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Volunteers will meet on the day of event at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main St., south of Ann Arbor Road. Check-in time is 8 a.m. when the PCUW will provide a continental breakfast.

To volunteer, call Pat VanDusen at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 7, or e-mail pat.vandusen@pcuw.org.

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Children, parents — and zombies — flock to Pumpkin Palooza

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A zombie flash mob swaying to a Michael Jackson hit highlighted the second annual Pumpkin Palooza as kids and their parents flocked Sunday afternoon to downtown Plymouth for games, entertainment, crafts and treats.

The "zombies," about 40 students from Synergy Dance, were dispersed throughout the street party

More on

er began to Palooza, A6. pulse from a sound system provided by Sun & Snow,

but, as Thrill-

drifted toward the compass logo at Main and Ann Arbor Trail, where they danced in a group to the horror showthemed pop tune.

'It was a surprise," said Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce events coordinator Teri Fry, who helped organize Pumpkin Palooza. But "people knew something was up, I think," she added.

There were two performances by the zombie dancers; entertainment also included "pirate music face-painting, a haunted alley and a ventriloquist.

The free Pumpkin Palooza was begun last year by downtown merchants to replace the downtown Halloween trick-or-treating that had taken place for many years. The event brought hundreds, if not a couple of thousand, people downtown, where several streets were closed to traffic.

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Local man charged in shop break-in

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A 48-year-old Plymouth man faces two charges in the burglary of an Old Village cosmetics shop earlier this month.

Kevin Clinansmith is due Friday in 35th District Court for a preliminary hearing on one charge of breaking and entering, a felony, and a misdemeanor larceny charge. He is also being charged as a habitual offender, which could increase the length of any prison sentence if he is convicted.

The burglary at Whip Hand Cosmetics, on North Mill, was discovered by an employee Oct. 9, Lt. Jamie Grabowski of the Plymouth Police Department said. The employee arrived for work to discover a door open, even though, she told a responding officer, she was certain she had locked it the evening before.

A computer and cash that had been set aside for a charitable donation were reported stolen, Grabowski said.

Information from the worker and the shop owner led police to the apartment of another employee, where they found Clinansmith, Grabowski said. The computer was discovered in the employee's car, and she told police that Clinansmith had borrowed her car the night before, he said.

Clinansmith was arrested, and admitted later at the police station that he had stolen the computer, Grabowski said. He was arraigned in district court Oct. 12 and is scheduled to appear in court Friday before Judge Mike Gerou.

Clinansmith was being held Wednesday in the Wayne County Jail.

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Four-year-old Carter Gross (above) was the No. 1 dragon at Sunday's second annual Pumpkin Palooza in downtown Plymouth. The theme (top) is "spots." Mia Haines, 9, Ethan Haines, 11, and Dalmatian Philo are all alike, but different. They are from Plymouth.

Old Village 'Haunted' block party returns Sunday

By Matt Jachman

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Observer Staff Writer A Plymouth Halloween block party that draws visitors from well outside the neighborhood returns Sunday to Liberty Street. The sixth annual Old Village

Haunted Halloween block party is from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday on Liberty between Starkweather and Mill, and the street will be closed to vehicles.

"It's just a fun day in the neighborhood," said longtime Old Village resident Mark Oppat, co-chairman of the event, which is organized by the Old Village Association. "It's mainly to have a good time in Old Village, and a chance to invite people here who maybe never have been to Old Village."

The family friendly party includes games, contests, activities and entertainment. Food vendors, including neighborhood favorites Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Jeff Zak Catering, will have booths on the block, and some Old Village stores will be open for business. Halloween-appropriate music will help set the mood.

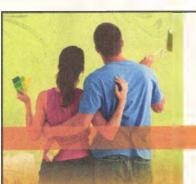
Games will include "Doughnut Gallows," a sort of bobbingfor-doughnuts; pumpkin bowling; and the "Almighty Pumpkin Tower of Death," a pumpkin-

stacking contest. In the latter, Oppat said, contestants, in teams or on their own, figure out how to building the highest pumpkin stack, using pumpkins with the stems cut off.

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"Train" rides in the neighborhood during the Old Village Haunted Halloween block party are a highlight for the younger set.



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Kids bob for doughnuts in the "Doughnut Gallows" event during the 2010 Haunted Halloween block party on Liberty Street in Old Village. This year's party is from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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"It's kind of fun to see people strategize which way to do it," he said. "Some people will try to make a base. Some people have tried making three stacks and leaning them together."

Activities will include an inflatable bounce house, face-painting, pumpkin-decorating and "train" rides in the neighborhood from the pop-

ular Dan-Dan the Choo-Choo Man. Most games and activities will cost \$1 each.

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There will also be a Halloween costume contest, for children and adults, at 3:30 p.m., with participants judged in several age groups.

The event is also a fundraiser for the OVA. Dan-Dan's visit is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union.

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CORRECTIONS

• A story in the Sunday, Oct. 21, Plymouth Observer should have referred to the student-run credit union at Salem High School being a branch of Community Financial Credit Union.

• A photo caption in the Thursday, Oct. 18, Plymouth Observer should have said the downtown Plymouth restaurant Nico & Vali is named for all three DePalma children - Nicola, Valentina and Liliana.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.

POTTERY SALE

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 18 Details: The Village Potters Guild is holding their annual Holiday Sale. Functional and decorative pottery created by 25 members of the guild, will be available at this muchanticipated event. Items include mugs, ornaments, tiles, dinnerware, and large platters. Prices ranging from \$4 to \$200. The opening reception is Thursday, Nov. 15, from 5-8 p.m. The sale continues on Friday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 18, noon to 4 p.m. The studio is located at 340 N. Main St. in Plymouth located behind the Crossings Restaurant.

Contact: For more information or directions to the studio for the sale, please visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

MEDICARE COUNSELING

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 1, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services office, 2200 Canton Center in Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify & report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.

Contact: Call United Home Health Services, (734) 981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/ about.html

JAZZ @ ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road,

Details: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 has Jazz @ The Elks in a beautiful club setting on the last Tuesday of every month. On Tuesday, Oct. 30, for the first time at Jazz @ The Elks, we are happy to welcome the Latin group, Nuevo Jazz Detroit. The artists are Duncan Jones on Keyboard, Don Lewandowski on Bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on Vibes, Chuck Golemba on Drums and Jerry LeDuff on Congas. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

CHARITY EVENT

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 2, 6-10 p.m. Location: Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville

Details: United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care company in Canton, hosts its sixth annual char-

ity event. The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater includes a seven-course Italian family style dinner followed by the hilarious audience participation murder mystery, "Murder at Party Beach." Reservations are \$50. All proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond insurance coverage. It is also used to provide food, clothing, emergency medications, transportation, and medical equipment for patients in need.

Contact: For reservations or more information, contact Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820.

QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.

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

Details: Canton Newcomers and Neighbors benefits from this fundraiser. Cost: 1 paddle \$5; 2 paddles \$7; 3 paddles \$8. Quarters for bidding (Quarters available for purchase at event). Bids on donated items range from 1 to 6 quarters. Food, drink and cookies available for purchase. There will be drawings for bringing a non-member guest and for purchasing 3 paddles, along with a 50-50 raffle. All proceeds benefit Canton Newcomers and Neighbors.

Contact: Kristina Wittner, (734) 787-9954.

SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth **Details:** Meetings are open to sewists of all levels. The Nov. 1 meeting features "Purse/Tote challenge" judging and holiday gift ideas; The Dec. 6 meeting features "Holiday potluck luncheon.

Contact: For more information, email ASGPC@comcast.net

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: OLGC hosts a craft fair. The church will provide an 8-foot by 6-foot space, table and two chairs for \$35. Electric outlets are available. The event will feature raffle drawings, food provided by Family Affair Catering. Proceeds applied to building debt reduction. Admission is \$2.

Contact: Call Sandy at (248) 344-7995 or email alnsain1964@aol.com.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m. Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

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"Everything was spectacular," Fry said. "I would say more successful than we even anticipated. ... The streets were wall to wall."

"The event was a huge success. We think that we doubled the atten-

dance from the previous year," said Lindsey Lebovitz, owner of the potterydecorating studio Creatopia and the Pumpkin Palooza chairwoman. "We had great weather, which always helps, but I think overall everyone enjoyed themselves."

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Band sixth at super regional

LOCAL NEWS

By Peggy Fenwick Correspondent

Last Friday morning, the 168-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band traveled to Indianapolis for a Bands of America Championship - but it wasn't for the big Grand National Championship.

Not yet. According to many of the student members, it was a dress rehearsal for the big competition scheduled Nov. 8-10 back in Indianapolis.

Last Saturday night, the PCMB was the only Michigan band to compete in the BOA Super Regional Championship, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. With 51 other bands, many from the Indianapolis area, Plymouth-Canton finished well, winning a third-place spot in Class AAAA in the preliminary competition, and finishing sixth overall with a score of 81.3 in the finals performance. Avon High School from Avon, Ind., was named Super Regional champion.

"They did awesome," associate band director Jonathan Thomann said about Plymouth-Canton's performance. "They did incredible. (The kids) came off the field and they knew it tonight. We reminded them, that's exactly why we do this (regional). They were pretty ecstatic, so it was

Three to go

With just three weeks to go before returning to Indianapolis for the BOA Grand National Championship, the hometown marchers were evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band



PHOTOS BY TERRI SAENZ

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performs in the preliminary portion of the BOA Super Regional. The band wound up sixth overall in the competition.



Drum Majors Shelbie Torok, Katie Nymberg and Sarah Wohl receive recognition for the band's hard work at the Super Regional in Indianapolis.

Percussion director Sean McElroy agreed with Thomann.

"It was the best show of the year," McElroy said afterward. "I don't think there could have been a better version of the show with the ability level we've rehearsed them to. It was really energetic and really fun to watch."

Only 14 bands from among the 52 were able to advance to the evening finals competition. Bands from as far away as Florida and North Carolina traveled to Indianapolis

to participate.

Senior mellophone player Scott McGuire seemed pleased with Plymouth-Canton's showing.

"It was a good day," McGuire said on the field after the awards ceremo-

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ny. "First performance was a little rough, just little timing issues. Nothing that was uncorrectable. Second run was much stronger."

Drum major Shelbie Torok, a senior at Salem High, couldn't agree more, "I think it went pretty well," she said. "We got a lot done. I'm really excited for this year."

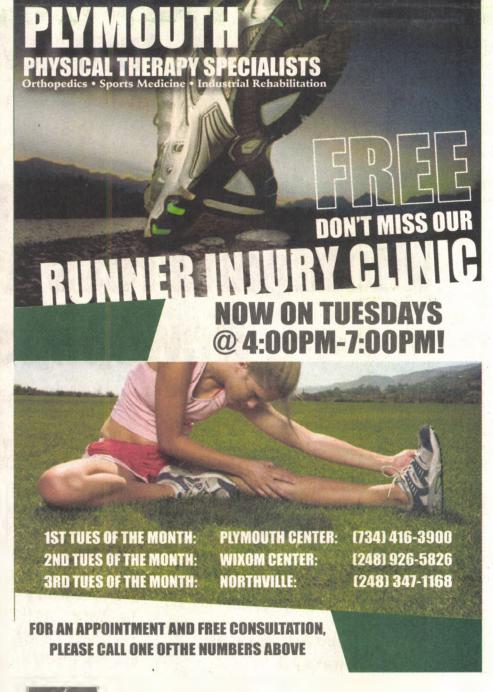
Work to do The season is only half complete for the PCMB. Next Saturday, the band will travel to Lakeland High School in Milford for an invitational. Then it's on to Ford Field in Detroit for the state championship Nov. 3. The season concludes with another trip to Indianapolis, where the band will compete with more than 90 other bands from across the U.S. in the Bands of America Grand National Championship.

Bu, there's still work to be done according to Thomann.

"Well I think anytime you can get rewarded for hard work, it allows the kids momentum and something to build on," he said. "This is definitely something to be super proud of. But the show is not finished yet. We have about 20 seconds left, plus one more surprise. We still have more to add to the show.'









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Slashing victim testifies; suspect sent to trial

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A Canton Township man was sent to trial Friday on assault charges stemming from a Sept. 30 attack that left another man with a gash that took at least 20 stitches to close.

But Judge James Plakas, after about an hour of testimony in Plymouth's 35th District Court about what he called a "bizarre" situation, concluded there was more to the story.

"There are quite a few questions of fact here," Plakas told Harry Robinson Jr. as he ordered Robinson to Wayne County Circuit Court. "It seems to me that something happened while you were in the store with Mr. Sheets."

Robinson, 44, is accused of using a knife to cut Theodore Sheets, 41, of Saline, on the area of his left wrist on Sept. 30 outside the Sam's Club on Ford Road in Canton.

Robinson is charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily harm and felonious assault, and is also charged as a habitual offender, which could increase the length of



Robinson

a prison sentence if he is convicted. Free on bond, he is scheduled to be arraigned in Circuit Court on Friday, Nov. 2. He sat qui-

etly at the defense table Friday as Sheets described the events that led to the attack.

Questioned by assistant county prosecutor Eric Sterbis, Sheets said he saw Robinson outside Sam's Club after shopping there with his wife, son and daughter.

Escalating conflict

Robinson spit at him twice, Sheets said, but didn't hit him, and Sheets asked him if there was a problem.

"Come over here and I'll show you the problem," he quoted Robinson as saying, before admitting he didn't hear the entire response because Robinson's words were "garbled."

"Did you go over there to fight him?" said Sterbis?

'No, sir," said Sheets. "I have nothing against him."

However, Sheets also testified that Robinson was behaving aggressively, and that he wanted to put some distance between his family and Robin-

The prosecution played a surveillance video that depicted the two outside Sam's Club, Sheets near the building and Robinson on the parking-lot side of a two-lane driveway. In the video, Sheets crosses the driveway and the two are close for a couple of seconds, at which point, Sheets testified, he was cut. The two then separate.

Sheets said Robinson had a knife with a blade four to fourand-a-half inches long, and stabbed toward his head area with a downward motion. He put up his left arm protectively, he said, and was cut. He was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Upon cross-examination by defense attorney Mark Lakin, Sheets said he had never seen Robinson before that day. He had seen Robinson several times inside Sam's Club, he said, but denied Lakin's suggestions that he had followed Robinson in the store, stared at him

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or called him a name.

"There was never a word spoken, there was never a confrontation, there was never eye contact. Never," Sheets said.

Question over spitting

Lakin said Sheets had told police shortly after the incident that he was hit by Robinson's spittle, though he had testified earlier that he had not been hit by it. Sheets told Lakin he was not aware of having been hit, and that Robinson "spit in my general direction."

Lakin suggested Robinson was afraid of Sheets, who testified he is 6-foot-2 and weighs 330 pounds. Robinson was described as about 5-foot-5 and 150 pounds.

Lakin returned to the spitting issue when cross-examining Canton Detective Andrew Colthurst, who investigated the

"When I spoke with him a day or two after on the phone, he specifically said, 'spit on,' Colthurst said of Sheets, adding that it's not unusual for stories to slightly change in such circumstances.

Colthurst testified under

direct examination that he interviewed Robinson the day of the attack, and that Robinson told him Sheets had tried to strike him with his left hand, and that he raised one of his own hands, holding an iPod, blocking the blow and causing Sheets' wound. After the detective showed him a photograph of the gash, he testified, Robinson changed his story and said he was holding a shard of glass, and then changed it again to say he was holding a broken bottle top.

Colthurst did not say whether a knife had been recovered.

Sterbis, in arguing for the bind-over, said Sheets had not acted aggressively toward Robinson before Robinson cut him. But Lakin, arguing Robinson had no intent to do great bodily harm, pointed out that he

backed up after cutting Sheets. Robinson should not have cut Sheets, Lakin said, but the evidence shows only "one shot to the back of the forearm, that's it, and then a walk-away.'

Said Plakas: "Something happened before it led up to all this."

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Stolen Jeep found

Plymouth Township police recovered a reported stolen vehicle one morning this month after learning police in Plymouth had issued a parking ticket for it hours before.

The theft of the 2011 Jeep Wrangler was reported early on Oct. 8 by a man at an apartment on Heritage Drive, south of North Territorial and west of Sheldon.

The man told police he recently had work done on the Wrangler and hadn't had a spare key returned to him by the repair shop, a police report said. He had last seen the vehicle around 10 p.m. Oct.

A computer check of the Wrangler, police said, showed it had been the subject of a parking ticket issued in Plymouth around 4 a.m. Police found the Wrangler in the city, locked and with no signs of forced entry, and the owner retrieved it, police said.

Broken windows

Two windows on a motor home were shot out in the township earlier this month by someone using a BB gun or pellet gun, police said.

The motor home was parked at Travel Trailer Storage, on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty, when the vandalism occurred between Oct. 1 and Oct. 16, the complainant told police.

Vehicle vandalism

• The exterior mirrors on a new Ford Explorer were damaged Saturday night as the vehicle sat in the driveway of a house on Chandler Drive, north of Powell Road and east of Napier.

 A window on a Chevrolet Express was smashed out earlier this month as the van sat in the driveway of a house on Gold Arbor, south of Ann Arbor Trail and west of Haggerty.

The vandalism occurred between about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 7 and 7 a.m. Oct. 8, a police report said.

• A car was "keyed," or scratched with a sharp object, as it sat in a parking lot at a Johnson Controls facility on Halyard just east of Ridge.

The Pontiac Grand Prix was scratched from the driver's door to the left rear fender, a police report said. The vandalism occurred between 6 a.m. and just before 5 p.m. Oct. 8.

Thefts from vehicles

 A tire and rim were taken recently from a 2013 Ford Edge parked at a township auto dealer.

The theft occurred in a lot at Blackwell Ford, on Plymouth Road east of Haggerty, between about 5 p.m. Oct. 5 and about 10 a.m. Oct. 8, a police report said. The car was left jacked up, police said.

 The driver-side mirror on a Ford Escape was stolen recently as the vehicle sat outside a house on Mayflower Drive, just north of Joy Road and west of Sheldon.

The theft occurred between 11 p.m. on Oct. 7 and some time the next evening, a police report said.

— By Matt Jachman



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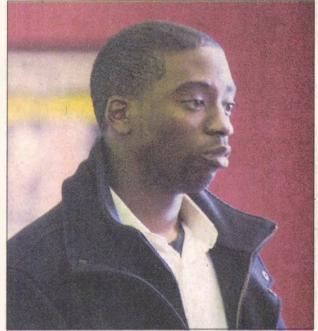
By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Grieving relatives implored a 35th District Court judge Monday to impose a jail sentence on a driver accused of ignoring a flashing red light in Canton and causing a two-car crash that killed Belleville teens Brooke Kennedy and Danielle Beavers, passengers in his car.

However, a defense attorney portrayed Rufus Thomas Brandon II, 24, as a remorseful preacher's son and college student who shouldn't be jailed for a tragic decision he made while driving sober through the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road shortly after 2 a.m. July 24.

Judge Ronald Lowe, calling it perhaps the hardest decision he has faced in 18 years on the bench, has set a Nov. 13 sentencing date for Brandon, who could face a maximum one-year jail term and a longer probation sentence. He pleaded no contest Monday to one count of a moving violation causing a death, and a second count was dismissed.

Outside the courtroom, Kennedy's maternal grandmother, Denice Gabany of Westland, had



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Defendant Rufus Thomas Brandon II approaches the bench.

fought back tears as she worried that Brandon might receive probation

"How can it be that two girls who were just starting their lives died and their lives are only worth probation?" she asked. "Where is the justice behind that? It just doesn't make sense.'

Couldn't face court

Gabany said her daughter - Kennedy's mother --- has been so distraught she couldn't even go to court.

"Brooke wasn't just

her daughter. She was her best friend," Gabany said. "She lost part of her

Inside the courtroom, Gabany and others pleaded with Lowe to give Brandon jail time amid statements by Eric Sterbis, the prosecuting attorney, that Brandon came to "a rolling stop" and drove through a flashing red signal. According to the car's black-box data, Sterbis said Brandon slowed to 14-18 mph and had reached 25 mph when the passenger side of his vehicle was struck.

Brandon was driving his Chevrolet Cavalier southbound when it was struck by a Monte Carlo being driven eastbound along Michigan Avenue by a 21year-old Westland man on his way home from work, authorities have said. Brandon was taking Kennedy and Beavers home from work after a gathering at the nearby Ruby Tuesday, where they all worked. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Beavers' relatives didn't attend Monday's court hearing, but Lowe urged Sterbis to advise them of the Nov. 13 sentencing.

As Brandon sat at a defense table, Eugene Gabany, Kennedy's maternal grandfather, called for the most punishment Lowe can impose. Kennedy would have celebrated her 19th birthday three days after the sentencing date for her death.

"In our family's eyes (the punishment) could not be harsh enough," Eugene Gabany said. "We'll never see her 19th birthday or her wedding."

Remorse shown

Defense attorney Constance Ross argued for a two-year probation sentence among other court orders, saying Brandon has shown remorse for the teens' deaths. Ross said Brandon attends Eastern Michigan University and doesn't drink alcohol or use drugs.

"He is on the right path," she said. "I'd like to make sure he doesn't crawl into a hole over the trauma of that evening."

Sterbis told Lowe that Kennedy's family wants a punishment Brandon can feel. "Does probation give him something he can feel? Probably not."

Diane Gibbons, Kennedy's aunt, described her life after the double fatality. She and husband Glenn Gibbons of Romulus went to the accident scene until Kennedy was pulled from the car.

"I haven't slept since this happened," Diane Gibbons told Lowe. "I cry every day."

Glenn Gibbons said Kennedy's family isn't being unfair by seeking jail time. He said his wife hasn't been the same since losing her niece.

"I want her back, and I don't know when I'll get her back," he told Lowe.

Kennedy's paternal grandmother, Donna "Nana" Kennedy, told Lowe she doesn't believe Brandon should ever be allowed to drive again, though Lowe can't impose such a sentence. Lowe, who has two teenage sons, called it the first time he has faced sentencing a defendant who caused a death. Most cases involving death are decided in Wayne County Circuit

Lowe advised Brandon and his attorney to develop a plan for how the situation could be used to help society while still showing that Brandon is hurt by the tragedy.

"I'm not ruling jail out," Lowe said, adding later, "I'm looking for the community to benefit from this."

Kennedy's family expressed relief that Lowe, rather than granting probation Monday, has put sentencing on hold until Nov. 13.

"It's not going to be a cakewalk anymore," Glenn Gibbons said.

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Rock band to play in PCAC fundraiser

A Plymouth-area rock band will take up the cause of the local cultural scene on Saturday in a concert to benefit the Plymouth Community

Arts Council. The D'Art Band, a band with roots stretching back about 30 years, will perform Saturday during a reception at the PCAC's Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center

for the Arts. The event, with wine, other refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres, is 8 p.m. to 10

The D'Art Band's appearance is the culmination of the PCAC's Heart and Soul event in September and October. Band members are Jane Renwick Fry, lead vocals and percussion; Waldon Reed Jr., lead guitar

and vocals; Pete Celano, bass guitar, rhythm guitar and vocals; Craig Fry, keyboards and vocals; Celeste Reed, flute and percussion; and Jerry Teevens, drums, percussion and vocals.

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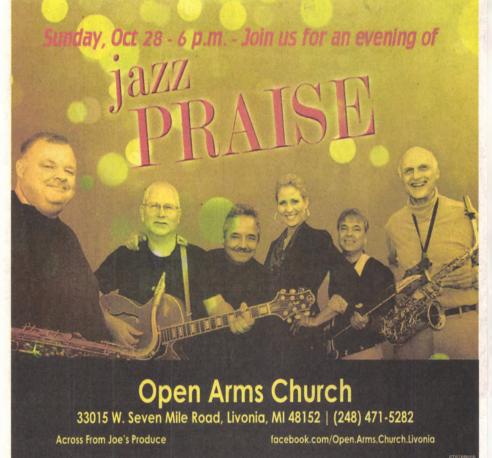
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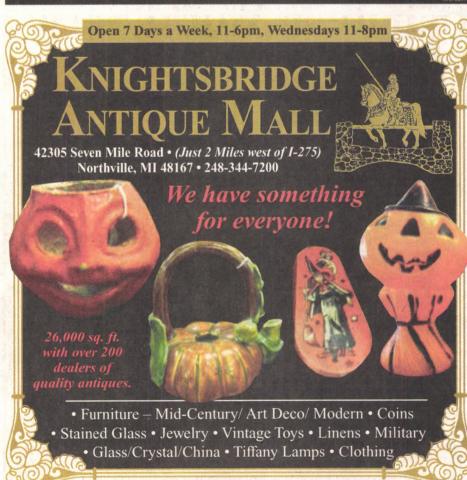
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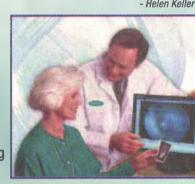
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They must be from Plymouth. Liam Klopp is a railroad crossing. He's with Dad, Greg Klopp, and yes, they're from Plymouth.

Plymouth hosts popular 'Palooza'

Scores of kids of all ages turned out for a howlin' good time at Sunday's second Pumpkin Palooza in downtown Plymouth.

Activities included pumpkin bowling, sack races, pumpkin decorating and sidewalk chalk. Candy was given out as prizes, and there were candy stations for Halloween treats, but Fry said part of the idea was to get visitors away from just walking door to door for candy and instead get them active and involved.

The event was also designed to get people into downtown businesses, and Teri Fry of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce said more businesses participated than last year.

We did get good feedback" from participating businesses, she said. "Those that I talked to said it was great."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jayme and Tom Rossiter, of Northville, brought granddaughter Lilah-Kai Harper to Pumpkin Palooza.



Two-year-old Superman Colton Doby plays bean bag toss with a little encouragement from Grandma, Janet Burns. They're from Plymouth.



Aubriana Cruz, 3, and sister Alana Cruz, 4, choose some candy from Megan Morse, who works at The Cupcake Station.

Canton woman part of tribute at World Series

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Proud of her country and the Detroit Tigers, Canton resident Christine Wofford gets to pay tribute to both Saturday as she helps unfurl a huge U.S. flag on the Comerica Park field when the World Series comes home

Wofford is among a large contingent of volunteers chosen by a local organization, Visit Detroit, to display the flag before The Star-Spangled Banner is performed as the world watches.

"It's a great honor. It's exciting," she said. "The best part is you get to stay on the field while the players are introduced, and you get to hear the roar and applause from the crowd.'

Wofford should know. She helped carry the U.S. flag at Comerica Park when the Tigers beat the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees to advance to the World Series.

She's optimistic Detroit will clinch baseball's biggest prize now by defeating the San Francisco Giants.

"I'm hoping the Tigers will sweep the Giants like they did the Yankees," she said.

Her love for the Tigers began when she was a young girl.

"I've been a big Tigers fan since 1960," she said. Wofford has attend-

ed some 30 games this year alone, including two games against Oakland and the last game against New York.

"That was great," she said.

Wofford attended World Series games when Detroit won it all in 1968 and 1984, and she was there when the Tigers lost to the St. Louis Cardi-

nals in 2006. She'll be leaving Comerica Park on Saturday after she helps unfurl the U.S. flag, but she's returning for Sunday's game with her brother, Bruce Jonasz, to celebrate his 59th birthday with a

group of friends. Wofford was invited by e-mail by Visit Detroit, an offshoot of the Detroit Metro Convention and

Visitors Bureau. "It's just wonderful to meet people who care so much to volunteer for the city of Detroit," she said. "There are constantly things going on in Detroit."

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Christine Wofford of Canton, who plans to help carry a large U.S. flag during Saturday's World Series game between the Detroit Tigers and the San Francisco Giants, appears here with a color guard when she was involved an earlier effort as Detroit faced Oakland in the baseball playoffs.

Group runs in memory, honor of mom, wife, cousin, friend

At the Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank Marathon Sunday, Oct. 21, "Team Bain," running for the American Cancer Society "Team Determi-Nation," completed the International Half Mar-

Don Bain of Plymouth Township is proud of daughter Elizabeth, who raised over \$21,000 for cancer research through the event with pledges to support her run. Elizabeth Bain ran in memory of her mom, Elaine, a retired East Middle School teacher who lost her battle with cancer this past summer. Liz Bain's law firm provided a match to pledges.

"We all had a great time," Don Bain said of the half marathon. "Getting out of the car was somewhat of a challenge," after the 13.1-mile run.

Their group included Liz's childhood friend, Michelle Halgren, along with Elaine's cousin Jay Thomas and his friend, Lori Kalani.

Don Bain described running over the Ambassador



Running for "Team Bain" (from left): Elaine's cousin Jay Thomas, his friend, Lori Kalani, Michele Halgren, Don Bain, and Elizabeth Bain.

Bridge as the sun was just rising, continuing along the Windsor shoreline, then down the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel to run the "Underwater Mile." Their group then ran down past Cobo and The Joe to go thru Mexicantown, and on through Corktown to downtown Detroit and the finish line.

Don Bain finished 5,788

out of 9,556 for all runners, 30th out of 71 in his age bracket with a time of two hours, 30 minutes, 34 seconds.

Later that day, he tried to watch a football game in the afternoon, but repeatedly fell asleep and had to rewind the video recorder.

The group members are already discussing going

to run in another marathon later this year in Las Vegas, with the finish of the run going down the Las Vegas Strip.

Liz Bain, who practices law in Oakland, Calif., is grateful to her supporters. She noted there are two ways still to donate:

 Online. The direct link to her home page is http:// main.acsevents.org/site/

TR/DetermiNation/DNF Y11GL?px=29740315&p g=personal&fr_id=41700 but if you google "American Cancer Society Determination" or go to determination.acsevents. org there are options to search for a participant and donate.

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write a check payable to "American Cancer Society" and mail to American Cancer Society, Attention DetermiNation/ Megan Holt, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076. Be sure to include Elizabeth Bain's name and participant ID # 29740315.



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PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

New agent

India Sifford of Wayne has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area from 9369 Haggerty in Plymouth.

Sifford recently completed an extensive career development program for



new agents, which prepared her for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/ casualty and life/health

She also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm

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Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Sifford had an extensive career in physician relations.

Business news

From the desks of the good folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

 Synergy Dance Academy has expanded their studio at 500 S. Main St. "The Synergy Annex" opened last week at 320 N. Main, just over the tracks behind Plymouth Crossing.

This new facility will be home to The Synergy Dance Company, a competition and performance team and ZUM-BA with Shyam Thakker. ZUMBA meets every Wednesday and Thursday night, 7:15-8:15 for just a \$5 drop-in fee. The new space boasts a competition size sprung dance floor with ample space for all, plenty of parking, dressing room and more. The space will also be available to local vendors for rentals and rehearsals.

 First Preferred Mortgage Company celebrates 20 years of Residential Mortgage Banking. Celebrate with us by stopping by our office (863 W. Ann Arbor Trail) for a free mortgage review and \$250 off closing costs when you apply for a mortgage by Nov. 30.

Parking deck

Contractors are making good progress on the deck. Contractors are currently working on replacing concrete in several locations on beams, walls and columns and will continue this work into next week. Contractors have also begun

to replace areas of damaged sealant at several joints on the upper level of the deck. We anticipate the work to continue for the next two-three weeks with all work completed by Nov. 2.

Gilda's fundraiser

Real BarBQ of Canton located at 42452 Ford Road at Lilley is going pink to support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Wait staff will be adorned in specially ordered pink T-shirts, while \$1 from entrees, deluxe sandwiches that include fries, coleslaw and a drink and salad entrees will go directly to support Gilda's Club Metro Detroit through Wednesday, Oct. 31.

This applies to all orders, whether you're dining at the restaurant, carrying out or have placed a free delivery order.

Gilda's Club metro Detroit provides a no-cost program for men, women, teens and young children living with all types of cancer, as well as their families and friends. The environment is very welcoming and is in a home-like setting.

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Burger King drive

Burger King restaurants are participating in the annual fall fundraiser to provide \$1,000 higher education scholarships to local high school seniors. Burger King restaurants will offer a total of 113 scholarships, including 23 in the southeast Michigan area for the 2012-2013 academic year.

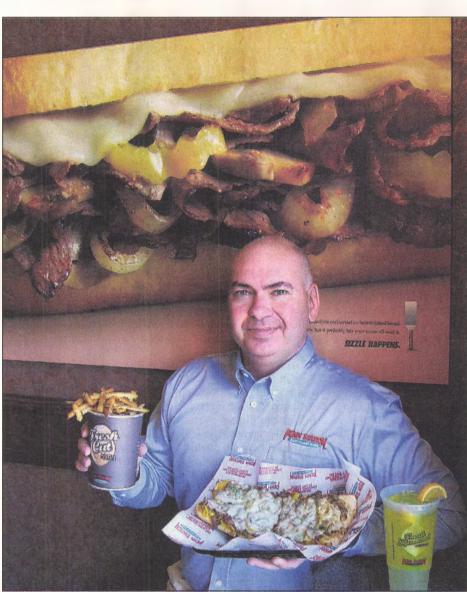
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Students interested in receiving a Burger King Scholars Program scholarship can find more information on the program by visiting the Foundation's website at www.bkmclamorefoundation.org. Online applications will be accepted from Nov. 15, through Jan. 10. The 2013 scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2013.

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Managing owner Stewart Napier says Penn Station's food is cooked and prepped fresh all day. The eatery just opened on Ann Arbor Road.

Freshness the key for new sub shop

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

Penn Station: Fourteen fresh-grilled subs, handcut fries, fresh-baked cookies, hand-squeezed lemonade, catering trays and box lunches.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business? Penn Station: The taste

of the food sold me. Observer: Why did you

choose Plymouth? Penn Station: It's a great, tight-knit community and a convenient location.

Observer: What makes your

business unique? Penn Station: Our prod-

Observer: How has the

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recent economy affected your business?

Penn Station: I believe people are more cautious

about eating out, but are willing to pay for quality. Observer: Any advice for

other business owners?

Penn Station: Do plenty of research before

making a decision. We are involved with a great company.

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

Penn Station: We have plans to develop 14 more locations throughout metro Detroit.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber auction

The weather outside may be cool, but a tropical breeze is blowing in 6-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner/auction at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The evening will be a tropical paradise with silent and live auctions, raffles, dinner, tropical drinks and dancing. The cost is \$75 per person to attend and includes an open bar.

Among the over 400 items are:

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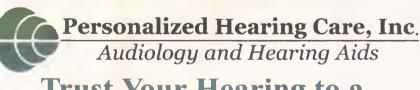
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Kurt Kuban

three kids. Let's face it our jobs, our families, and even our hobbies take up so much time and energy. Add it all up and

it doesn't leave us much time to devote to making our communities better. That's unfortunate, because I think there are far too many of us who don't know how rewarding such an endeavor can be.

Let me share with you how I have made a difference in my community. I live less than a block away from the Rouge River, which was once one of the most polluted waterways in the nation. About a dozen years ago, I got involved with the annual effort to clean up the river. Along with hundreds of volunteers, we have pulled a mountain of trash out of the river over that time. At the same time, governments around the Rouge River watershed have banded together to make major improvements to the water quality of the river that we once treated as a sewer. That is no longer the case.

The river has improved so much, a couple years back a group of us began to look at the recreational possibilities of the Rouge, including canoeing and fishing — activities that were considered preposterous 25 years ago when the effort to clean up the Rouge began.



Some of the Detroit Zoo employees, who helped pull a mountain of trash from the Rouge River early this month. The Zoo employees organize several community service

We have been so encouraged that earlier this year, we set a goal of opening up all the logjams in a six mile stretch of the river through the city of Wayne, so we could canoe it without ever having to get out to portage around obstacles. Beginning in the spring, we have gone down to the river armed with ropes, shovels, garbage bags and chain saws, and we slowly but steadily hacked our way to that goal. Along the way, we have had a number of groups, which wanted to be part of or efforts, show up and be part of the solution.

And guess what? Two weeks ago, roughly 50 people came out for a canoe trip hosted by Friends of the Rouge, an organization that is at the very heart of restoring the Rouge River. We enjoyed beautiful fall colors while paddling down the Rouge River. And it was right in our backyard. When I think of how much work went into making that a possibility, I'm amazed.

One of the groups that helped make this goal a reality included about three dozen employees from the Detroit Zoo, who showed up on a dreary, cool day earlier this month. Despite the fact that none of them lived in Wayne, they worked as hard as any group I've ever seen, pulling boatload after boatload of old tires, shopping carts, bicycles, and just about everything imaginable out of the river. It was hard, nasty work. By the end of the day, they were dirty (an understatement) and tired. I felt bad, because I don't think they knew what they were getting themselves into. I thanked them again and again for their efforts. I was a bit floored, however, when they actually thanked us for inviting them to help out. Some even asked if they could return when we have another work day. They saw what a difference they had made. That is a rewarding feel-

It makes me think of

President Kennedy's famous challenge to his countrymen: "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

Making a difference in your community can come in many ways, big and small. It can be an individual act, such as picking up trash in a nearby park, or part of a larger group, such as helping deliver meals to home bound seniors. I realize some people can't participate in physical activities. In that case, maybe the way you can help is by donating to a food pantry or another charity doing its best to help those in need. Just make a commitment to make your community better. It has a bit of a ripple effect. The community will benefit. And believe it or not, so will you.

Kurt Kuban is editor of the Northville Record. He welcomes reader feedback at kkuban@hometownlife com or at (248) 437-2011, ext. 245.

League offers voter info in many formats

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is providing voters several opportunities to learn about their candidates in advance of the Nov. 6 election:

 A video of the candidate forum for the 11th District Congressional race, held on Oct. 1, can be accessed on the League's website at www.lwvnww.org.

• The League's forum on Oct. 2 for the 19th District State Representative and the Livonia School board can be accessed on Brighthouse Network. Air dates can be found on the League's website.

 Non-partisan Voter Guides are now available in all of the public libraries. Local candidates are highlight-

ed, as well as statewide candidates. Additionally, the Voter Guides include pro and con arguments on the state ballot proposals.

 Those who wish to review their election information online, should visit www. Vote411.org. This webbased Voter Guide from the League of Women Voters will provide all of a voter's ballot races and proposals once a street address is typed in.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Free movie screening for veterans offered

In recognition of the tremendous sacrifice and service of America's military veterans, state Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, in cooperation with AMC 20 Theatres of Livonia, will host a free screening of Disney's film War Horse at 3 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov, 11, at Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile Road.

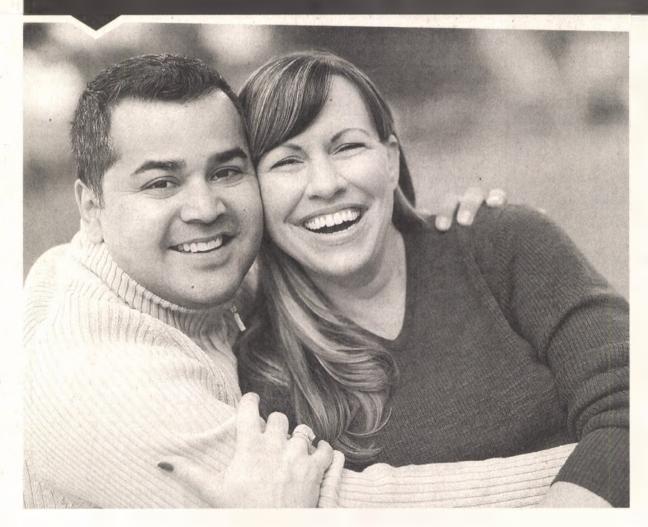
"Five years ago we were able to partner with Livonia AMC 20 Theatres and begin a wonderful tradition of recognizing our local veterans," said Anderson. "Our local veterans certainly deserve constant

recognition for the tremendous sacrifice they have made and with the help of Livonia AMC 20, this event has become an annual event they and we look forward to.'

In addition to the free screening, concessions will be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theatres of Livonia. Tickets are limited and R.S.V.P. is required. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306. Tickets are limited to two per veteran.

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Rick Bloom

to - Black Monday. That was the day that the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered its largest one-day drop. On that day, the Dow dropped 508 points, which was 23 percent of the Dow's value. In addition, the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped 20 percent.

Although a lot has changed in the world and the economy, there are some similarities today worth mentioning. After the crash, there were numerous articles written that compared 1987 to the Great Depression of 1929. The fear mongers were out in force talking doom and gloom and scaring investors.

It reminds me of what happened during the 2008 financial crisis. If you recall at the time of the financial crisis there were numerous stories both in print and on TV comparing the situation to 1929.

Once again, the doom and gloomers were out in force scaring investors.

The result was that in both 1987 and 2008, many investors let fear dictate their decisions and bailed out of the market moving to what they considered safer investments, such as CDs and U.S. treasur-

Unfortunately, the investors who did bail out in 1987 and in 2008 missed the recovery.

What is also similar is that our economy did not collapse and we did not return to 1929. In fact, within two years after the crash of 1987, the market regained its strength.

Losses recouped

Although we have not fully recovered from the meltdown in 2008, we have regained the great majority of losses.

Both today and in 1987, investors that panicked and bailed out of the market did not give their portfolio a chance to recover. In both instances, if investors were patient and had stayed the course, they would have been in much better shape than they were by bailing out.

If you go back to 1987, many investors who bailed out stayed out for a long period of time.

Most of those investors missed a significant run in the market in the 1990s. Unfortunately, many of them jumped back in the market at a time when the market was at its all-time high only to suffer the consequences of the dot com meltdown in early 2000.

The result was that once again, they bailed out of the market and suffered significant loss-

es. It seems today many investors follow that same strategy of buying high and selling low; it iust doesn't work.

One thing today that is similar to 1987 is that certain investors look for opportunities during market volatility. Many investors, who did not panic in 1987 or during the financial crisis, ended up profiting from the market volatility. The strategy of buying low and selling high is one that works for investors today and worked back in 1987.

As we look back to October 1987, the lessons that investors should have learned is that you cannot make investment decisions in the midst of a crisis. Investors with patience have always been rewarded.

In addition, we should all know that our economy and our markets are a lot different than they were in 1929. When people in the midst of a financial crisis compare things to 1929, they are just trying to scare you and create fear. As investors, we cannot let fear dictate our investment decisions.

Lastly, the most important lesson to be learned from 1987 and the recent financial crisis is that the strategy of buying low and selling high is the only way for investors to profit. Good luck!

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McCotter staffers face trial on felony charges

By David Veselenak Observer Staff Writer

Two former staffers of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter were bound over for trial on several felony charges Tuesday by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh.

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang were bound over to Third Circuit Court for charges related to McCotter's failed reelection bid.

Yowchuang, a Farmington Hills resident, faces 10 counts of forgery and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Seewald faces one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Yowchuang also faces six misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as a circulator, while Seewald also faces nine similar misdemeanor counts.

Kavanagh took two weeks after the pair's preliminary examination, which saw McCotter testify, to review transcripts of interviews with investigators. After the review, Kavanagh decided there was enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to send the men to circuit court in



Yowchuang

Detroit.

Kavanagh said two weeks ago that he believed there was enough evidence in the 10 counts of forgery against Yowchuang.

"I was convinced there was enough evidence presented," he said. "There's no discussion on that one."

The pair are two of four former McCotter staffers charged after the Michigan Secretary of State determined nominating petitions had photocopied signatures from previous elections.

Defense attorneys for the two argued the conspiracy charge was incorrectly filed and should be dismissed, as the two conspired to perform an illegal act unlawfully signing nominating petitions to get McCotter on the primary ballot. Since the act of signing a petition and not being the circulator is a misdemeanor, Seewald's attorney Mark Man-

dell said the pair should be charged with misdemeanor conspiracy, rather than felony charges.

Kavanagh said he believed the transcripts indicated enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to go to trial and the pair may have conspired to commit an illegal act through legal means, but admitted it was a difficult decision.

"That's what they thought they were doing," he said. "It would have been a lot easier if they had been charged in the misdemeanor stat-

The circuit court may decide otherwise, Kavanagh said, and could dismiss the felony charge.

Former staffer Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, pleaded no contest last month to five misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. Another staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull, of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

Seewald and Yowchuang are set to be arraigned at 9 a.m. Nov. 6 in circuit court in Detroit.

Congressional candidates: Race for partial term just as important

By Karen Smith

Voters in some cities, including Livonia, will vote in two races Nov. 6 to fill the 11th District

congressional seat, add-

ing to an already long

One is for a full twoear term: the other is for a partial term ending Jan. 2, 2013, to elect a successor to Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned in July amidst a petition signature scandal.

Republican Kerry Bentivolio and Democrat Syed Taj are running for the two-year term, along with Libertarian John J. Tatar, Green Party candidate Steven Paul Duke and Natural Law candidate Daniel Johnson.

David A. Curson, Tatar

didate Marc J. Sosnowski are vying for the partial term.

The race for the full term has received a lot of media attention, with the spotlight on the Republican and Democratic challengers -Bentivolio and Tai.

Curson, the Demoerat running against Bentivolio for the partial term, is concerned the lack of coverage and endorsements in the partial term race sends the wrong message to voters, making it appear the last session of the 112th Congress is insignificant. Taj did not run for the partial term.

"In reality it may prove to be one of the most important and memorable sessions in history," the Belleville resident said in an email to the Observer. "If the upcoming lameduck session does not act on certain legislation, the country falls over the fiscal cliff (the **Budget Control Act of** 2011) and nearly every. taxpayer will see an increase in taxes. Over 1,000 government programs — including the defense budget and Medicare are in line for deep, automatic cuts if the 112th Congress fails to act by year end. Businesses and investors will be dramatically impacted, as will many

Curson, a Marine Corps veteran who became a journeyman diecast diemaker at Ford's Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti Township, has spent the past 39 years as a UAW representative, 27 of those

on the International

Union staff. "I have proudly spent a lifetime being a problem solver — fighting for worker rights and fairness in the work place to give workers a voice on issues that directly impact their lives, the well-being of their families, and the opportunity to contribute to their communi-

ties," he said. Curson said the issues he will work to enhance and protect are job creation, affordable health care, Social Security and Medicare, the elimination of unfair tax loopholes used by corporations, oil companies and the wealthiest Americans; veterans' affairs; oversight and regulation of Wall Street and a stop to the attack on the wages and benefits of first responders, public service employees and teachers.

Bob Dindoffer, Bentivolio's campaign manager, agreed the race for the partial term is extremely important.

"In particular, we have to work out a deal on the debt," Dindoffer said. "And Kerry Bentivolio stands with the majority of the district on debt issues. He doesn't think we should kick the can down the road and burden our children and grandchildren with a

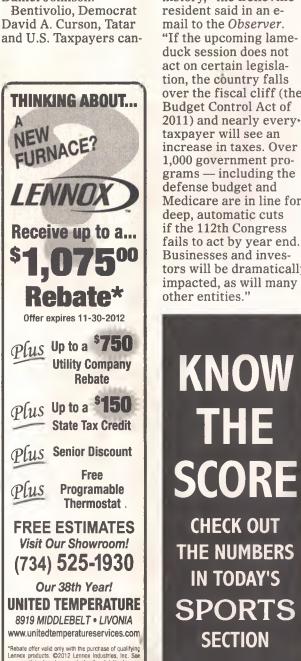
massive debt. "We trust the majority will vote for Kerry Bentivolio.'

Dindoffer said electing Bentivolio to the partial term, as well as the full term, will give him more seniority than other new Congressional members. "That leads to better representation of

the people," he said.
"If his opponent wins, the people in the district will lose clout.'

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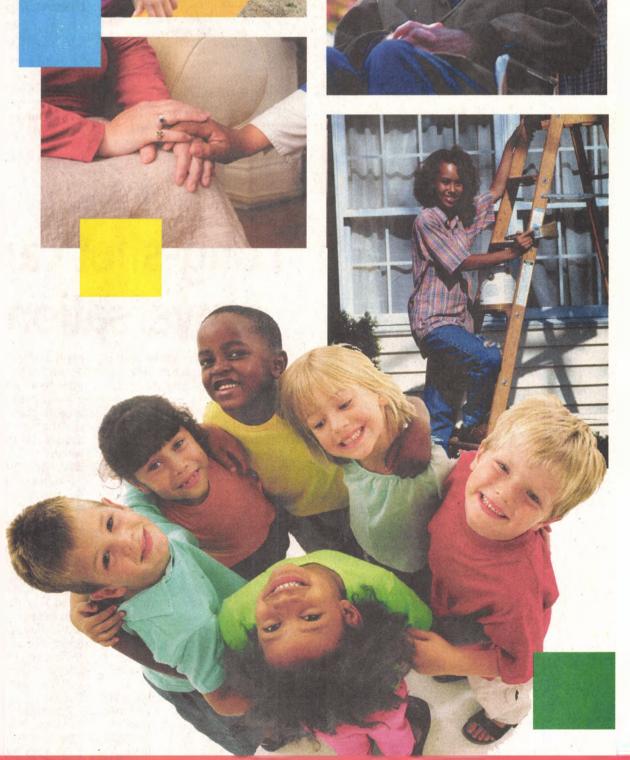
2. "Pennies from Heaven," collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows, a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas.

Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthropist.

The goal is one million pennies.

3. Jaycee Park Beautification: Volunteers are needed to clean up/spruce up Jaycee Park in Redford. The Redford Jaycees along with O&E Media staff and other community volunteers will work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come help and make a difference for all of the youth and families who use this community park. If you are a Redford resident, a former Redford resident or someone who just wants to make a difference for the Redford community, join us at Jaycee Park, 10102 Beech Daly Road, between Plymouth and W. Chicago Roads. Refreshments will be served.









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Liliana Cipolla, 4, has a good view of Pumpkin Palooza from Dad's shoulders. Dave Cipolla, Liliana, Lynette and Lindsay Cipolla are from Plymouth.

Family friendly

Halloween event latest example of Plymouth appeal

The success of Sunday's Pumpkin Palooza in downtown Plymouth underscores yet again what a family friendly. hometown atmosphere has been developed in this town.

It's been developed by city officials, the folks at the Downtown Development Authority and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce officials. It's been trumpeted by business owners and civic organizations, and propped up by a slate of events that keep families coming to the downtown area.

In this case, hundreds (no head count was taken), of children took part in the annual Halloween extravaganza organized by downtown business owners with some 20 businesses participating.

Pumpkin Palooza took a great idea — the annual trick-or-treating event the community had hosted for years — and last year made it even better. Organizers added games and activities and even some artsand-crafts hosted by Creatopia.

While they were enjoying the palooza, visitors could gaze upon the Scarecrows in the Park decorated largely by families and lining the boundary of Kellogg Park.

The Halloween festivities come on the heels of yet another hugely successful concert season in Kellogg Park. The Plymouth Community Arts Council's weekly "kiddie" concerts on Wednesday afternoons entertained thousands of people, as did the Friday night concert series hosted by the DDA. The Plymouth Community Band makes for an entertaining Thursday eve-

And those are all in addition to the festivals and events the city really doesn't have much to do with, other than encouraging them to make Plymouth their home. Fall Festival, the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, Art in the Park — all of them make summers in Plymouth much

more family friendly.

Years ago, you'd hear quiet rumblings that Plymouth was not a friendly place, particularly for children. But concerted efforts, including all the festivals, the development of Plymouth as a destination night spot and the community policing effort put in by the Plymouth Police Department, have erased any remnant of that complaint.

The presence of Kellogg Park, and the number of events hosted in the area, have always given Plymouth a homey, smalltown appeal.

Pumpkin Palooza provided the latest evidence the image is true.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

A new bridge to Canada, for it or against it?

We asked this guestion at the Plymouth District Library.



"I don't like (Ambassador Bridge owner) Matty Moroun. ... For it." Rachel Whitmore-

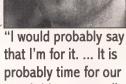
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"It's a necessity." Jim Jabara



"I do think that it should be up to the voters." Don MacKinnon



own bridge anyway." Joel Hall Plymouth

LETTERS

Supports Edwards

I am writing this letter to show my support for Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Ron has worked tirelessly to help make the township a place we can all be proud to say we live. In addition to the hard work he devotes to his job he has volunteered countless hours over the years securing donations and organizing the July 3 fireworks and July 4 community picnic. He takes great pride in Plymouth Township and is always striving to make it better.

His challenger has stated that he's doing a good job but it's time for a change, "same old, same old" she states. I for one am very happy with Ron Edwards as our current treasurer, especially when he has a proven track record of maintaining a balanced budget and providing the high level of services that make this a great community.

His challenger states she would put property tax information online, even though it's already available on the township website. I guess it's hard to find something to criticize when the current elected is doing such an admirable job.

I appreciate the great job Ron Edwards is doing for Plymouth Township and I urge you to re-elect him as your township treasurer.

Plymouth

Bridge need?

I've heard all the ads and innuendoes related to the bridge

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question.

The one big thing I haven't heard either side say is, "Do we need it?" Are there companies not doing business with Canada, or vice versa, because there is only one bridge? Will they increase their

business if there's a second bridge? If we "need" it, build it. If not, why build a second "I-75"?

> Tom Kelly Plymouth

Ann Arbor Road discouraging

Both presidential candidates say how much they will help small businesses. Item: drive east on Ann Arbor Road from Sheldon Road and notice how many vacant lots and closed businesses there are on just the short, two-mile drive to Haggerty ... the cleared lot on

the northeast corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Road (the old Shell gas station), the closed AT&T store past Main Street, the closed auto dealership near Lilley Road. the closed-off road vehicle store right across the road, the closed building on the northeast corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley Road, the vacant lot right next door (the old fire station location), the closed auto repair shop next to that.

Then go under the CSX train tracks and you'll find several large, available empty businesses, one on either side of Batteries Plus, and a free-standing building right next door. This is just a partial list.

If President Obama wins, and in January of 2017 when his term is up and most of these businesses are up and booming, then we will know his policies had worked; on the other hand if they're still closed or even more have joined the list, then we will know his policies did not work.

The same will be true for Gov. Romney; if those businesses are back thriving, then we will know he was right and if they are still closed, then we will realize he was wrong.

Plymouth is a very upscale area and will rebound. I am a longterm Plymouth-area resident (PHS '62), and am supporting President Obama. I will be looking to January 2017 to see how Ann Arbor Road has changed, but it is very discouraging right now.

Dave Travis Livonia

STAFF COLUMN

Long-shot candidates add to conversation in House race

nsanity, it's often said, is doing the same thing again and again and expecting different results.

If one accepts that definition, what does it say about our national political scene?

Again and again, we elect the same people, from the same two parties, to the Senate, the House of Representatives and



Matt Jachman

the presidency. If they're not exactly the same people, they're people with the same ideas. Or they're their opposites from the other party — witness the 2010 Tea Par-

ty insurgency in the House - and the pendulum swings wildly but without mov-

ing the country forward. There's nothing in our founding documents that establishes a twoparty system, but the Republican and Democratic parties have had a stranglehold on politics for generations, and we accept this, largely without question, as a matter of course. Their rules and the amount of money and media attention that come their way make it very, very difficult for alternatives to break out of minor-party status.

The result has been a nar-

rowing of the debate about the nation's future to a few easily understood sound bites, a range of solutions that's limited by the imaginations of the candidates and the confines of their parties' agendas (with staying in power usually at the top of those agendas), and hyper-partisan gridlock.

So it was heartening to see three minor-party hopefuls on the dais recently during a forum in the U.S. House race in Michigan's 11th District. The five candidates present for the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County forum are vying to succeed former Republican Rep. Thaddeus McCotter; the current district includes large parts of Wayne and Oakland counties and the boundaries will change in January. Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships are in both the current and the new 11th

District. Two others skipped the forum, including Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who appears likely to win. His voters should expect more

The Oct. 1 forum was a broad discussion about problems and solutions, without a lot of the sniping and snide insinuations that often accompany such programs. Libertarian John Tatar, the U.S. Taxpayers Party's Marc Sosnowski, and the Green Party's Steven Duke each represented a distinct viewpoint, a real "thinking outside the box," to coin a phrase. That probably wouldn't have occurred had only the two major parties been represented. (Bentivolio's absence, by depriving candidates of a front-running target, probably also changed the tenor, it should be noted.)

Democrats were represented by Syed Taj, who is running for a two-year term in the new district, and David Curson, who is running only for the term vacated by McCotter, which ends with the calendar year.

The need for new and creative solutions, and a desire for honest debate and proposals that haven't been focus-grouped and finessed into impotence, are at the heart of good minor-party candidacies, and Duke, Tatar and Sosnowski, no matter what one thinks of their ideas, weren't afraid to think big, be bold and tell it — from their points of view

- straight. They're probably not under any illusions that they can be elected, but just by stepping forward, they have contributed to the con-

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PROPOSAL 6: VOTERS WILL DECIDE NEED FOR NEW BRIDGE

PRO: Too many uncertainties | CON: 'No' vote on Proposal with new bridge proposal

By Paul Opsommer Guest Columnist

or years, supporters of the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor have promoted the benefits a new bridge would bring to

As chair of the House Transportation Committee, I have followed this matter



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with great interest. After reviewing all of the facts. I am deeply concerned that citizens in my district and statewide will be stuck sending their tax dollars to Detroit for an unneeded and unlawful project. I believe the people of Michigan deserve a say on this issue, that's why I support Proposal 6.

In agreeing to indebt the people of Michigan to a foreign power without legislative approval, Gov. Snyder has taken a tremendous gamble on the future fiscal health of our state. There are too many uncertainties, and too much at stake, for taxpayers to be cut out of the decision making process for an infrastructure project of this

The Legislature has tried to be a productive partner in this process. The fact remains, however, that during formal House committee hearings and following Senate Committee hearings, seven concerns have never been addressed:

1. No investment grade study has been conducted to support claims that tolls will pay for the bridge.

2. No legislative oversight is included in the agreement with Canada.

3. No reference to the Michigan "Open Meetings Act" in the proposed agreement. Federal Courts have ruled this is needed to ensure American access to meetings.

4. No ban or limit to the creation of a community benefits program for Detroit and Windsor. During House discussion Detroit wanted \$100 million with no strings attached.

5. The Governor's agreement violates PA 63 sec 384 passed by the legislators and signed by the Governor. It states, "MDOT shall not commit the state to any new contract related to the construction planning or construction of the Detroit River International Crossing or a renamed succes-

sor unless the Legislature has enacted specific enabling legislation to allow for con-

6. The agreement has no reference to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Federal courts have ruled that the news and media outlets in New York have no standing when requesting information on New York/Canadian bridge authorities.

7. The governor's agreement violates PA 236 which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in June

In reference to concern number one, the House Transportation Committee received some additional information.

This past spring executives from the Detroit Windsor Tunnel and the Detroit Windsor Rail Tunnel testified that traffic increases between the two cities will not exceed 1.5 percent in the foreseeable future. This figure is consistent with economic forecasts related to the crossing needs given in both the Michigan House and Senate.

In addition, the "public private partnership" industry admits that projects of this scope and magnitude have large cost overruns and typically over estimate potential future revenue by as much as 50 percent. We have two examples of this happening right here in Michigan: our own Mackinac Bridge and the second span built between Port Huron and Sarnia.

Finally, Gov. Snyder has promised the NITC would bring jobs and enhance industry in our state. But as a Canadian Crossing Authority will control the design and construction of the bridge, and the governor has requested a waiver from federal requirements for the use of only U.S.-produced iron and steel, there is great uncertainty as to whether the project would bring any tangible benefits to Michigan.

Proposal 6 does not stop the construction of the bridge, it simply gives us a say. The governor may believe he can ignore the will of the people's elected officials, but he cannot ignore the people when they voice their will directly

That is why I will be voting YES on Pro-

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6 good for jobs, economy

By Gov. Rick Snyder **Guest Columnist**

roposal 6 is bad for Michigan's future. It asks voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would require a vote of the people before any new bridge or tunnel could be built between Michigan and Canada. Because the proposal is poorly

written, it may impact new bridges needed across the state as well.

I am voting NO because it jeopardizes a binding agreement Michigan has made with Canada for a New International Trade

Snyder Crossing at no cost to our state - threatening the creation of thousands of jobs - and because it could hamper future projects needed to improve our state's infrastructure.

Gov. Rick

A billion-dollar special interest is funding this proposal and is spending millions of dollars to air misleading advertisements to coerce your vote. This special interest actually owns the existing 83-year-old Ambassador Bridge, a trucking company that hauls things across the bridge, and even a gas station conveniently located nearby. It's understandable that such a monopoly would fight so hard to keep things the same. But what's good for this monopoly is not good for Michi-

The importance of the crossing cannot be overstated. It is the single most important trade crossing between the United States and Canada, our country's number one trade partner. Nearly 70 percent of all commercial truck traffic in the region, about 8,000 trucks every day, crosses our two countries at that location. That equated to more than \$120 billion in goods last year alone. About 218,000 Michigan jobs rely on trade with our neighbor. It is significant. But the Ambassador Bridge is outdated, vulnerable and actually limits our economic growth. We need both bridges.

A 21st century economy deserves a modern infrastructure, particularly when it involves America's busiest

trade crossing. In June, I joined Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper in announcing the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor. This new bridge will provide direct, highway to highway access for commuters, unlike the existing span that dumps traffic onto city streets.

Also, the new bridge will be six lanes wide and feature dedicated lanes for prescreened commercial haulers, which will benefit the auto industry and is one of the reasons why Ford, Chrysler and General Motors all support the plan. The Ambassador Bridge is narrow, which often causes lengthy traffic backups. A new, more efficient customs plaza will also enable speedy inspections. All of these modern features will allow more products made and grown in Michigan to be marketed and sold faster, and that's good for our businesses and families.

The NITC is all about jobs. It will better support the hundreds of thousands of existing jobs that rely on trade with Canada. In the short term it would create nearly 12,000 good-paying construction-related jobs to build the bridge, and in the long term it will create even more.

Thousands of citizens, major manufacturers and retailers, chambers of commerce, and Republican and Democratic leaders all recognize it is a wonderful opportunity for Michigan and one that will not cost us anything.

The cost of the NITC has been a major focus of proponents of Proposal 6. Misleading ad after misleading ad claims it will cost Michigan. Those ads are not true. The NITC will not cost Michigan taxpayers. Independent reviews have verified this fact. Canada will fund the bridge entirely and a private concessionaire will design, build, finance and operate it.

A "No" vote on Proposal 6 is a vote for Michigan and will help create more and better jobs and a future for

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DIVISION 1 GIRLS GOLF FINALS

That's a first!

Plymouth girls golf team wins school's first-ever championship

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Dan Young must have wondered what he stumbled into when he took over Plymouth's girls golf team in August.

Young took over from Chris Moore — the man who "built this program from scratch" - after Moore stepped down to become an assistant prin-

cipal. There were heavy expectations because the team Young inherited featured stellar seniors Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson as well as a 2011 season that came just short of glory.

Last year's Wildcats finished third at the Division 1 finals, and Murphy placed third after leading the individual competition with four holes to play.

On Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Golf Course, Young got his answer and the Wildcats finished the job. Plymouth captured the D1

championship with a twoday tally of 659 strokes, 11 better than Farmington Hills Mercy.

It marked the first state title in the history of the decade-old high school. And Murphy, with a 73-75-148 scoreline, was medalist. Second overall was Utica's Taylor Clark (74-75-149).

"I couldn't be more happy for the girls," Young said. "You don't realize how hard these girls have worked, and how much time they've put in. It's just paid off.

"And it's tough to be No. 1-ranked the entire season and actually deal with that pressure of everybody saying 'Did you win, did you win?' then coming through and doing it."

The Wildcats led the 15-team field after Friday's play with a 331 score (ahead of Utica's 338 and Mercy's 339) and didn't let up on Saturday.

"The girls just did what they had to do," Young

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The smiles say it all after Plymouth's varsity girls golf team won the high school's first championship in any sport.

Hole-in-one club grows

The list of golfers sinking hole-in-ones at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth keeps on growing.

 On Oct. 9, 67year-old Jay Gajda of Westland did the trick. He used a 7-iron and Slazenger ball to ace the 144-yard No. 5 hole at the Woodlands

• On Oct. 8, Harry Kazanjian of Farmington Hills used a 7-iron to ace the 129-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course. Kazanjian, 84, sank a Taylor Made ball and finished with a round

• On Sept. 27, Toledo resident John Bunker used an 8-iron to register a hole-in-one on the 142-yard No. 14 hole at the Golden course.

• Dick Butz, 86, of Livonia, aced the 110-yard No. 5 hole at the Woodlands course on Sept. 26. He used a pitching wedge and finished with a score of 75. It was his second career hole-in-one.

 On Sept. 23, Livonia resident David Bostic, 65, aced the 121-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course.

· Earlier, holesin-one were scored by Livonian Tim Dwojak (Sept. 18) and Westland's Ken Kulpa (Aug. 18), both at the Golden course.

It's playoff deja vu for campus rivals

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

It happens every Octo-

The leaves change color, pumpkins take over front porches and Plymouth and Canton square off in the MHSAA Division 1 football playoffs.

Those battle-tested campus rivals will be at it again 7 p.m. Friday, just three weeks after the Wildcats overcame a Canton halftime lead to prevail 28-21.

There was a bit of a

twist, however. The Wildcats, despite a Week 9 throttling at the hands of Grand Blanc, bring a 7-2 record into the first-round showdown - the fifth year in a row for the postseason clash. But Canton needed to win back-to-back contests against Salem just to get the requisite fifth and sixth victories to qualify for the playoffs.

Canton's latest victory over the hard-luck Rocks was almost like flipping a coin and seeing how it landed. Nothing was certain until the final seconds elapsed, with the Chiefs hanging on 28-27.



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Plymouth quarterback Jamarl Eiland (No. 5) will look to keep the Wildcats' season alive Friday against Canton.

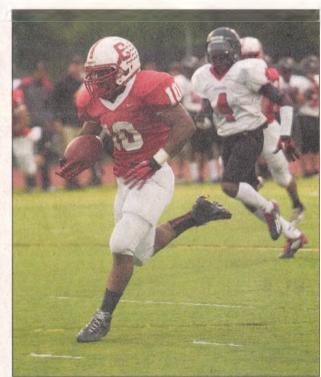
After the Rocks scored a touchdown in the final minute to get to within 28-27, an unsuccessful two-point conversion

proved the difference. Of course, Salem won the subsequent onside kick and had one lastditch chance at a victory and postseason berth which would have been

the first since 1991.

Unfortunately for coach Kurt Britnell and his players (many who were part of Britnell's first freshman-to-senior class), a 45-yard fieldgoal attempt sailed to the right of the goal posts to once again disappoint the royal blue nation.

Salem, as a 5-4 squad,



Big gainers such as this one earlier this season from Canton running back Malcolm Hollingsworth (No. 10) could help the Chiefs get past Plymouth.

came up just short of qualifying for the playoffs as an additional qualifier. Who came in just ahead of them? Those pesky Shamrocks of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, another example of the more things change the more they stay the same.

The Rocks opened 2012

with a 5-1 record and looked poised to finally crack the postseason barrier, which could have resulted in three teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park participating. Unfortunately, they were beset with injuries and an unlucky

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Whalers' Wilson on Team OHL

Forward Tom Wilson of the Plymouth Whalers was named to Team OHL for the 2012 Subway Super Series set for early next month.

Wilson's team will face the Russian National Junior Team Nov. 8 in Guelph, Ont., Canada and on Monday, Nov. 12 in Sarnia. There were 34 players selected for Team OHL.

Parent earns WHAC honor

Madonna University sophomore striker Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario) has been selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week (ending Oct. 21).

Parent earned the award for the first time in her career and her selection marks the fourth time a Crusader has been selected this

She joins fellow sophomore Katlyn Krysiak who has been selected three times (Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Oct.

On Oct. 17, Parent set two program records - most goals in a single match (5) and most points (11) in a single match - against Lawrence Tech. Her five goals broke the previous mark of four set by All-Americans Kelly Japowicz (2005) and Sarah Pack (twice in 2003).

The 11 points is the most since Japowicz collected nine points against the against Indiana Tech seven years and 12 days prior to Parent's feat.

BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

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Plymouth's Chandler Olah (No. 2) tries to keep possession of the ball despite pursuit from Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 21). In the background for the Wildcats is Kris Janevski

'Cats stun Rocks on PKs

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Plymouth's Mario Gruszczynski kept punching the ball out of the danger zone near his goal Saturday and ultimately landed a serious punch in the gut to Salem's championship hopes.

Gruszczynski made countless clutch stops to enable Plymouth to earn a 1-0 victory in the Division 1-District 7 championship contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf sta-

The win gave Plymouth its first district title in varsity boys soccer.



Batting the ball away during Saturday's Division 1 district final is Plymouth goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski.

"We were trying to come in with a defensive mindset because we lost 3-0 to Salem the first time," said Gruszczynski, after hoisting the district trophy with teammates. "But I came in here and

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wanted to make sure we didn't give anything up.

"We lost a player at the end of the first half to a red card, so we had to dig even deeper. The whole game we were trying to get to those PKs."

The senior goalkeeper indeed was the primary reason the Division 1 district final between the Wildcats and state-ranked Rocks did not end in regulation.

After Gruszczynski and Salem counterpart Collin Hewett navigated through two 10-minute overtime sessions, the scoreless match came down to penalty kicks.

Coming up huge

In the fifth round of PKs, with each team having scored twice, Plymouth junior forward Viet Nguyen's low drive beat Hewett inside the left post, giving the Wildcats the district title. Plymouth (11-7-0) advanced to face Ann Arbor Skyline Tuesday, in a regional semifinal at Farmington High School.

"It (PKs) started off with two misses, it wasn't a good way to do it," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "But we finished off strong and Mario again came up huge.'

After Nguyen found the mark, the Wildcats celebrated en masse in a pile of happy humanity near the 20-yard line. Nguyen later smiled about being able to come through, especially after leaving the game during overtime due to a leg injury.

"I was cramping up, I was dehydrated," Nguyen said. "I couldn't walk. So I came out and drank a lot of water."

He wouldn't miss being part of the PK lineup for anything.

"That's one of my specialties and I wanted to take the biggest one of my life here," Nguyen noted.

Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said the match was lost when the Rocks could not find the back of the Plymouth goal during the 80 minutes of regulation.

The pressure to score mounted as the game proceeded.

McCarthy knew the Wildcats would be attempting to build a defensive wall and get the game to the PK round, especially after Plymouth lost junior defender Brian Brown to a red card with two minutes left in



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team enjoys its first-ever district championship Saturday, after a 1-0 win over Salem. Hoisting the district trophy is 'Cats senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski, called the "man of the match" with numerous key stops.



A happy bunch of Wildcats celebrate their district championship victory.

the first half. Brown was penalized for batting a ball away from the goal, saving a certain Salem goal.

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Salem junior forward Connor Cole took the resulting penalty kick, but his low shot toward the inside of the right post was stopped by one of Gruszczynski's many all-out dives. It is estimated the goalie and his defense withstood a barrage of more than 25 shots — including many right on the doorstep.

No way

"Plymouth did a tremendous job of making it difficult to score although we literally had dozens of opportunities and couldn't find a way to get it across the goal line," McCarthy said.

"They were able to effectively have three, four, five guys standing on the goal line which I've never seen before."

McCarthy called Gruszczynski the "man of the match" and he wasn't alone making that assess-

"Mario had the greatest game I've ever seen him

play," Olah said. "He's the man of the match and he deserves to hold that trophy in the (team) pic-

According to Neschich, the Rocks "threw everything at us and all we could do was keep the ball out of our net. That was our focus. He (Gruszczynski) was incredible tonight."

The Rocks, who finished 16-3-4, briefly had the upper hand in PKs, when Connor Cole drove a shot past Gruszczynski into the center of the goal.

Hewett then elevated and threw himself sideways to block Plymouth's first PK, taken by Daniel Butes.

In the second round, Gruszczynski punched aside senior Andriy Pelekh's attempt and Vikas Kanneganti hit the crossbar behind Hewett.

Something to remember

Salem took a 2-0 lead in PKs when Brady Cole sent a low shot into the left corner. The Wildcats' Chris Lebioda responded with a blast into the top left corner to make it 2-1 entering the fourth

round.

Rocks' senior co-captain Tyler Fosdick hit the crossbar before the Wildcats drew even on Olah's low kick inside the left post.

Then came the telltale fifth round, with Salem senior co-captain Luke Hazen stopped by Gruszczynski's dive to his right. That left it all up to Nguyen.

Brady Cole said players who will be back in 2013 won't forget how the season ended for Salem.

"I think it really helps us," Cole said. "It will make us work harder and motivate us to do better next year."

As for seniors who are done for their prep careers instead of embarking on a long postseason march, McCarthy gave them a verbal pat on the back.

"Chris Dierker had a strong performance today and I'm really proud of our seniors overall," McCarthy said.
"The defenders were very good for us all year. We had a very, very good year."

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Skyline stops Plymouth's tourney run

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The buzz of winning the district championship for the first time didn't have much of a carry-over effect for Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team.

On Tuesday night in a Division 1 regional semifinal at Farmington High School, it only took Ann Arbor Skyline 1:42 to do what Salem failed to do in 100 minutes just three days earlier in the district final — put the ball past Plymouth senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczyn-

Although the Wildcats quickly answered when senior Ted Phillips scored to make it a 1-1 tie, the Eagles regained a lead before halftime and went on to post a 3-1 victory.

Skyline will face Novi Thursday night in the regional final.

We bounced right back and scored on them," Wildcats head coach Jeff Neschich said. "They were just a real strong team out here and they were a little fresher than

"That game on Saturday (against Salem) really took a toll on us.'

No shame

Neschich said the loss did not diminish his team's outstanding run through the districts.

"After starting out 0-5-2 to end as strong as we did," Neschich said, "like I told the boys before the game Saturday, if you want to turn a good season into a great season, win this game. And they did.

"We fell a little short tonight, but the boys put a good effort out there. They (Wildcats) turned a good season into a great season by winning three tough ball games in districts."

Plymouth (11-8-0) knocked off Livonia Churchill and stateranked Canton before eliminating another toptier squad in Salem.

Against Skyline, sophomore Alec Lasinski put the Eagles up 1-0 when he booted home a rebound inside the left post past Gruszczynski.

But with 33:33 to play in the half, Phillips answered. He received a pass from sophomore Calvin McCracken and

lifted a high shot from about 25 yards that hit just inside the crossbar for the tally.

"I just basically turned and I took a good shot," Phillips said. "It got deflected, took a good bounce and went in."

For the next 20 minutes or so, Plymouth played Skyline fairly evenly with several corner-kick chances.

Skyline, however, played those perfectly to keep pressure to a minimum against goalkeeper Cameron Lekas.

"They're just a well-disciplined team and they spread out the field really well," Neschich said. "And they matched up well on corner kicks and set plays."

Tacking on

Then with 13:06 left in the half, the Eagles went up 2-1.

The ball caromed right to Lasinski inside the box and he made no mistake with it.

In the second half, the swift, slick-passing Eagles continued to force the issue and nearly scored with 31 minutes remaining.

A shot by Lasinski cleanly beat Gruszczynski, but Plymouth senior defender Kris Janevski threw out a leg to save the day.

Janevski blocked the shot right along the goal line, enabling the keeper to cover it up.

Skyline did tack on an insurance goal with 10 minutes to play, on a beautiful individual effort by Nick Russo.

That goal took the wind out of Plymouth's sails, although senior co-captain Chandler Olah said the squad kept battling.

"It didn't help that we were two down with only 10 minutes to go," Olah said. "We did the best we could, we tried to possess the best we could.

"We should have capitalized on some of the opportunities in and around the box, but other than that we played our hearts out."

Phillips said the Wildcats "had them on the ropes, but when they scored it kind of put us down a little bit."

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Tourney champs

The Motor City Madness 12U Red Softball Team won the recent NSA Sidewinder Fall Shootout Tournament. Members of the team, including several from Canton and Plymouth, closed out the championship with consecutive walkoff victories. Players include: (front row, from left) Maria Gustitus, Caroline Miller, Ashley Wilson and Jenna Taylor; (middle row, from left) Dayton White, Megan Medendorp, Lizzie Kemp, Jaime Gustitus, Allison Purtell and Madison Rosiewicz. Not pictured is Molly Padrock. In the back row are the team's coaches.

PREP GRID PICKS

Round 1	Wright	Smith	O'Meara	Emons
Friday, Oct. 26				
Stevenson (6-3) at Churchill (9-0), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Canton (6-3) at Plymouth (7-2), 7 p.m.	Canton	Plymouth	Plymouth	Canton
Harrison (6-3) at Fenton (8-1), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Fenton	Harrison	Harrison
Farmington (6-3) at W.L. Western (7-2), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Western	Western	Western
Saturday, Oct. 27				
Melvindale AB&T (6-3) at Lutheran Westland (6-3), 2 p.m.	Westland	Westland	AB&T	AB&T
Clarenceville (6-3) at Notre Dame Prep (8-1), 7 p.m.	Prep	Clarenceville	Prep	Prep
Last week	9-4	11-2	11-2	11-2
Overall	72-39	82-29	84-27	88-23

Steelers still perfect

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior-varsity football team improved to 7-0 Saturday afternoon with a 45-28 victory over the host Westland Comets.

The visitors opened the scoring on their first possession when Mason Phillips — following a path paved by Seth Troszak and Lou Baechler - darted 35 yards to the end zone. A short time later, Ryan Young connected with Danny Lanava on a 15-yard scoring strike.

Baechler got into the scoring act later in the first quarter when he followed blocks by Troszak, Parker Selby and Chase

Sam Brusca tallied his first six-pointer of the season when he galloped in from five yards out — four plays after

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he returned a kick-off 75 yards to the Comets 5. Selby and Aaron Garbarino executed key blocks on the TD run.

The first of two fourthquarter TD's for the Steelers came when Ben Wright hit Billy Flohr with a 16-yard scoring pass out of the "Wildcat" formation. The Steelers' final TD came on James Hanson's 50-yard kick-off

Chase Cunningham did a stellar job of long-snapping when the Steelers instituted the "Wildcat" in the second quarter.

Defensively, Flohr, AJ Neal and Troszak all recovered fumbles; and Wright intercepted a Westland pass. Carson Miller, Ian Gozdor, Ben

Bennett, Nick Prevo and Calvin Vos all excelled on defense for the winners.

Freshmen win The Steelers freshmen squad upended the Comets, 20-6, to improve to 5-2. The "Steel Curtain" defense was led by Adam Janek, Nate Cain, Logan Walkley, Tyler Overaitis, Aidan Garbarino, Zach Sweet, Justin Tafelski and Mason Hackney.

Walkley paced the Steelers' defense with 83 yards rushing and a TD. Darian Moore and Jason Perko also scored for P-C. Quarterback Ethan Rottell completed five of six passes for 98 yards and a score. Cooper Donlin hauled in a pair of passes

for 53 yards. Offensive linemen Cenzi DeFelice, Brenden Jankowski, Quinn Mar-

co, Luke Every, Jimmy McCarthy, Tafelski and Nolan Mathew opened holes for the Steelers' contingent of running backs. Keagan Witczak registered three pancake blocks.

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Ben Zwarka, Donlin, Andrew Uhlian and Jonathan Simpson were all dominant on special teams for the Steelers.

The Steelers will the cross-town rivals Canton Lions on Saturday at Central Middle School. The junior-freshmen game will kick-off at 2 p.m.; the freshmen game is set for 4 p.m.; the junior-varsity contest is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the varsity game will begin at approximately 8 p.m.

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Playoff encore for Warriors

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

With quarterback Jacob Richter leading the way, Lutheran High Westland is back in the Division 8 state football playoffs for the second year in a row.

The Warriors automatically clinched a spot with their sixth win of the season earning a 19-14 triumph last Saturday at home over Detroit Allen Academy.

Lutheran Westland (6-3) gets a rematch in Region 2-District 2 beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at home against Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology (6-3), which is coming off a 20-14 loss to Riverview Gabriel Rich-

In last year's firstround game, AB&T's elusive 5-foot-7 quarterback Darrylnotay Hines torched the Warriors for 208 yards rushing and 99 more in passing en route to a 46-14 victory.

"They (AB&T) have tons of speed, but Gabriel Richard ran right at them and had good success," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse said. "They got kids who can run the ball for sure. They ran the ball well, but they (Richard) kept them off field by running right at them, and that's hopefully what we can do as well.'

The Warriors racked up all 420 yards of their total offense against Allen Academy (2-6) with the 5foot-8, 145-pound Richter going for a game-high 241 yards on 28 carries.

Allen, however, scored first on a 45-yard Tavier Thomas-to-Pikiya Ellis scoring pass (followed by the two-point conversion) after an 11-play Lutheran Westland drive stalled at the Wildcats' 45

Richter then went to work with second-quarter TD runs of 44 and 14 yards to give the Warriors a 12-8 lead at half-

Lutheran Westland came out in the third quarter with a surprise play when Martin Kemp recovered his own onside kick and later scored on a 9-yard TD run.

Kemp finished the game with 134 yards on 20 carries to augment Richter's big afternoon.

Although leading 19-8, there were a few anxious moments for the Warriors during the final period.

With 4:40 to play and Lutheran Westland forced to punt deep in its own end, Allen Academy's Terrance Love returned the punt 35 vards for a TD to cut the deficit to five.

The Warriors then fumbled at midfield, but their defense held at fourthand-two on their own 44 to seal the victory with over just over two minutes remaining before running out the clock.

Greg Klein had a total of six tackles, including two sacks, to lead the Lutheran Westland defense, which held Allen Academy to 88 yards rushing on 19 attempts. (Thomas was 11-of-14 passing for 119 yards.)

Jonah Lambart also, came with a pair of fumble recoveries, including one that led to Richter's go-ahead TD in the second quarter.

The victory, however, proved to be costly for the Warriors, who lost sophomore tight end and defensive end Jacob Davenport, the team's leading tackler, to a broken leg in the second quarter.

Sophomore running back and corner back Austin Olsen, a key contributor of late, was also held out due to injury.

"The kids who replaced them did a good job," Guse said. "We had to play it close to the vest. Allen was big up-front and I thought we handled them well. It was a good run-up to the Melvindale

"We're excited about having a home game."

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Solid effort by Canton Lions

The Canton Lions varsity team dropped to a record of 4-2 after suffering a heartbreaking loss on the final play Oct. 7 against the Redford Rangers, losing 32-30.

The game was full of excitement throughout as the first half was played in monsoon type winds and rain. Nevertheless, the Lions jumped out to an early lead on a 3-yard touchdown run by Jason Arnold.

Miles Davenport recorded touchdown runs of 40 and 80 yards to round out the first half scoring by the Lions.

The second half scoring occurred on a 70 yard touchdown run by Arnold and a safety recorded by the Lions defense late in the fourth quarter for the Lions to retake the lead

The final drive of the Rangers was halted many times by strong defensive plays by David Mason, Matt Steeple, Joey Glunt, C.J. Wieloch, Ian Kovach, Devon Gunn, Trevor Costanzo, Sterling Gingles, and Guam Lee, Jr.

Offensively, the Lions moved the ball all day, however, the passing game was stunted by the weather. Many players contributed to the offensive contribution, led by great blocking from Max Mulvaney, Kyrece Smith, Matt Wayne, Devon Gunn, Zach Olson, Ricky Kuzdak, and Alex Mattson.

• The Lions freshman team battled hard against the Rangers for a 12-7 victory. Austin Askew made his first appearance and played hard on the defensive

and offensive lines, also pushing the offense down the field with a first down run.

There were carries by Owen Keys, Byron McCormick, Cian McGill, Ezell Snipes, Tywayne Williams and Jerome Nichols. These efforts were made possible through the efforts of Jack Mulvaney, Luke Nader, and Josh Webster on the offensive line.

The defense played exceptionally well, with multiple turnovers on downs awarded to the Lions. Joshua Bergevin and Sean Britt were instrumental on the defensive line to open opportunities for tackles by Tyler Thompson, Sheldon Lyall, Spencer Korrach, Ivan Davis and Mason Abughannam who had with multiple tack-

freshmen got their spark back in their game against the Rangers. The offense, led by

• The Lions junior

Jacob Mason, was invigorated with carries by Foster Garrett, Joshua Nichols, Brandon Owens and a touchdown run by Tyrun Bond. Strong blocking by the O-line of William Beaty, Logan Holt, Jacob Richter and Daniel Baldwin keyed the TD drive.

Defensively, standouts included Gavin Bobby, Kristopher Easley, Dominic Johnson, Jeffrey Shipp, Andon Locke, Derik Watson, Luke Rayborn and Ayden Walaskay.

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pairing with Canton in the Week 8 crossover tilt. Canton posted a 4-

3 record entering that game and needed to win out - which they did. Led by seniors Kendall Scott, Cameron Dillard and Malcolm Hollingsworth, the Chiefs were not about to let their season end against their 'cross-creek" rivals.

Close call

And now comes another too-close-to-call clash between the Wildcats

and Chiefs.

Plymouth senior quarterback Jamarl Eiland and his Canton counterpart (sophomore Greg Williams) are both capable of doing whatever is needed - whether by air or ground — to beat the opposing defense.

Both teams boast elite coaching staffs and a winning pedigree, with the Wildcats reaching the 2010 D1 finals and the Chiefs just as determined and talented to reach Ford Field.

A few weeks ago, Plymouth's supreme defense (sparked by senior Nate Emminger, who always seems to be at the right

place at the right time) shut down the Chiefs in the second half to prevail. But last Friday's 44-7 drubbing at the hands of Grand Blanc put a dent in that defensive armor, however.

Knowing Plymouth's D isn't as impenetrable, can the Chiefs get the upper hand this time around?

Yes they can. But the slightest of edges here still goes to the Wildcats, because of Eiland's experience and the still-fresh memory of that 2010 march to the finals.

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Plymouth's varsity girls golf team cheerfully poses with the Division 1 championship trophy Saturday in East Lansing.

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said. "They hung in there and took it one hole at a time, one stroke at a time.

"It's kind of what we've been talking about. Everybody's just ecstatic right now."

Leading the way

On hand for the big day was Moore, and Young was glad he was there.

"Chris started the program, he was the only coach in the history of the school, for girls, up until August," Young said. "And he's the one that built this program, from scratch, and he was here today. I just want to congratulate him.

.. We were just lucky to be in the right place at the right time, and be able to meet these girls and

build a relationship from August until now. And to be in this situation and for it to all work out, we're just blessed."

Murphy led the Plymouth charge, determined not to have a late letdown a la 2011.

"Kelsey was unbelievably strong, mentally," Young said. "She was the leader after Day 1, as well as we (Wildcats) were.

"To come back the next day and to basically have to continue to hang on, with everybody shooting at you, it's all mental. And so I couldn't be more happy for her and the rest of the girls."

Thompson bounced back from a tough opening day (86) to register an 80 score on Day 2, for a 166

"She (Thompson) was so tough today," Young said. "She was down and out, obviously, yesterday. based

on how she played and her own expectations.

"She was so mentally tough today, she hung in there and just played like a champion."

Junior Kayla Whatley (84-88-172), sophomore Sydney Murphy (88-85-173) and freshman Katie Chipman (95-88-183) rounded out the championship card.

The sixth golfer, senior Danielle Allen, was at Forest Akers "in support, she had a great season for us," Young added.

Another individual qualifier from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was Canton junior Kelsey McDougall, and she finished an excellent two-day showing.

McDougall was third among other qualifiers with a 86-83-169 total.

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Canton loses Gold semifinal; Rocks reach Silver finals

There was no place like home, especially for the Novi girls volleyball team, which captured Saturday's KLAA Association Gold tournament.

The host Wildcats defeated Northville in the championship final, 20-25, 25-16, 16-14, to outlast the 12-school field which include the top three finishers in each of the KLAA's South, Central, North and West divisions.

Novi reached the final with a 25-18, 25-16 victory over Canton, while Northville ousted Brighton in the other semifinal, 26-24, 25-23.

Livonia Stevenson (26-16-4) and state-ranked Livonia Churchill (44-8-2) were the eighth and ninth seeds, respectively, coming out of pool play.

Churchill eliminated Stevenson in three sets, 14-25, 25-22, 15-11, before losing to Northville in the quarterfinals, 20-25,

In Pool D, Churchill fell to Walled Lake Northern (20-25, 20-25) and split with Stevenson (25-18, 24-26) and Canton (24-26, 25-16).

Silver tourney

Salem went undefeated all the way to the finals of the KLAA Silver tournament Saturday at Westland John Glenn.



Several Salem volleyball players enjoy team camaraderie during a recent match. The Rocks had a successful showing in the Silver bracket of the KLAA tournament.

But that's where the Rocks lost 20-25, 21-25 to Howell.

Salem got there by defeating Waterford Mott, Pinckney and John Glenn in pool play before defeating South Lyon East (25-12, 25-13) and Wayne Memorial (25-20, 25-13).

"Overall we had an excellent day," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "We played very well and stayed tough throughout the whole

"It seemed like we ran out of a little steam in the final and started making errors and giving them points with attack and service errors.

"We have really been working in practice of constantly going for the ball and reacting." She said Bree Beaver had a notable outing, with 30 kills and eight blocks.

"There were some attacks today that made you jump out of your seat and just say wow," Nies said. "She was impressive and we have been working on this for a long time and its so great to see it really connect."

Other strong showings were turned in by Nancy Krutty (104 assists), Abigail Dworzanin (31 kills, 32 digs), Erika Hatcher (45 aces) and Nicole Jablonski (10 aces and 16 straight service points).

Also chipping in were Lexi Epley (seven aces), Emily Lipa (34 digs), Kelly Whalen (17 kills) and Tess Ganich (23 kills).

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Julia Suriano, shown from a dual meet earlier this season, was one of a number of the team's veterans who excelled on "Senior Night" against Livonia Stevenson last week.

DUAL MEET RESULTS SALEM 98 LIV. STEVENSON 87 Oct. 18 at Salem (Senior

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Julia Suriano), 1:53.30; 3. Salem (Stephanie Solterman, Hannah Pollard, Andrea Ringer, Patricia Freitag), 2:02.18.

200 freestyle: 1. Suriano (Salem), 2:01.40; 2. Aumiller (Salem), 2:03.25; 6. Freitag (Salem),

200 individual medley: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:11.47); 4. Solterman (Salem), 2:24.10; 5. Annie Patterson (Salem),

2:26.39.

50 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 25.35; 3. Maddie Gorman (Salem), 27.11; 4. Cassidy Sargent (Salem), 27.72.

1-meter diving: 1. Bridget Maul (Salem), 168.45 points. 100 butterfly: 2. Patterson (Salem), 1:04.92; 3. Ringer (Salem), 1:07.22; 5. Claire Amin (Salem), 1:09.93.

100 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 55.47; 4. Gorman (Salem), 58.41; 6. Jocey Lamoureux (Salem), 1:02.11 500 freestyle: 2. Suriano (Salem), 5:23.73; 5. Freitag (Sa-

lem), 5:41.16; 6. Vincenza Zaia (Salem), 5:41.41. 200-free relay: 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Gorman, Patterson, Suriano), 1:46.09; 4. Salem (Amin. Sargent, Zaia, Ringer), 1:52.86; 6. Salem (Lamoureux, Amber Schmitt, Abi Collingwood, Melanie Turner), 2:04.04.

100 backstroke: 1. Aumiller (Salem), 1:01.65; 4. Solterman (Salem), 1:06.92; 6. Mckenzie Maurice (Salem), 1:10.40. 100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:09.12; 5. Pollard (Salem), 1:21.41; 6. Kristy

Rupp (Salem), 1:22.64. 400-free relay: 1. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Gorman, Solterman, Aumiller), 3:47.50; 5. Salem (Patterson, Freitag, Ringer, Zaia), 4:08.96; 6. Salem (Lamoureux, Maddie Maikowski, Amin, Hannah Tardiff), 4:18.22.

C'ville notches hat trick at quad It was clean sweep phy (12 kills, five blocks); the day, 25-16, 24-26, 15-9.

Tuesday night for the Livonia Clarenceville girls volleyball team in Lutheran Westland Quad.

The Trojans improved to 18-17-4 overall with wins over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (25-22, 22-25, 15-9), the host Warriors (22-25, 25-23, 15-11) and Newport Lutheran South (25-19, 25-19).

"We played really good volleyball tonight all the teams played well there was some really good volleyball teams," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "At times we struggled with serving and communication, but in the end played together and dug deep for a couple of close wins."

Setter Nicole Kurdziel led the way with 48 assistto-kills.

Other contributions Ayanna Buckley (19 kills, seven blocks, five aces); Tonya Vernier (12 kills, four blocks); Ashley Murand Jodi Ankiel (10 kills). Against Lutheran Westland, Summer Reddick and Kelsey Griffin came through defensively with 11 and 10 digs, respec-

Erica Katz and Hunter Iuliano also combined for five blocks.

tively.

In the win over Lutheran South, the Trojans also received strong serving from Justine Bateman, Christine Hurmiz and Tayla Heller, while sophomore Sarah Curvin came in and added two impor-

"Everyone added a little something and that's what I love about this team," Merschman said

Trojans go 2-2

On Saturday, Clarenceville reached the gold bracket in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

Anchor Bay ousted the Trojans, who went 2-2 on

In pool play, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central beat the Trojans, 25-11, 25-21. Clarenceville then

bounced back to beat Taylor Kennedy (25-21, 25-19) and Southfield Christian (25-22, 25-18)

Buckley paced Clarenceville with 33 kills, seven blocks, 10 aces and 23 digs on the day.

Other leaders for the Irojans included Murphy (20 kills, 12 blocks); Vernier (19 kills, six blocks); Ankiel (31 digs); and Hur-

miz (26 digs). "The girls played well we took an early loss to St. Mary, but recovered with confidence," Merschman said. "We played really well defensively and covered the floor

well." The Trojans also got strong play at the net from Katz and Iuliano, while Griffin and Reddick stood out defensively.

Crusaders' coach nears 1,000th

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham crept closer to 1,000 career victories as MU swept pair of matches Saturday at home in the **BLT Sportswear Cru-**

sader Classic. Madonna, now 28-6 overall and ranked No. 19 in the latest NAIA poll, defeated Rochester College, 25-10, 25-17, 25-22, and Trinity International (Ill.), 25-22, 25-6, 25-10, to wrap up second place in the tourney behind Embry-Riddle (Fla.).

Abraham now has 998 career victories during his NAIA Hall of Fame

WOMEN'S **VOLLEYBALL**

career with upcoming matches Wednesday at Northwestern Ohio, currently in second place behind MU in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, followed by a home match Wednesday, Oct. 31 at home against Indiana Tech.

Taylor Dziewit paced a balanced Madonna hitting attack against Trinity (7-26) with nine kills, while Nastija Baranovska added eight.

All-Tournament selection Evia Prieditis, a junior setter, recorded

38 assist-to-kills, while freshman Brenna Geile posted a team-best 15

Sophomore outside hitter Samantha Geile also earned all-tournament honors with a team-high 10 kills against Rochester (20-

Dziewit added eight kills, while Prieditis had 27 assists.

Notching double figures in digs for the Crusaders was Stacey Catalano (12), Brenna Geile (11) and Prieditis (10).

Emily Serrano had 11 kills and Sara Hayes had 25 assists and 13 digs for Rochester.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Patriot mat sale

The Franklin wrestling team will hold a mattress sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the high school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Prices are 40 to 60 percent off retail with factory warranty name brands such as Simmons, Southerland and Restonic. All sizes are available in pillow top, orthopedic and memory foam. (Mattress protectors and frames available.)

Over 1,200 tread count sheets set are available in 12 different colors for only \$38 to also help support the program. (Visit www.just12000threadcountsheets.com and enter the code LFWR to receive the discount price.)

To receive an additional \$50 off coupon, e-mail Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at chiola44@ vahoo.com.

Hole-in-one club

On Oct. 16, Phil Skender, of Livonia, used an 8iron to ace the 150-yard No. 2 hole at Northville Hills Golf Club.

For Skender, who shot an 83, it was his first hole-in-one in 31 years.

WYAA volleyball Registration for West-

land Youth Athletic Association volleyball is underway and will last through mid-November for the following age groups: 9-10 (freshman), 11-13 (JV) and 14-17 (var-

Cost is \$130 (includes volleyball jersey with neon colors, shorts and knee pads).

Practices begin in mid-November and matches start in early December. You can register online

For more information, call Keith Demolay at (734) 722-1251 and leave a message.

at wyaa.org.

Youth wrestling

Registration for the Westland Bottle Rockets Wrestling Club (ages 4-14) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the John Glenn High School (wrestling room), 36105 Marquette, Westland.

The membership fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt). Beginners meet from

5:30-6:30 p.m. and advanced wrestlers from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Nov. 27.

To obtain a copy of the registration form, visit www.glennwrestling.

For more information, e-mail brclubwrestling@ gmail.com; or call Judy Lawrence at (734) 634-

Livonia wrestling

The Livonia Wrestling Club, a unified wrestling club serving Livonia and surrounding communities for grades K-8, will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 27 through March 28, at the Franklin High School wrestling room.

All coaches and volunteers will be under direct supervision of the Franklin coaching staff.

Registration can be done at the first practice or throughout the season. The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt and registration into My-Way).

For more information, call Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

Sacred music concert benefits convent

Louis Canter says the audience will hear "something for everyone" at the upcoming Concert of Sacred Music in Livonia.

"They can expect a wide variety of style of music. There is a lot of gospel music. There is classical religious music, contemporary style religious music, hymns," said Canter, who will serve as master of ceremonies

The show, a fundraiser for the Felician Sisters, will start at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the Presentation Chapel on the Felician Sisters grounds, 36800 School-

Performers will include Amy Blevins, Johnny Kash, Andy Laglands, Stacey Mason, Hektor Qyteti, along with David Ammer, the principal trumpet player for the Michigan Opera Theatre. Violinists Grace Rodgers and Sasha Bezak and students from the Divine Child Bell Choir will perform during the "Litany of the Saints.'

Patron tickets are \$500 and include four admissions, preferred seating,

complimentary valet parking, special recognition, a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception after the concert and an opportunity to meet the performers.

Supporter tickets are \$100 and include one admission, reserved seating, a program listing and the reception.

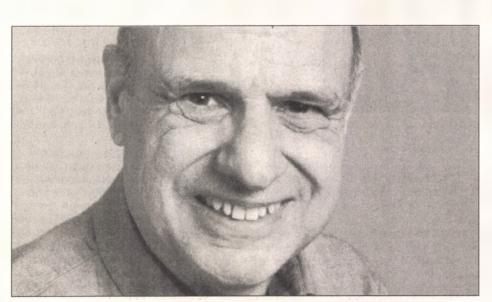
Friend tickets are \$20 for one admis-

Concert proceeds will help buy armchairs for the Sisters' dining room, wheelchairs and walkers.

"I encourage people to come out, not only for the music, but to celebrate the gift of the Sisters, who have been here a long time in ministry," Canter said. "What we're doing with the financial gifts we receive is good, because the Sisters don't have much. To give them comfort in their golden years, for them to have a nice place to sit, reflect and pray gives them a gift for the gift they've been to us."

Tickets are available in advance at (734) 591-1730 or at the door.

By Sharon Dargay



Tony Campolo will speak at the May 2, 2013, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

Save date to hear Tony Campolo

Tony Campolo will be the featured speaker at the May 2, 2013, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books, blogs regularly at his website, redletterchristians.org. and can also be found on both Facebook and Twitter. He and his wife, Peggy, live near Philadelphia, Pa., and have two children and four grandchil-

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Space is limited. Make checks payable to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., and mail to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., Attention: Sally Butler, 33300 Five Mile, Suite 105, Livonia, MI 48154. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

For more information call (248) 476-9427 or email to butlerconsulting@ consultant.com.

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BUCHANAN, **BERTHA RAY**

88, October 22, 2012, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Lee. Loving mother of Regina (Steve) Douglas, Robert (Polly), Nancy (Ken) Mantay, Edmund, Charles, Kathy (Ted) Stein, Vickie (Joel) Goudreau and Darlene Horen. Dear sister of Billie Hillen. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. Visitation, Thursday, 3-9pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City where funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 am. Please sign the on-line guestbook at:

www.rggrharris.com

CAVES.

ELIZABETH JANE Age 89, of Belleville, died October 16, 2012 at Heartland Health Care Center University of Livonia. She was a member of Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. She was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed baking & making candy and most of all, spending time with her grandkids. Survived by five children Barbara Jane (Larry) Atkin of Covington, VA, Mary Lou (Kent) Hazelwood of Stayton, OR, Susan (Merv) Auchtung of Holland, MI, Timothy Caves of Belleville, MI & Terry Jay (Kim) Caves of Plymouth, MI, 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four greatgreat grandchildren.Preceded by her husband of over 73 years, Thomas Caves, Jr., August 13, 2012, also a brother Jack Myers. Services were October 19, 2012 at Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. Contributions to Memorial Church of Christ or Angela Hospice appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



PAUL WILLIAM ROBERT "BOB"

Age 85, of Livonia, retired Ford Motor Co. employee, died October 20, 2012. He is the dear father of Rick (Lynn), John (Linda) and Lee (Jamie); fond grandfather of Christopher, Alexander, Michael, Stephanie and Justin. Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bernice. Funeral Service Wednesday, October 24, 10 am, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Tuesday 2-8 pm. Memorial tributes sug-

gested to Angela Hospice, angelahospice.org heeney-sundquist.com



JEANNE MARIE

Jeanne Marie (Emma) was the youngest of four children born August 19, 1928 to Emma Nelle Hampton Loftis and Latta Con-"Tub" Loftis. Emma was called Jeanne. Her siblings were Marianna (Nan), Richard (Dick), John (Jack). Jeanne was born in Detroit, MI and raised in Dear-born, MI. Jeanne graduated from Dearborn High School in 1946 where she was the Captain of the Cheerleaders. Jeanne loved life and loved to learn, read, played the piano, sing, dance, was an ar-tist and painter, liked sewing, gardening, flew an airplane and sailed. Jeanne loved people and is a Christian. She volunteered a lot, was a clown, and loved USA. Jeanne worked for 30 years at Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at the board office. Jeanne married Donald Eugene Miller they have three children MaryEllen Sanok (Rick), Ron, DonaJean "Gussie" Staszak (Tony). Three grandchildren Joe & Christina Sanok-Great Grand Daughter Lucia, Peter Sanok, Lydia Sanok-Potthoff (Billy). Don and Jeanne designed and built two homes for the family one in Wayne, MI the other one in Livonia, MI. Jeanne changed her name to Jeanne Marie. Feb 16, 2012 she died after a long illness. We miss her and also know she is living in Heaven. We love our dear sweet Mom so much.

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WILLIAM S.

Age 87, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2012 at his home in Livonia; right next door to where he was born on April 3, 1925, son of Charles and Bertha (nee Christ) Lute. He was united in marriage to Mary Rose Joyal on November 1, 1951; and they spent 60 loving years together. William grew up on a farm in Livonia and later worked as a Heavy Machine Operator for Superior Products in Taylor. He is described by his family as a sim-ple farmer, who was born 100 years too late. He was a passion-ate collector of anything that had to do with farm life; including a huge collection of antique John Deere Tractors from the 1930's, one of the largest collections in the state of horse drawn vehicles, as well as hand tools, traps, washing machines, and lanterns. Many of his treasures were found at the farm auctions he frequented on the weekends. William was a volunteer with Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia; where he operated some of the antique equipment he donated and advised the Livonia Historical Commission on the history of Livonia. He also volunteered with Henry Ford Village during Harvest Festival. He Mary Rose Lute; his daughters, Cathy (Edward) Klockner, Debbie (Robert) Shaw, and Peggi (Anthony) Ignagni; his siblings, Celesta Van Hellemont, Donald (Agnes) Lute, Bernice (Othal) Baggett, and Alice (Frank) Caldwell; his grandchildren, Sean, Ian, Halle, Dawn (Jason), Bran-Nickholas, Blaise, and Noelle; and his great grandchildren, Makenna, Brielle, and Greisha. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers and sisters. The funeral service will be held Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at The Newburgh Church at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Mr. Lute will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Livonia Historical Commission/Greenmead Histori cal Park. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of



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ENTERTAINMENT

Father-son magicians spark laughter, awe, for a good cause

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Ken and Austin Dumm of Livonia promise to keep you laughing while you wonder "Just how did they DO that?"

The father-and-son performers are seasoned comedy magicians who sprinkle in humor with awe-inspiring tricks.

"Magic without an emotional hook is just a puzzle," said Ken, who has performed for more than 30 years. "And the puzzle you put away after you figure out how it was done. But what we like to do is touch you on an emotional level."

Austin, 16, says comedy makes the magic stron-

"You can see a magic act and when you leave you think, oh that was great. I have no idea how that was done," said the Churchill High School junior. "When you leave a comedy magic show, you think, wow, I was really entertained."

They've performed together for 10 years, including seven at Livo-nia Spree. When he's not at his day job, producing television commercials for Team Detroit, Ken also appears in a solo act at clubs, festivals and theaters. He'll emcee evening shows this weekend at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. His son also has entertained individually at senior living centers during summer vacation.

"It's great to go in there and entertain them with something they don't see every day," Austin said, recalling his summer experience. "Just to see their faces light up, it's almost like they're young again. It's a great experience because you get to give back to the community."

That's exactly what they'll do when they perform at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Roy-



Austin (left) and Ken Dumm show the poster for one of their performances, which was held in Lapeer earlier this year.



al Oak.

Their family-friendly show will raise funds for Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. The money will be dedicated to the Ticker Club at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Personal connection

"The Ticker Club basically is a support group for families with children who are having heart surgery," Ken said. "I have done some strolling magic at Ticker Club events."

Children's Hospital holds a special place in Ken's heart. His wife, Kristine, underwent

heart surgery there 22

years ago. "Being that we were dating, I was with her the whole time," he said. He got to see first hand the staff and its "unbelievable job of making patients and families feel comfortable" while loved ones underwent surger-

"We're always looking for more ways to give back," Austin said. "That's one of the reasons for this show for the hospital. It's a great way to give back to a great organization in our area through our talent of magic."

That talent began to take shape at an early age for both father and son.

Passion for magic

Ken, who grew up in Redford Township, "got hooked" on magic at around age 10 after his parents allowed him to select a birthday gift at a magic shop. He began to spend money earned through a newspaper delivery route on tricks.

"It wasn't that I wanted to just know how the tricks were done, I wanted to perform them." he said, adding that he began "putting together little shows for neighborhood

He continued honing his skills while in high school and during college at Wayne State University, where he earned a degree in broadcasting and went on to write, produce and direct advertising content for broadcast and the Web.

"Once I got out of college and got a full time job, I started doing more

COMEDY **MAGIC OF KEN AND AUSTIN DUMM**

What: Father-son magicians from Livonia perform magic with comedy and audience interaction When: 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Where: Mark Ridley's

Comedy Castle, located at 310 Troy Street, at Fourth Street, one block south of 11 Mile, two blocks east of Main, in downtown Royal Oak **Details:** The show is appropriate for all ages. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, with funds restricted to the Ticker Club at the DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan, Tickets are \$8

Contact: Call the box office at (248) 542-9900 or visit www.etix.com

comedy clubs, more adult venues, like open mics. When Austin was born in 1996, I had the perfect opportunity to do family shows, because I could test out my material on my son.'

Austin didn't just offer feedback, he became a part of the act. From age 3-4 he'd sit in the audience and lip synch his dad's performance. Ken introduced him to the audience and allowed him to perform a magic trick when he was just 6 years old. At age 9, he started performing at Livonia Spree.

"I've had a lifelong interest and love of magic. I find it really fun when my dad and I can both perform together in places that entertain people," Austin said.

'We're both excited about the (upcoming) show because of that."

GET OUT! Arts & Crafts

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 11

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

Details: The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild shows elaborate decorative pieces, jewelry, and variations of other items that celebrate the use of beads in their creation

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Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Friday Night: Concerts include Aerial Angels Ghost Circus, Oct. 26 and Shuffle Concert, Nov. 2. Aerial Angels, 7 p.m.; all others at 7 p.m. and 8:30

Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013

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Schoolcraft College stages Moliere farce

Schoolcraft College will kick off its fall semester dinner theater with performances of The Doctor in Spite of Himself, a farce by Moliere.

Dinner theatre shows will run Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Curtain is at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre.

Show-only performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10.

Tickets are \$24 for the dinner performances and \$12 for the show-only performances.

The Doctor in Spite of Himself is a comedy about medicine in the 17th Century.

For more information and to order tickets, call the campus bookstore at (734) 462-4596.

Michigan Philharmonic jazzes up pops show

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform a jazz-inspired tribute to Duke Ellington at its "Pops Plus" concerts this weekend.

Performances are 7:30 p.m.. Friday, Oct. 26 at the Italian American Club, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at The Carr Center, 311 E. Grand River, Detroit.

The Livonia show is \$35 and will include a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets to the show in Detroit are \$25. Students are admitted free with a paying

The Michigan Philharmonic's

supervised parking lots!

principal flutist, Dennis Carter II, will solo on Ronald Foster's Summertime Fantasy. which is based on the song by George Gershwin. Other jazz age hits will include Eubie Blake's I'm Just Wild about Harry and James P. Johnson's classic Charleston. A majority of the program will pay tribute to "the Duke," featuring a performance of Ellington's reflective Suite from the River and an encore of his famous signature song, It Don't Mean a Thing. Gershwin's overture to Crazy for You and a medley of Dave

Brubeck's tunes will round out

the program.

Carter has a bachelor of music in flute performance from Wayne State University, where his teachers were Ervin Monroe, principal flutist of the DSO and Clement Barone. He continued his studies by winning an orchestral apprenticeship with Operalaboratorio in Palermo, Sicily and by invitation to attend Julius Baker's master class as a performer.

Carter also performed with the Dearborn, Rochester, and Warren Symphonies, Orchestra Canton, Brazael Dennard Chorale and Community Chorus. He has toured nationwide with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players, The New Sigmund Romberg Orchestra, and Carl Rosa Opera Company in the UK.

He's also is an assistant teacher for Southfield High School Band and Orchestra programs and has taught flute at Henry Ford Community College and woodwinds for the Sphinx Preparatory Institute.

For concert tickets visit www.

michiganphil.org





Touching comedy

Debra Rockey (left) of Milford as "Vernadette," Anne Craft of Wixom as "Sheree," Julie Yolles of Birmingham as "Dinah," Erin Osgood of Brighton as "Lexie," and Kandi Krumins of Waterford as "Jeri Neal" this week wrap up the Farmington Players' run of "The Dixie Swim Club." Shows are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W.12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$14 for students and \$16 for adults. For tickets, call (248) 553-2955 or visit www.farmingtonplayers.org.

GET OUT!

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tion is 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9; art on display through November

Location: 149 W. Liberty, in Old Village, Plymouth; in the upper hall gallery **Details:** Mariuca Rofick shows her black and white photography in an exhibit called METROPO-LIS. Rofick is an exhibiting member of Hatch, the Hamtramck artists collective, and her work has been shown at such galleries as the Carr Center, Lawrence Street Gallery

Contact: (734) 207-9600 **NORTHVILLE ART**

and the Scarab Club

through Oct. 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," includes a variety of works by more than two dozen artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMU-NITY **ARTS COUNCIL**

Time/Date: Through October

Location: 774 N. Sheldon,

Plymouth Details: This first ex-

hibit of the new season features work by instructors, students and board members, along with displays and photos from the Council as well as other community groups

Contact: (734) 416-4278 VAAL

Time/Date: Nov. 5-17; artist reception is 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9

Location: Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia fall exhibit will include original art work done by VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work will be for sale. Ellen M. Moucoulis of Schoolcraft College is the

show jury Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 29 Hill Road, Canton

Details: 20th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography by artists from throughout south-

east Michigan Contact: (734) 394-5308

Film

MJR DIGITAL THEATRE Time/Date: Oct. 27-28

and Nov. 3-4 Location: 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Children's film festival includes "Ice Age," and "Dog Days." Free for children, 12 and under. Adults pay \$1. Check show times weekend screening

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 27-28

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Paranorman,"

Coming up: "Hope Springs," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 and 8, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4; "Trouble with the Curve," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

Shock-tober series: The series concludes with "Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein," 7 p.m.,

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: Doors open 11 p.m., movie starts at midnight, Friday, Oct. 26

Location:

Details: "Evil Dead," \$5 Coming up: "The Haunted House," and "The Cat and the Canary," both silent films with Buster Keaton, 8 p.m., Saturday Oct. 27, \$12 adults and \$8 children; "An American in Paris,' 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, \$4; "Since You Went Away, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Nov. 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, \$4, "A Christmas Story," 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 1, \$4. Santa will be on hand Nov. 30-Dec.





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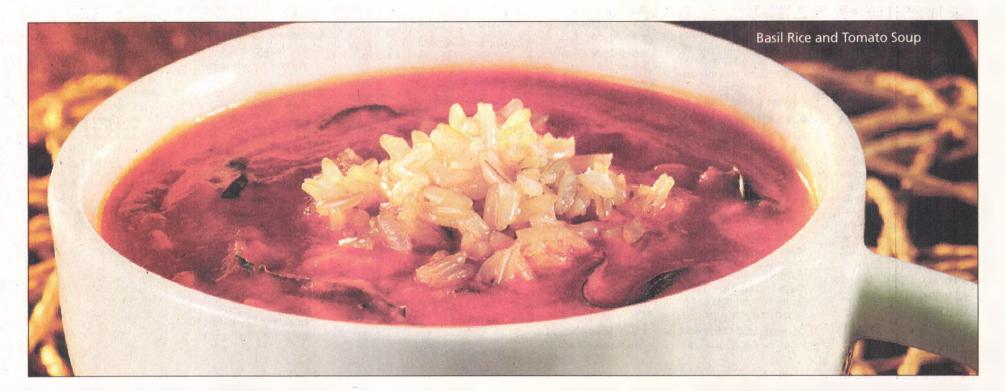
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Speedy suppers for busy families

Don't think you have time to make a delicious meal for your family?

Think again. With these handy tips and easy recipes which call for just four ingredients — you can get a satisfying supper on the table in no time. Use these tips to make meal prep easier on busy nights:

Stock up

Always keep some basic ingredients on hand to make last-minute cooking a lot easier.

- Frozen vegetables Can be used as a side or added to soup and rice dishes.
- Broth Beef, chicken and vegetable broth can be used to make soup and sauces and to add flavor when cooking vegetables and rice.
- Add-ins Nuts, sesame seeds, parsley, dried fruit and cheese, can be added to main dishes, sides and salads, to make them even more nutritious and flavorful.

Time savers

Take advantage of groof the work for you.

- Frozen rice For a tasty side or for a starter for a full meal, try Minute Steamers, a rice that heats in a microwave, ventilated bag.
- Pre-cut vegetables ---Save some prep time by using some pre-cut vegetables. Give them a quick wash and they are ready to use.
- · Pre-seasoned ingredients — Look for canned, diced tomatoes with garlic and onions, cheese made with jalapeno or marinated chicken or pork cuts. These all are ways to add flavor without adding time.

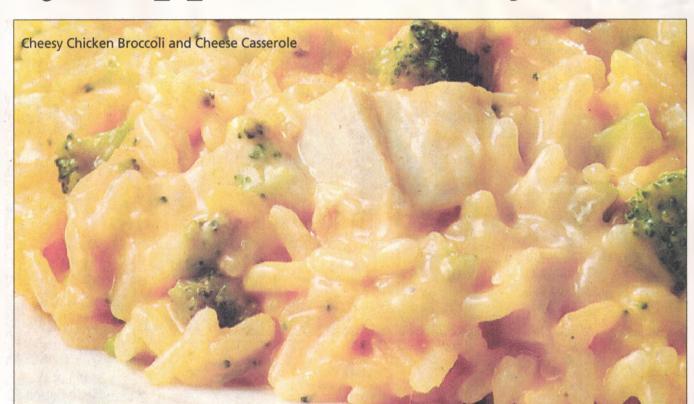
Plan ahead

If you save more time on the weekend, you can do some prep work to cut down on your week night cooking time.

 Prep ingredients — Chop vegetables and shred cheese and keep them in storage containers or resealable bags in the fridge. You also can brown ground beef and cut any meats into recipeready pieces.

- Herb cubed Put a tablespoon of chopped herbs in each well of an ice cube tray. Fill with either water or olive oil, then freeze. Once frozen, pop them out and store in a freezer bag. You'll have fresh herb flavor in a flash.
- · Cook once, eat twice - Double up on a recipe, then freeze one half for later. Or, plan a second meal around leftovers. For example, use Monday night's taco meet for Tuesday night's taco salad.

For more delicious ways to get a speedy supper on the table for your family, visit www.4ingredientmeals. com.

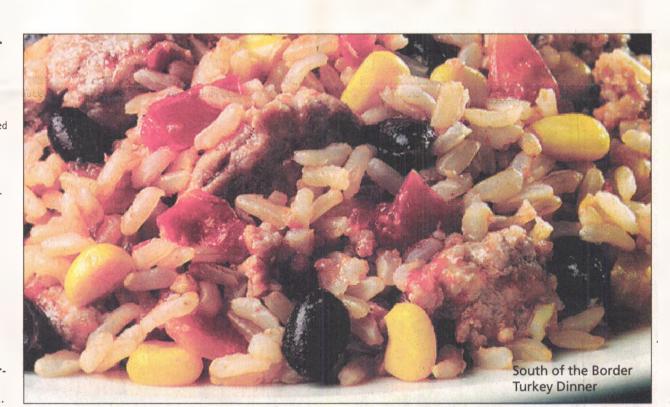


Cheesy Chicken Broccoli and Rice Casserole

- Makes 4 Servings 1 bag Minute Steamers - Broccoli and Cheese Rice
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup cooked, diced chicken
- ½ cup milk Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe bowl combine soup, chicken and water. Heat in microwave on high for 2 minutes. Stir in

South of the Border **Turkey Dinner**

- Makes 4 Servings 1 bag Minute Steamers
- Brown Rice
- 1 pound ground turkey, cooked
- 1 can (11 ounces) southwestern corn blend
- 1 cup prepared salsa
- Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe bowl combine turkey, corn and salsa. Cook on HIGH 2 minutes. Stir in rice. Add 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese. Use as filling in tortillas and top with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes. Roll into burrito-sized tortillas and serve with sour cream.





SPRUCE UP RICE

Here are some quick and easy ways you can add a little flair to the family meal:

- Citrus Rice: To hot cooked white rice, add grated orange, lemon or lime zest for a fresh, lively taste. • Nutty Rice: To hot cooked brown rice, add peanuts, cashews, pine nuts, or sunflower seeds; stir in dried cranberries or cherries for added flavor, texture and color.
- Portobello Mushroom Rice: To hot cooked brown rice add sauteed, chopped portobello mushrooms and toasted, chopped pecans. Top with crumbled feta cheese.

Easy Arroz con Pollo Makes 4 servings

- 1 bag Minute Steamers Spanish Rice
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
- 1 small tomato, diced 1 cup cooked, diced chicken
- Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe dish combine rice, peas and carrots, tomato and chicken. Microwave 2 minutes. For extra flavor, add 1/4 cup sliced Spanish olives. Garnish with sliced green onions.

Basil Rice and Tomato Soup

Serves 4 (1 1/4 cups each)

- 1 package Minute Steamers --- Brown Rice
- 1 jar (24 ounces) pasta sauce
- ½ cup heavy cream 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- Prepare rice according to package directions. In a large microwave-safe bowl combine pasta sauce, cream and basil. Cover loosely and microwave on high 5 minutes, or until heated though. Stir in prepared rice.

- If a thinner soup is desired, add 1 cup heated chicken broth • Serve with cheese crostini
- and olive tapenade. · Top with shredded Parme-

Courtesy of Family Features

Home Builders Association revamps its name, logo

The Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved changing the name of the organization that represents the homebuilding industry in Michigan to the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM).

The name change became effective on Sept. 14, 2012.

"The fact is that whether we are in front of a customer who is building or remodeling their home, or in the halls at the State Capitol, people have always referred to us as the 'Home Builders Association," said Colin Herren, HBAM president. "It made sense to us to change the name in order to capitalize on the recognition we already have throughout Michigan."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan has also unveiled a new logo to accompany the name change and a tagline, "Professionals Who Care," which will be utilized in a statewide branding effort to educate consumers on the value of hiring HBAM members for building and remodeling projects.

"We have always been an organization that encourages the highest levels of professionalism among our members," said Robert Filka, HBAM CEO. "Our member builders and remodelers are not only licensed, but are leaders in incorporating the latest innovations and technologies into their work, which provides significant value to con-

The Home Builders Association of Michigan will also be encouraging the 27 local Home



HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

This is the new logo of the Home Builders Association of Michigan.

Builders Associations throughout Michigan to utilize the HBA, Professionals Who Care branding in advertising for home shows and other promotions throughout the year.

'Many of our members conduct business in several counties that often stretch beyond the jurisdiction of their local Home Builders Association,"

46031 Spinning Wheel Dr \$190,000

said Rich Kogelschatz, HBAM Board member who led the name change and branding initiative. "Having common branding throughout Michigan will allow our members to receive the benefits of greater consumer recognition of the brand and the value it means to

The Michigan Home Builders

33201 Norfolk St

Association is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members.

HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

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Dallas shows signs of life

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: I was recently in Dallas for a football game and noted the development in the downtown and Uptown areas. Do you have any information concerning the residential situation there?

A: Downtown Dallas grew substantially in the 1960s and 1970s, but there was almost no additional commercial development until 2010. However, there



has been a concerted effort recently to build residential housing in the downtown

and Uptown areas.

Substantial private homes and condominiums have been and are being built in those areas as the economy has not hurt Dallas as has been the case in many other areas. Indeed, the Dallas suburb of Highland Park looks just like Beverly Hills, Calif., to the casual observer. The Uptown area is filled with restaurants, boutiques, condominiums, apartments and single family homes and, the market is thriving.

Q: Can we charge a rental fee to renters for the sole reason that they are renting

A: More than likely not. A case out of New Jersey held that an association could charge a rental fee, but only in an amount reasonably related to actual additional necessary expenses incurred by the association for the rental. I think this is a reasonable determination of the status, but each case, of course, depends upon its own facts.

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

KNOW CHECK OUT THE NUMBERS **IN TODAY'S SPORTS SECTION**

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

\$356,000

\$91,000 \$415,000

\$330,000

\$135,000 \$292,000

\$171,000

\$295,000

\$200,000

\$243,000

\$240,000 \$40,000

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CANTON
2496 Barkhill Rd
40509 Blythefield Ln
1406 Delancy Cir
49934 Hancock St
45101 Horseshoe Cir
1276 Kensington Dr
43180 Keystone Ln
50411 Lansdowne Rd
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1805 Lincoln Dr
47045 Maben Rd
2319 N Woods Ct
1604 Orchard Dr
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2050 S Brookhill Ln
45668 S Stonewood Rd
41972 Saltz Rd
43431 Saltz Rd
4285 Sherwood Cir
4435 Southbridge Dr
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49516 Taft Ln	\$55,000
1503 Tradition Dr	\$375,000
44222 Webster Rd	\$149,000
GARDEN CITY	
6664 Harrison St	\$45,000
33110 John Hauk St	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
36701 Six Mile Rd	\$160,000
14016 Ashurst St	\$170,000
15411 Bainbridge St	\$105,000
32128 Barkley St	\$140,000
33000 Brookside Ct	\$272,000
12060 Cardwell St	\$82,000
8915 Cavell Ave	\$138,000
18084 Curtis Ct	\$200,000
37007 Curtis Rd	\$370,000
16984 Farmington Rd	\$120,000
31530 Gable St	\$100,000
9715 Garden St	\$88,000
14531 Garden St	\$65,000
14316 Gary Ln	\$120,000
14711 Gary Ln	\$145,000
11240 Haller St	\$125,000
18931 Hillcrest St	\$94,000
16194 Huff St	\$119,000
16321 Huff St	\$157,000
20175 Laurel Dr	\$294,000
33160 Lyndon St	\$150,000
14416 Melrose St	\$145,000

34713 Northland Dr	\$255,000
14452 Pere St	\$175,000
27480 Pickford St	\$58,000
36630 Pinetree St	\$105,000
32902 Southgate St	\$205,000
34900 Standish St	\$100,000
15054 Taylor Blvd	\$173,000
NORTHVILLE	
46075 Bloomcrest Dr	\$280,000
44939 Broadmoor Cir S	\$371,000
45041 Broadmoor Cir S	\$370,000
45047 Broadmoor Cir S	\$508,000
16180 Crystal Downs E	\$486,000
16260 Crystal Downs E	\$426,000
16596 Dunswood Rd	\$215,000
15738 Johnson Creek Dr	\$147,000
15810 Johnson Creek Dr	\$137,000
15841 Johnson Creek Dr	\$139,000
17500 Lake View Cir	\$322,000
46637 Merion Cir	\$445,000
49474 N Glacier	\$255,000
48804 Rainbow Ln S	\$307,000
49170 Rainbow Ln S	\$335,000
655 Randolph St	\$65,000
18177 Shoreline Ct	\$640,000
PLYMOUTH	
50436 Beechwood Ct	\$130,000
49197 Fox Dr N	\$444,000
40724 Gilbert St	\$116,000

15 To Flat Godgil 50	\$200,000
9411 High Pointe Ct	\$260,000
11889 Lorenz Way	\$357,000
40936 Micol Dr	\$136,000
9089 Morrison Ave	\$150,000
40640 Newport Dr	\$59,000
49022 Plum Tree Ct	\$350,000
14971 Plymouth Xing	\$239,000
198 Riveroaks Dr	\$82,000
432 Sunset St	\$239,000
REDFORD	4,
14176 Breakfast Dr	\$143,000
12853 Crosley	\$44,000
17365 Denby	\$10,000
9183 Garfield Ct	\$48,000
9301 Riverdale	\$72,000
16602 Ryland	\$21,000
18847 Sumner	\$26,000
WESTLAND	
33052 Avondale St	\$97,000
37592 Barkridge Cir	\$50,000
7030 Central City Pkwy	\$98,000
30005 Lacy Dr	\$65,000
33662 Melton St	\$120,000
8275 N Wayne Rd	\$123,000
8060 N Wildwood St	\$139,000
35551 Thames St	\$42,000
33480 Unicorn Ct	\$72,000

HOMES SOLD ANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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31424 Old Cannon Rd
BIRMINGHAM
1860 Birmingham Blvd
2460 Buckingham Ave
1047 Madison St
1433 Maryland Blvd
1393 Suffield Ave
1331 W Maple Rd
515 Westwood Dr
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
15 Cranbrook Ln
100 Linda Ln

REAL ESTAT	ETRA
117 S Williamsbury Rd 874 Shady Hollow Cir	\$185,000 \$300,000
4755 Walnut Lake Rd BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	\$265,000
3530 Brookside Dr	\$500,000
2841 Lamplighter Ln 909 Tartan Trl	\$315,000 \$206,000
3495 Westchester Rd COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	\$315,000
2949 Gabriel Dr	\$105,000
5390 Inverrary Ln	\$75,000
2812 Red Arrow Dr FARMINGTON	\$140,000
23031 Farmington Rd	\$169,000
33145 Flanders St 33207 Flanders St	\$90,000 \$124,000
22674 Maple Ave	\$133,000
33125 Orchard St FARMINGTON HILLS	\$62,000
28897 Augusta	\$455,000
36875 Chesapeake Rd 31825 Coronet Dr	\$228,000 \$136,000

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LATHRUP VILLAGE 27828 Rainbow Cir	\$175	
MILFORD 1174 Marjorie St	\$67	
1336 Yosemite Valley Dr 1340 Yosemite Valley Dr NOVI	\$267, \$25,	
25759 Arcadia Dr 121 Austin Dr 47290 Cider Mill Dr 24555 Jamestowne Rd 40602 Lenox Park Dr 241 Linhart St	\$475 \$46 \$325 \$230 \$251 \$144	000, 000, 000,

	24921 Sarah Flynn	\$255,000
	25822 Shoreline Dr	\$720,000
	39734 Village Wood Cir	\$46,000
	39411 Westminster Cir	\$88,000
	24017 Willowbrook	\$160,000
)	21924 York Mills Cir	\$423,000
	South Lyon	
	51879 Red Cedar Ct	\$284,000
	54211 Shinnecock Dr	\$380,000
	SOUTHFIELD	
	30460 Everett St	\$68,000
	28474 Fairfax St	\$29,000
	17601 New Hampshire Dr	\$85,000
	19040 W Nine Mile Rd	\$70,000
	19300 W Nine Mile Rd	\$95,000
	29153 Wellington Rd E # 4	10 \$31.00
	WHITE LAKE	
	1271 Applewood Dr	\$150,000
	2565 Gale Island St	\$70,000
	8442 Huron River Dr	\$128,000
	980 Round Lake Rd	\$86,000
	8124 Wildwood Ln	\$192,000
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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the present-

er. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail june.quantum@gmail. com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@

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Seminar on Tuesdays

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Investors

The Real Estate Investors

Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market

update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

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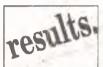
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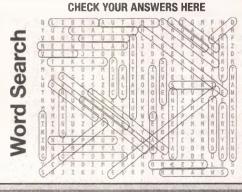
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