetic stories and The Fabricators, known individually as "Milli P" and "Ami D," bring stories of famous African Americans to life.

As maestro, Feldstein will



The Fabricators, a storytelling duo, will bring the stories of African Americans to life at Tellabration.

introduce the storytellers and keep the program moving.

Shapiro hopes Tellabration will inspire attendees to learn more about storytelling by attending a Detroit Story League meeting. The group meets the third Saturday of the month and will gather for stories and a workshop at noon the day after Tellabration, Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Redford Township Library, 25320 West Six Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph. Participants bring their own lunch and the organization supplies dessert. Sima will lead a workshop on feedback and critiques. The Fabricators and Jean Gruenwald will tell stories.

The Detroit Story League allows potential members to attend three meetings before

joining the group. Mentors are available to help them hone their storytelling skills and monthly workshops offer advice on a variety of topics.

"You don't read stories, you tell them. It can be scary," Shapiro noted. "We give them tips."

New members aren't required to tell a story until after they've logged their first year with the group. The organization offers lots of opportunities for public performance.

"Our organization is a service organization and we are available to tell in nursing homes," Shapiro said. "Many of us go to schools and tell in classrooms. We also tell in libraries and at camp sites. We go wherever we're needed."



Schutzgruber



Judy Sima is among the storytellers at Tellabration, Nov. 18 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

### TELLABRATION

**What:** The Detroit Story League's annual fall storytelling program

**When:** 7-8:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

**Where:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Maestro Andrew Feldstein emcees the program that includes Nola McDonald, Barbara Schutzgruber, Judy Sima, Loretta Vitek and The Fabricators. The event includes a silent auction from 6-7 p.m. and refreshments served at 8:45 p.m. The silent auction will include baskets with handmade items, educational materials about storytelling, books and more

**Admission:** \$5

**Contact:** Barbara Shapiro at (248) 557-6249 or Barbara Clark at (248) 514-6739 or (248) 470-6704; www.detroitstorytelling.org

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## U-M-trained composer to lead orchestra

The Michigan Philharmonic's upcoming concert, "Música de las Américas," will feature music with a Latin flavor, including a composition by University of Michigan-trained Gabriela Lena Frank.

The concert is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The orchestra, conducted by Nan Washburn, will open the show with a concert version of *Malagueña* by Ernesto Lecuona, the Cuban composer and pianist. Other selections will include *Ocho Por Radio* by Silvestre Revueltas, the haunting *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5* by Villa-Lobos, and *Varicones Concertantes Opus 23* by Alberto Ginestrera.

One of the highlights of the concert will be *Elegia Andina* by Gabriela Lena Frank. Her composition draws from her ethnically rich Peruvian/Chinese/Lithuanian/Jewish ancestry.

According to Frank, *Elegia Andina for Orchestra*, written in 2000, is dedicated to her older brother.

"As children of a multicultural marriage our early days were filled with Oriental stir-fry cuisine, Andean nursery songs and frequent visits from our New York-bred Jewish



Gabriela Lena Frank will discuss her musical compositions at a pre-concert talk, Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Michigan Philharmonic's performance in Canton.

cousins," she stated. "As a young piano student, my repertoire included not only my own compositions that carried overtones from Peruvian folk music, but also rags of Scott Joplin and minuets of Bach. It was probably inevitable then that as a composer and pianist today, I continue to thrive on multiculturalism.

"*Elegia Andina* is one of my first written-down compositions to explore what it means to be of several different ethnic persuasions, of several minds."

Frank will discuss her music in a pre-concert talk at 1:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$22, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students. Call (734) 451-2112 or visit [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org).



## Exhibit in Plymouth

"Meadow," an oil painting by Sharon Lee Dillenbeck is on exhibit, along with art by 10 other members of the Three Cities Art Club, through Nov. 29 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The multimedia show features watercolor, acrylic, oil, colored pencil and photography. Many of the pieces are for sale. The Three Cities Art Club, based in Canton, welcomes artists and art lovers to attend monthly events. Club members exhibit new work, participate in workshops, learn new techniques in various forms of art and enter their art in exhibitions for an opportunity to show and sell their work. Annual membership is \$25. The exhibit hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. (734) 416-4278.

## Chorus seeks holiday concert singers

Harmonytown Chorus has opened its rehearsals to men interested in singing with the group at its annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile.

The group rehearses from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Nov. 29 at Kirk of our Saviour Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Westland.

Harmonytown is rehearsing

Christmas songs with familiar arrangements in a relaxed atmosphere. The activity is free.

For more information, call Keith McDonald at (734) 679-1927 or e-mail him at [Keithmac@wideopenwest.com](mailto:Keithmac@wideopenwest.com).

The show at 3 p.m. Dec. 4 will feature favorite Christmas songs and an audience sing-a-long, Berkeley High School A Capella Choir and the quartet, Impulse.

Tickets are \$6; children 12 and

under pay \$3. Tickets are by advance sale only. For information or to order tickets, call (734) 743-1764.

To order by mail, send a check payable to Wayne Chapter, and send to Frank Adams, 38300 Lana Ct., Farmington Hills MI 48335. Include quantity, kind of tickets, and a phone number or e-mail.

If time allows, tickets will be sent by mail; otherwise they will be held for pickup at the event.

## GET OUT!

### Art

#### ART & IDEAS

**Time/Date:** Through Dec. 24; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, or by appointment

**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, in Plymouth

**Details:** "Downtown Foot Art" includes works by the gallery's artist-in-residence, Shaqe Kalaj. She focused on historical buildings in downtown Plymouth for her series of works which she sketched and painted with her feet in the outdoors over the summer

**Contact:** (734) 420-0775

#### MICHIGAN WEAVER'S GUILD

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19

**Location:** The City Gallery, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Holiday Trunk Sale with an array of handwoven items by members of the Guild. Admission is free

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Through Dec. 10

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** The seventh annual Northville Holiday Art Market includes hand-crafted work in painting, printmaking, glass, mosaic, fiber, photography, jewelry and mixed media for sale by well-known local artists. Hours for the market are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. On "First Fridays" only in November and December hours are 1-9 p.m.

**Coming up:** An Antiques and Fine Arts Appraisal clinic



Handwoven items, like this scarf by Andrea Anderson, will be for sale at the annual Michigan Weaver's Guild exhibit Nov. 19 in Farmington Hills.

with Robert DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The registration fee is \$10 per item with a limit of 3 items per guest. Walk-ins without prior registration will be admitted on the day of the event if time allows. Guests may bring items such as antiques, collectibles, family memorabilia, furniture and artwork. Large or fragile items should be submitted by photograph. Coins, stamps, and jewelry will not be appraised at this event. Register in person, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday or call Northville Art House

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday in November

**Location:** 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Drawings by Marilyn Meredith of Three Cities Art Club

**Contact:** (734) 416-4278

#### VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

**Time/Date:** Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

**Location:** 340 N. Main, G-11, behind Plymouth Crossing Restaurant, in downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Holiday sale; refreshments served

**Contact:** (734) 207-8807

#### Comedy

##### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [gocomedy.net](http://gocomedy.net)

#### JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**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

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Tim Kidd, through Nov. 12; Chris Barnes, Nov. 16-19; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 23, 25-26

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Robb Little, Nov. 10-12; Kathleen Madigan, Nov. 17-19; Dave Landau, Nov. 25-26; Alex Ortiz, Nov. 30-Dec. 3

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

#### Dance

##### MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

##### SUCCESSFULLY SINGLE

**Time/Date:** 8-8:30 p.m. dance lesson, 9 a.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 12

**Location:** Burton Manor Ballroom #8, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Details:** Meet, Mingle, & Dance the night away to Top 40 Music by Professional DJ Pam Hornbeck. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres buffet served from 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Pay at the door: \$11 for Successfully Single members and \$14 for non-members. Dressy casual attire. No jeans or sneakers

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You can combine both ingredients in one easy sure-to-please appetizer: Make a slit in a fig and stuff with a piece of Jarlsberg. Wrap with partially-cooked bacon (it should be a bit limp) and heat at 400°F just until bacon is crispy and cheese begins to melt.

Get more sweet and savory holiday recipes at [www.ValleyFig.com](http://www.ValleyFig.com) and [www.JarlsbergUSA.com](http://www.JarlsbergUSA.com).



### Fig Cranberry Bars with Caramel Drizzle

Cut into 32 bars

- 1 cup cranberries, fresh or frozen
- 2 tablespoons plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup granulated sugar, divided
- 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 cups old fashioned oats
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup packed light brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups chopped figs
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped, toasted walnuts
- 1 cup caramel ice cream topping

In small bowl combine cranberries and 2 tablespoons granulated sugar; set aside.

In medium bowl stir together 2 cups flour, oats, brown sugar, remaining granulated sugar and baking soda. Stir in butter. Reserve 1 cup crumb mixture.

Press remaining crumb mixture in bottom of 13- by 9-inch baking pan. Bake in 350°F oven for 15 minutes.

Stir figs and walnuts into cranberries and sprinkle evenly over crust. Stir together caramel topping and remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup flour; drizzle over fruits and nuts. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture.

Bake for additional 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack.

### Chocolate-Dipped Stuffed Figs

Makes 15 figs

- 15 figs
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brandy (or  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup water mixed with 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons vanilla extract)
- 15 to 30 small pieces candied ginger, toasted nuts or chocolate
- 5 to 6 ounces semisweet, bittersweet or premium white chocolate, chopped

With sharp knife, cut small slit in bottom of each fig.

In small saucepan, heat sugar and water over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Stir in brandy and figs. Bring to a boil over high heat then reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Drain figs, cool and dry thoroughly.

Stuff one or two pieces of ginger, nuts and/or chocolate into each fig.

Place chopped chocolate in 1-cup glass measuring cup or small microwave-safe bowl. Heat on medium/50 percent power until almost melted, stirring after every 1 to 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. Remove from oven and stir until melted.

Hold stem of each fig and dip in melted chocolate. Place figs, stems up, on wax paper-lined tray until chocolate sets. Decorate with white chocolate or nuts, as desired.

Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

### Savory Jarlsberg Thumbprints with Fig-Pepper Jelly

Makes 40 cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 large egg yolks
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- 1 cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups finely chopped, toasted pecans or unblanched almonds
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup finely chopped, stemmed figs
- 1 cup hot pepper jelly (red or green)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place butter in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Beat in egg yolks. On low speed, gradually beat in flour. Stir in Jarlsberg, Parmesan and nuts.

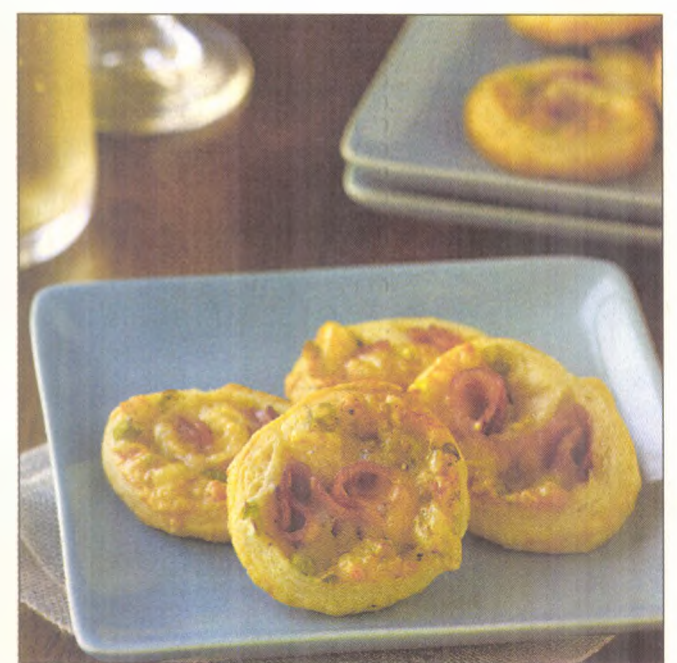
Divide dough into 4 equal portions. Wrap 3 in wax paper or plastic wrap and chill. On work surface, form remaining portion of dough into 10 (1  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch) balls.

Place balls, 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches apart, on ungreased baking sheet. With thumb or back of wooden spoon, make  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch indentation in center of each cookie. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. If needed, press back of teaspoon into cookies to re-form indentations. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool.

Repeat shaping and baking with remaining dough.

To serve, in small bowl, stir together figs and jelly. Fill each cookie with about 1 teaspoon fig-pepper jelly.

Make ahead note: Dough can be prepared 1 to 2 days ahead. Form dough into 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cylinder, wrap airtight and chill or freeze for longer storage. Baked cookies can be stored unfilled, in airtight container for 2 days or frozen. To re-crisp, place on baking sheet in 350°F oven for 2 to 4 minutes. Cool. Fill with fig-pepper jelly as directed.



### Jarlsberg, Ham and Herb Swirls

Makes about 26 swirls

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry (half of 17.3-ounce package), thawed
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard (optional)
- 3 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion
- 1 tablespoon dried basil or thyme leaves
- 1 cup (4 ounces) finely shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- 4 ounces thinly sliced Black Forest or other lean ham

Unfold pastry onto lightly floured board; cut in half, lengthwise, to form two pieces. Brush beaten egg on entire surface of each piece.

Leaving a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch border around each pastry, top with the following, dividing evenly: Dijon mustard, green onion, basil and Jarlsberg. Top each with sliced ham, cutting to fit in a single layer within border.

Starting at the long ends, carefully roll up each pastry. Gently pinch ends to seal pastry rolls. Wrap each in plastic wrap. Chill rolls, seam side down, for 2 hours or up to 2 days.

To serve, preheat oven to 400°F. Unwrap rolls and cut each roll crosswise into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch slices. Place, 1 inch apart, on 2 greased baking sheets.

Bake one sheet at a time for 14 to 16 minutes or until golden. Place on wire rack to cool slightly. Serve warm.



## BBB: Beware of bogus loan offers

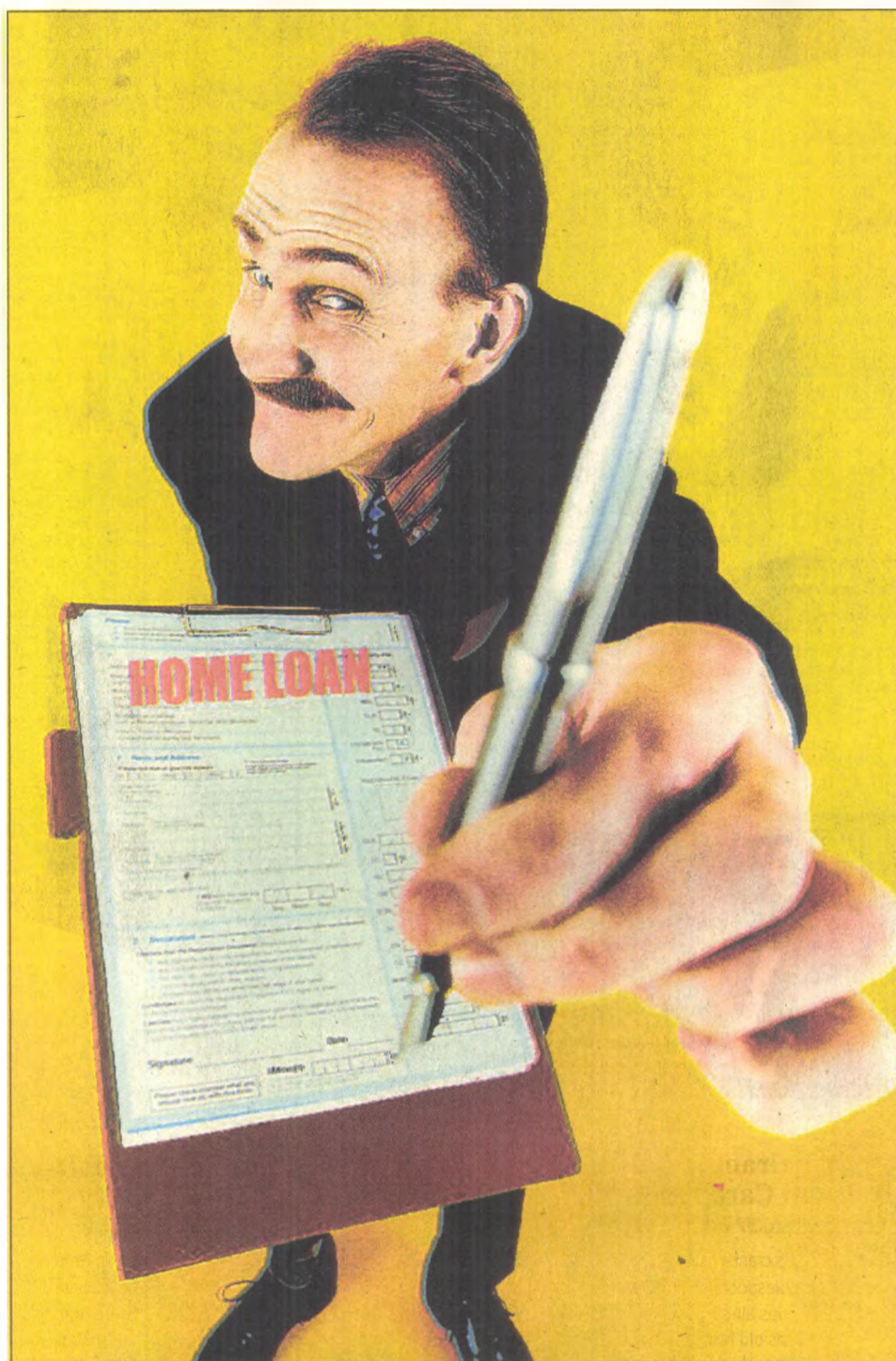
The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula has received several complaints over the last few weeks from people across the country inquiring about a company identified as UNITED COMMERCIAL CREDIT, allegedly located on East Fort Street in Detroit. Consumers are informing the BBB that they have been approved for a secured loan but are required to wire a collateral deposit of \$700-\$1000 to cover insurance on their loan.

Consumers are promised they will receive their loan in 24-48 hours or refunded their deposit. To date, no one has received the promised refund. Two of the complainants who did not receive their loan were told that funds could not be released due to their credit history unless they paid an additional insurance premium at which time the funds would be released. One victim faced this excuse on several occasions and wired the scammers over \$6,000.00 but still has not received a loan.

The Michigan Office of Financial & Insurance Regulation has informed the BBB that UNITED COMMERCIAL CREDIT is not an active Michigan corporation and that it does not have a valid license to provide lending and financial services in Michigan. The BBB report is being revised to reflect the BBB's current investigation.

The BBB reminds consumers that advance fee loans are illegal and advises against wiring money to anyone you don't know. Consumers should also be leery of any websites or e-mails they receive which claim to guarantee loans regardless of credit. Remember, anytime you're asked to pay money upfront to qualify for a loan, the offer is fraudulent.

- Signs of an advanced fee loan scam:
- You are guaranteed a loan even if you have no credit, bad credit or a bankruptcy.
  - You are guaranteed a loan even if local legitimate lending institutions have refused you.
  - Upfront fees are not disclosed.
  - You are asked to wire money to the company to pay an upfront fee for insurance, administration or legal fees.
  - The company pressures you to send the money right away.



• Written communications contain typos and grammatical errors.  
• When you telephone, no one is ever "in"; your calls are not returned, or the voicemail box is always "full."  
Victims of bogus loan brokers are encouraged to file a complaint with

the BBB (www.bbb.org) or (248) 223-9400 and the Michigan Attorney General's Office at (877) 765-8388. While the chance of recovering the payment fee is minimal, victims can provide information to help BBBs warn consumers and assist government investigations.

## Finding recourse for a hoarder

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** What do we do with someone who is hoarding all kinds of junk in their condominium unit, including a situation which is causing mold, animal waste, vermin and a potential fire hazard?

**A:** It is, of course, a difficult problem, but most of the time your condominium documents allow for recourse by the association. Obviously you need to identify the problem and the association's obligation, if any, to deal with it. You need to request access with a board representative and an outside expert to scope the problem. You need to deliver the scope to the co-owner and give them a date certain to have the place cleared out or restored, if applicable. Upon the co-owner's failure to remove the stuff and restore it, if applicable by the date certain, after notice



Robert Meisner

to the co-owner the association's expert should have the work done, if at all possible, upon the advice of counsel. If you need an

Injunctive Order from the court, you will have to start a lawsuit. You may also want to consider contacting local social service agencies to determine whether or not there is a psychological problem with the "co-owner." Obviously, if the owner does not remove the materials, you may have the right under the documents to do so without liability to the association, its managers, directors, etc. On the other hand, you may have to get a Injunctive Order and hopefully recover all costs, expenses and legal fees from the co-owner.

**Q:** Can you give me some information concerning the insurance requirements which FHA is now requiring of homeowner and condominium associations?

**A:** For all new and established projects with more than 20 units, the homeowner's association is required to obtain and maintain an Employee Dishonesty-Fidelity Bond Insurance. The association must maintain this insurance for all officers, directors of the association and all other persons handling or are responsible for funds administered by the association. The coverage must be no less than the sum equal to three months aggregate assessments in all units plus reserve funds unless a state law mandates that a greater amount of required insurance. If the homeowner's association engages the services of a management company, the Homeowner's Association must require the management company to maintain the insurance coverage for its officers, employees and agents handling or are responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of, the homeowner's association. The required coverage must meet the following requirements:

1. Must name the association as an obligee;
2. Must be an amount not less than the estimated maximum of funds, including reserve funds, in the custody of the owner's association or managing agent at any given time during the term of each bond;
3. In no event may the aggregate amount of such bonds be less than a sum equal to three months aggregate assessments in all units plus reserve funds unless state law requires a maximum amount of required coverage.

Obviously, it is important that you review this requirement with your attorney to make sure that your association is in compliance.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 1-5, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

2249 Ashbourne Dr	\$410,000
43118 Avon Rd	\$180,000
6862 Carriage Hills Dr	\$139,000
39464 Cather St	\$110,000
48551 Central Park Dr	\$345,000
7072 Copper Creek Cir	\$107,000
41922 Coventry Way	\$127,000
1920 E Roundtable Dr	\$118,000
8401 Forrest Dr	\$125,000
46011 Graystone Ln	\$168,000
3256 Greenwich Ct	\$235,000
50048 Hancock St	\$129,000
45537 Holmes Dr	\$210,000
42501 Majestic Ct	\$115,000
277 Meadowlake Rd	\$160,000
45417 N Stonewood Rd	\$110,000
47742 Pavilion Rd	\$320,000
44344 S Umlerland Cir	\$159,000
41703 White Tail Ln	\$110,000

#### GARDEN CITY

31476 Bridge St	\$65,000
31440 Chester St	\$67,000
29160 Florence St	\$57,000
32919 John Hawk St	\$60,000
6548 Sharon St	\$69,000

#### LIVONIA

36300 Six Mile Rd	\$128,000
9725 Adams St	\$125,000
38182 Ann Arbor Trl	\$29,000
34480 Capitol St	\$112,000
14950 Cavell St	\$105,000
28409 Cleveland St	\$98,000
17122 Dolores St	\$85,000
36240 Dover St	\$90,000
17522 Edgewood St	\$210,000
11017 Edington St	\$175,000
14224 Ellen Dr	\$120,000
14626 Ellen Dr	\$120,000
19992 Ellen Dr	\$383,000
14718 Fairway St	\$115,000
9915 Farmington Rd	\$215,000
17907 Floral St	\$113,000
29436 Grandon St	\$60,000
15900 Harrison St	\$95,000
37951 Jamison St	\$105,000
11750 Jarvis St	\$126,000
36340 Lyndon St	\$169,000
11300 Mayfield St	\$115,000
14378 Melvin St	\$145,000
31621 Middleboro St	\$45,000

18217 Norwich Rd	\$79,000
19341 Norwich Rd	\$180,000
14217 Park St	\$123,000
34678 Pembroke Ave	\$215,000
33657 Pondview Cir	\$30,000
14693 Riverside St	\$165,000
38347 Roycroft Ct	\$168,000
35954 Scone St	\$128,000
18819 Shadyside St	\$123,000
16943 Yorkshire St	\$270,000

#### NORTHVILLE

49525 Seven Mile Rd	\$385,000
42381 Anchor Ct	\$56,000
18212 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$450,000
41648 Elk Rd	\$180,000
550 Grace St	\$495,000
262 Hutton St	\$180,000
42801 Itham Ct	\$51,000
18241 Parkshore Dr	\$550,000
18128 Pinebrook Dr	\$285,000
18537 Steep Hollow Ct	\$530,000
18885 Stonewater Blvd	\$471,000
710 W Main St	\$828,000

#### PLYMOUTH

46701 Barrington Ct	\$269,000
11636 Butternut Ave	\$90,000
14695 Garland Ave	\$70,000
44860 Lynn Dr	\$95,000
40441 Newport Dr	\$70,000

9055 Northern Ave	\$226,000
12426 Pinecrest Dr	\$122,000
51339 Plymouth Lake Cir	\$575,000
9255 Red Maple Ct	\$318,000
1150 S Harvey St	\$415,000

#### REDFORD

15836 Lenore	\$24,000
19144 Macarthur	\$40,000
11367 Mercedes	\$60,000
10038 Riverdale	\$22,000
9003 Seminole	\$53,000

#### WESTLAND

30742 Ann Arbor Trl	\$49,000
34569 Blackfoot St	\$48,000
33605 Calumet St	\$12,000
38000 Hixford Pl	\$86,000
8286 Huntington St	\$10,000
34943 Lewis St	\$63,000
29836 Lonnie Dr	\$85,000
29049 Manchester St	\$23,000
34425 Marina Ct	\$88,000
6143 N Berry St	\$39,000
6275 N Dowling St	\$42,000
27608 Powers St	\$30,000
1511 S Sutton St	\$104,000
1745 Selma St	\$30,000
570 Van Sull St	\$66,000
640 Van Sull St	\$80,000
516 Worchester St	\$112,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 25-29, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

31724 Auburn Dr	\$160,000
18300 Beverly Rd	\$190,000
18166 Kinross Ave	\$162,000
32076 Rosevear St	\$251,000
31773 Waltham Ct	\$341,000

#### BINGHAM FARMS

30875 River Crossing St	\$186,000
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#### BIRMINGHAM

1676 Banbury St	\$110,000
532 Bennaville Ave	\$224,000
748 Chapin Ave	\$435,000
444 Chester St	\$150,000
548 Chesterfield Ave	\$550,000
2435 Devon Ln	\$676,000
1048 Ridgedale Ave	\$275,000
1244 S Eton St	\$111,000
565 S Glenhurst Dr	\$428,000
541 Wimbleton Dr	\$340,000

2744 Yorkshire Rd	\$475,000
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#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4683 Brightmore Rd	\$417,000
2142 Coach Way Ct	\$240,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2075 Bootmaker Ln	\$201,000
7022 Cathedral Dr	\$285,000
3301 Highmeadow Ct	\$175,000
841 Highwood Dr	\$1,150,000
1556 Island Ln	\$400,000
2745 Lahser Rd	\$180,000
1170 Lenox Rd	\$385,000
7141 Paterese Dr	\$165,000
1736 Saint Johns Ct	\$250,000
4425 Squire Rd	\$200,000
5245 Wayfind Ln	\$890,000

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

4235 Bluebird Dr	\$435,000
1723 Carriage Hill # 206	\$293,000
7969 Farrant St	\$586,000
7904 Flagstaff St	\$470,000
4085 Forest Edge Dr	\$251,000
2160 Palmetto	\$230,000
4983 Parkgate Dr	\$343,000
5870 Pickbourne St	\$32,000
340 Polvadera St	\$122,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

36986 Dartmoor Dr	\$88,000
23410 Haynes St	\$103,000
39283 Heatherbrook Dr	\$250,000
28357 Kendallwood Dr	\$144,000
29040 Oak Point Dr	\$174,000
35746 Old Homestead Dr	\$225,000
32777 Raphael Rd	\$85,000
35986 W 13 Mile Rd	\$575,000
28341 Westerleigh Rd	\$115,000
Lathrup Village	
27610 Goldengate Dr W	\$50,000
27051 Lathrup Blvd	\$135,000

#### MILFORD

266 E Canyon Dr	\$211,000
623 Mill Pointe Dr	\$185,000
887 W Maple Rd	\$235,000

#### NOVI

27453 Albert St	\$237,000
27355 Benjamins Way	\$45,000
51195 Brompton	\$205,000
26226 Fieldstone Dr	\$230,000
27079 Ladbrooke Dr	\$217,000
41692 Magnolia Ct	\$116,000
41050 N McMahon Cir	\$54,000
24559 Olde Orchard St	\$43,000
25524 Portico Ln	\$115,000

24822 Portsmouth Ave	\$275,000
47154 Scarlet Dr S	\$187,000
23325 W Le Bost	\$124,000
28311 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000

#### SOUTH LYON

61155 Allen Dr	\$205,000
58721 Carriage Ln	\$298,000
1375 Cartwright Ln	\$287,000
52073 Copperwood Dr N	\$50,000
495 Eagle Way	\$195,000
995 Oak Creek Dr	\$140,000
21001 Pontiac Dr	\$218,000
51847 Red Cedar Ct	\$295,000
831 Westbrooke Dr	\$209,000
302 Whipple St	\$75,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

21767 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$30,000
29146 Rambling Rd	\$40,000
30057 Rambling Rd	\$48,000
28673 Regent Ct N	\$31,000
21335 Wallace Ct	\$51,000

#### WHITE LAKE

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979 Suchava Dr	\$336,000

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Livonia & Northern Suburbs. Interior - Exterior. Free est. Since 1967. (248) 225-7165

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**Absolutely Free**

**FIREWOOD-**  
Call 248-684-0923

**Antiques/Collectibles**

**RECORD SHOW:** Nov. 13th, 10-4 \$Cash Prizes \$ LPs, 45s, CDs, VFW, 25671 Gratiot (N of 10), Roseville 586-759-5133

**Arts & Crafts**

**FOREVER DOLLS:** Will be at the Arts & Crafts Show Nov 12th, 10-4pm at Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Rd in Plymouth S of 5 Mile. (734) 453-2600

**Auction Sales**

**ESTATE AUCTION Sat. Nov. 12th, 7pm**  
Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth MI Furniture/Accessories Collectibles & Antiques Coins & Currency Household Items Cash/MC/Visa Bank Debit Cards No Checks Doors Open 6pm JCC Auction Service, LLC 734.451.7444 jcauctionservices.com

**Home Sale/Fla Market**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, Nov 12 9am-2pm**  
46001 Warren Rd. Canton

**Estate Sales**

**ANOTHER BERNARD DAVIS ESTATE SALE 313-837-1993**  
Fairfield District 18050 Fairfield, Detroit 48221 Fri & Sat 11/11/11-11/12, 8:45am-4pm Sun, 11/13, 12pm-5pm go to estate-sales.net for more info! SEE YOU THERE!!!

**CANTON ESTATE SALE:** Fri-Sun 9-5, 47806 Pavilion Rd. (S off Cherry Hill Rd, W of S. Beck Rd) Furniture, Collectibles & More pics @ actionestate.com 586-228-9090

**Collectibles, furniture, household goods & much more!**  
Sat 9-5pm, 14628 Fairway, Livonia, S of 5 Mile, E of Levan.

**ESTATE SALE - NORTHVILLE:**  
18036 Winchester Drive, Fri, Nov 11, 10-6 pm, numbers at 9. Sat., Nov 12, 10-2 pm. Furniture, china, Christmas items, antiques, Grandfather clock, house full! Go to: www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/230247.aspx for info & pics. Wonder Women Estate Sales 517-256-0695

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Season 3 GREAT FINDS incl. Massive bead collection, banjo & African pieces. 6539 Ridgewood Clarkston MI Nov 11-12, 10-5pm http://repurposeestate.com 248.719.8332

**Household Goods**

**CAPTAIN'S BED:**  
Full size with 3 large drawers, \$125. Call: (734) 721-6455

**COUCH:**  
Tan, transitional style, straight arms & back, 82 in long, excel cond. \$400 (248) 917-5388

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**Estate Sales**

**FARMINGTON HILLS ESTATE SALE**  
26641 Greythorne Tr 48334 Sat. 11/12, 9-3 Furniture & misc. items. Everything must go.

**LIVONIA Private Estate Sale.**  
See ad on estatesales.net Advantage Estate Sales Co. for details 586-806-4075

**REDFORD ESTATE SALE.**  
9116 Grayfield, Nov. 11 & 12, Fri. 9-3, Sat. 9-4

**WESTLAND: ESTATE SALE**  
Conducted by Jamie's Attic 32714 Benson Dr. btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Trail, E. of Farmington. Fri & Sat 10-4. Nice clean packed sale. Furniture, knick-knacks, Snow Babies, Holiday, glassware, porcelain, freezer, refrigerator, garage items & much more. www.jamiesattic.com or (734) 771-4537

**Garage/Moving Sales**

**Garden City Presbyterian Church Annual Bazaar**  
1841 Middlebelt Rd. S. of Ford. Fri., Nov. 11, 4-8pm. Turkey Dinner served btwn 4:30-7:30pm. Friday Sat, Nov. 12, 9-4pm. Snacks & lunch sold on Sat. Numerous craft & food booths will be open.

**HIGHLAND - MOVING SALE**  
4340 Chevron Dr. M59 & Harvey Lake Rd. Everything Must Go! Furniture, hot tub, housewares & more! Nov. 13, 11-4pm. Final day!

**LIVONIA GARAGE SALE**  
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE Thursday & Friday Nov 10th & 11th, 9am-4pm 18600 Haggerty Rd Btwn 6 & 7 Mile Rds. Tables, chairs, office furniture & misc. items.

**LIVONIA - Moving sale.** 34360 Haldane Dr. Fri. & Sat. Nov 11th & 12th, 10-5pm. Complete household liquidation, including collector plates.

**MILFORD - Moving sale Sat., Nov 12, 9-3PM**  
936 Deep Valley Dr. Corner of Woodvale Ct. Down sizing Antiques & collectibles, 10 mantel clocks from triple decker to camel backs. Antique child's rocker w/cane seat. Precor 9.25i treadmill, household items, old scale, new Christmas ornaments/in box, sounds systems, teenage stuff, photo printer, some clothing. No early sales!

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**Hospital/Medical Equipment**

**SCOOTER - Pride Hurricane 4**  
wheel scooter. Heavy duty, full-size. Exc cond. Like new \$1500. Call 248-853-1805

**Miscellaneous For Sale**

**LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SALE:**  
SDD - SDM and Sunday sales. For the city of Westland. Call: (734) 729-3784

**Medical Instruments**

**LOOKING FOR USED KEYBOARDS & STANDS:**  
With accessories. Yamaha & Corp preferred. 734-717-7503

**ORGAN - THOMAS (Color Glow):**  
\$100 or best offer. Call: (734) 425-3697

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With scope, lever action, soft case, trigger lock, \$350. Call: (248) 349-4656</



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**Commercial/Personal Lines Insurance Account Manager**

This long established, fast-paced Livonia insurance agency is looking for a part-time (36 hrs/wk) account manager experienced in both commercial & personal lines insurance. You must be licensed in P&C, have 2+ yrs of experience working in both commercial & personal lines insurance and have a superior working knowledge of TAM & MS Excel and Word. Qualified candidates please e-mail your resume to [jobs@cambridge-pc.com](mailto:jobs@cambridge-pc.com)

**DELIVERY**

Valid Driver's License Req. Co. Vehicle Provided. \$600-\$800/Week. Call Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm (248) 471-9444

**DIRECT CARE STAFF**

Work with developmentally disabled adults. Westland. (734) 722-4580 x9

**DIRECT CARE WORKER**

PT positions avail. Positive attitudes a must. Must have clean driving record. Starting \$7.61/hr (734) 341-1629

**DIRECT CARE:** Make a difference! Support people with disabilities living their life the way they want to! Assist with personal care, meals, taking care of their homes, getting places etc. Many locations, many shifts! If you are at least 18 years old, have a valid Michigan's Driver's License & are CLS, Inc. trained, call our Job Line 734-728-4201, or

**DRIVERS WANTED**

Auto Expediting Inc is looking for 25 CDL Class A qualified drivers to operate in our owner operator fleet. Good pay, home every weekend. We transport auto parts and general commodities throughout the Midwestern US. We can have you working within a week. For more information call Jim Gibson at (734) 367-2328

**FULL/PART TIME WAREHOUSE/DRIVER**

For Northville construction material supplier. CDL not required. Good pay, fringes, no weekends, clean driving record a must. Call Tony at 248-347-3824

**HVAC SERVICE TECH/INSTALLER**

Long Mechanical Service 60+ year old company looking for an experienced HVAC service tech/installer. Send resume to 190 East Main St., Northville, MI 48167 or email to [along@ongmechanical.com](mailto:along@ongmechanical.com)

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**JEWELRY SALES**

Full + Part-time + Seasonal Start up to \$14 Exp up to \$21 Benefits - Bonus - No Nights! 734-525-3200 Fax 525-1443 [jobs@jewelryexchange.com](mailto:jobs@jewelryexchange.com)

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**Help Wanted-General**

**LANDSCAPE LABORERS**

Cut-N-Care needs 10 temp Landscape laborers \$9.09 hr and \$13.64 OT M-F 8AM-5PM to use handpower tools to maintain lawns, lay sod & plant from 3/1/12 to 11/16/12 in the Oakland County Area. No experience required & minimum OTJ training provided. Mail resumes to 4890 West Rd, Wixom, MI 48393 No drop ins please. Transportation provided to job site from central location. Must be able to lift 50 lbs daily. May be required to offer wage of 14.78 for work performed on or after 11/30/11. Must pass post hire background check and drug test.

**Manager of Legal Services and Contract Administration**

Canton is now accepting applications for Manager of Legal Services and Contract Administration. Job description with complete qualifications and hiring process are available on the Canton Township website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) E.O.E.

**MARSHALL ARTS INSTRUCTOR**

In Tackwon-Do. Part-time position for evening and weekend classes. Contact sport's director: 248-735-8850, ext 106

**PROPERTY MANAGER**

Of a large manufactured housing community in Oakland county. Need good people skills and exp in managing multi unit projects including apartments. Need basic computer skills/MS Office. Fax resume to 248-356-5021 Email: [jwitkowski@mcdonaldmcdarye.com](mailto:jwitkowski@mcdonaldmcdarye.com)

**SALES PEOPLE**

Southfield dealer looking for highly motivated automotive sales people to join our team. We offer excellent pay & benefits package including 401K. Automotive exp. required. Email resume: [seanl@pagetvota.com](mailto:seanl@pagetvota.com)

**SALES SUPPORT**

Sprayco, a leading consumer products company based in Livonia, seeks an outgoing energetic College or Business School Graduate, with a minimum 3 years work experience, for a full time sales support position. The correct candidate should be a team player and will be responsible for supporting sales management. Computer skills must include proficiency in PowerPoint, plus experience in Excel, Outlook and Word. We offer a competitive starting salary plus a complete benefit and 401 k program. Email resume to: [Sprayco@sprayco.com](mailto:Sprayco@sprayco.com) or Fax resume to: (734) 744-4922

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Must have 6 years of job shop/page shop experience. Great benefits and Pay! [www.birdsaltool.com](http://www.birdsaltool.com) 248-474-5150 [kbaron@birdsaltool.com](mailto:kbaron@birdsaltool.com)

**Warehouse Manager**

Candidate sought for the position of Warehouse Manager for nationwide office furniture installation company. The position is responsible for managing daily warehouse activities (shipping, receiving, tracking equipment) and maintaining client inventories. Solid communication skills, a valid driver's license, computer skills, and a positive attitude are a must. Apply in person at 29988 Anthony Drive, Wixom, MI 48393 or send cover letter and resume to [hr.mi.resume@gmail.com](mailto:hr.mi.resume@gmail.com)

**Help Wanted-Dental**

**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST**

Part time, Mon-Thurs, 20 hours/wk. Brand new office 13 Mile and Southfield. Must have Dentrix computer experience. Email resume and compensation history to [dentistryforlife@aol.com](mailto:dentistryforlife@aol.com)

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Full-Time, includes some Saturdays. Must have oral surgery/periodontal/dental implant & IV sedation experience. Benefits, Farmington Hills area. Contact Karen at: 248-851-1034

**Help Wanted-General**

**Earn \$50.00-\$100.00 per week**

Deliver newspapers twice a week on Thursday and Saturday evening/Sunday morning. Must have reliable transportation, car insurance and drivers license. Experience delivering newspapers helpful. Call 734-582-8690

**NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 24TH ISSUE OF THE Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Classified Section**

The Classified Department of the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Newspapers will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24th so our employees may enjoy Thanksgiving Day, with their family and friends. The office will reopen at 8:30am Friday, November 25th.

**Deadline for classified advertising For Thursday, November 24th issue - Deadline: Monday, November 21st at 4pm Deadline for Obituaries: For the Hometown Weekly Papers: (Milford Times, Novi News, South Lyon Herald and Northville Record): Deadline: Monday, November 21st at 9:30am For the Observer Newspapers: Deadline: Tuesday, November 22nd at 9:30am.**

We wish all of our readers and advertisers a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday!

The Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Newspapers Classified Department

**Help Wanted-Dental**

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**

Needed for progressive dental practice. Must have 5 yrs exp. be self-sufficient & motivated with exc. people skills. Dedicated to detail and follow-up. If you are this special person, then we would like you to join our team. Fax resume: 248-435-6322

**DENTAL ASSISTANT, SURGICAL**

Are you a dental assistant looking for an opportunity to expand skills and advance professionally in a high quality, leading edge environment? Bingham Farms/Southfield area specialty practice seeks a bright, personable, motivated surgical assistant to join its dedicated clinical team. Call: (248) 357-3100

**DENTAL ASSISTANT:**

Experienced, needed for Westland office. Call: (734) 525-7636

**DENTAL HYGIENIST**

Friendly Farmington office seeking part-time hygienist for solo dental practice. Fax resume (248) 478-9489

**Help Wanted-Medical**

**FRONT DESK WITH EXPERIENCE**

For busy ophthalmic practice with multiple physicians/locations. Great benefits. Fax or email resume: 248-290-2760 [connec@oaklandeye.com](mailto:connec@oaklandeye.com)

**LPN or RN for a Supervisory Position**

needed at Westland Assisted Living Community. Please FAX resume: (248) 350-9886

**MA/SECRETARY**

Experienced, part-time for busy doctor's office. Fax resume: 248-888-6897

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT/ MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST**

For internal medical practice in Commerce Twp. Fax resume: (248) 363-6202

**MEDICAL BILLER**

For large medical billing company in Canton. Please fax resume to: (734) 459-7755

**MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE STAFF WANTED IN TAYLOR**

Exp. required, immediate interviews. Contact: [v\\_pandiarajan@yahoo.com](mailto:v_pandiarajan@yahoo.com)

**OFFICE MANAGER & RECEPTIONIST - Exp Req'd.**

Livonia & Southfield. Fax resume: 248-559-2103

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**BIRTHMOTHER-Your feelings matter!** Creative optimistic married couple hope to create trusting relationship with you for baby's future. Legal Confidential Expenses Paid. Text/Call Kathy & Eugene 646-339-8326

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- RN position is FT or PT, days/afternoons.
- MDS Coordinator/ Case Mgr must be experienced licensed RN, FT or PT.
- Assistant Activities Director is PT and must possess a H.S. diploma w/at least 3 yrs SNF exp. Marycrest Manor -55 bed Skilled Nursing Center in Livonia. Applicants must be motivated & caring. These positions offer flexible hours with competitive wages and a generous benefits package. Please send resume with cover letter to: [hr@marycrestmanor.org](mailto:hr@marycrestmanor.org)

**Help Wanted-Food/Beverage**

**Cashier/Hostess**

Mature Person. Full or Part-Time. Apply in person 10-10:30am or 6-7pm daily at Koney island Inn, 7 Mile & Middlebelt.

**SERVERS - NOW HIRING**

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**Help Wanted-Sales**

**DIRECT SALES REPS**

Door to door - selling WOW! services to home-owners. Minimum 2yrs experience required. Full-time position. Salary + commissions \$50K-\$70K, great benefits, 401k, paid vacations. Call Mike Harvey for an immediate telephone interview! 248.677.9064

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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rudely brief
  - 5 Went to the bottom
  - 9 Flair for music
  - 12 Not busy
  - 13 Kind of surgeon
  - 14 Sz. choice
  - 15 Quay
  - 17 Audience approval
  - 19 Mine car
  - 21 Evil ensign
  - 22 Opulent
  - 25 "Cosmos" host
  - 28 UFO crew
  - 30 Tailor's measure
  - 34 It moves mountains
  - 35 Big Ben numeral
  - 36 Gridiron pos.
  - 37 Arg. neighbor
  - 38 Artists' stands
  - 40 Jeweled coronets
  - 42 Whinny

- 44 Show of hands
  - 45 Ladder part
  - 48 "La - Bonita" (Madonna tune)
  - 50 Tangled
  - 53 Aquatic mammal
  - 57 One given a red-carpet reception
  - 58 Does sums
  - 60 Zone
  - 61 "Harper Valley -"
  - 62 Young males
  - 63 Miff
- DOWN**
- 1 Grey Cup org.
  - 2 Suffix for press
  - 3 Race the engine
  - 4 Infants do it
  - 5 Blvd.
  - 6 Enticing emanation
  - 7 Calif. neighbor
  - 8 Green parrot

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

F	E	W	A	V	E	C	C	A	A	N
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# SUDOKU

1	5					7	9	2
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		5	7			2		
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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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