

# Festival shows off spirit of cooperation

# First-year president eager to embrace new role

#### **By Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

Eric Joy sees the Plymouth Community Fall Festival as a model of civic cooperation.

The festival, which this year runs Friday through Sunday in and around Kellogg Park, is Plymouth's longestrunning annual public event, a chance for community groups, service and booster clubs, churches and nonprofits to raise cash and participate in a fun



Carnival rides have become a favorite part of Plymouth's Fall Festival.

end-of-summer tradition. "All the groups are there to make their money individually, but none of them are above helping the guy next to them set up their tent, take down their tent, get ice," said Joy, the festival committee president. "All those things make the festival mun smoother.'

Joy, 39, who grew up in Plymouth and attended the festival as a boy with his parents and siblings, is a six-year festival board member who is organizing his first festival as president. He took over for Colleen Brown, who had run the event for several years, after last year's festival.

# Fest 'runs itself'

He isn't worried about being in charge of an event that involves hundreds of volunteers and draws thousands of people. Joy assisted Brown, he said, as a kind of apprenticeship for the past couple of years as she managed the festival.

"After 58 years, it kind of runs itself," Joy said. "Most of the groups have done this, well, for years, so this is just another year.'

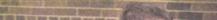
The festival grew out of a 1956 chicken barbecue organized by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. The barbecue, planned for Sunday, is still run by the Rotary and is perhaps the bestknown festival attraction, with 10,000 or more chicken dinners sold in recent

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Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor fires up students on the morning of the first day of the new school year. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL **BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

# **BACK TO THE BOOKS**

# Plymouth-Canton students head back to the hallways



# Plymouth arts council gets new director

**By Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

Lisa Howard is the new executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council

Howard, an artist, teacher and the PCAC's exhibits director and summer arts camps director, was named to the job beginning this month, said Debra Madonna, president of the arts council's board of directors. Howard has plans to add classes and workshops to the PCAC's lineup, Madonna said

"I am very excited to take on this new responsibility at the PCAC," Howard said in a press release, adding that the 2013-14 arts season is "promising to be an exciting time.' "I am fortunate to have such a supportive staff, energetic instructors and an engaged board of directors to help me along the way," she said. The PCAC, located on Sheldon Road at Junction, is a nonprofit that offers regular art exhibits and classes, workshops and summer camps in visual, performing and musical arts and provides headquarters for various arts organizations, such as the Michigan Philharmonic (formerly the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra) and the BaseLine Folk Society. The PCAC recently wrapped up its 2013 youth summer day camps, which saw more than 250 participants fill more than 500 camp spots.

#### **By Brad Kadrich** Staff Writer

ee Harrison has been around education most of his life, and he knows a school year is filled with ups and downs, highs and lows.

On Tuesday Harrison - and students, parents, administrators and staff - got to experience one of the highest highs as some 18,000 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students came back to school.

Harrison, starting his 20th year as the principal at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth Township, welcomed his kids back with open arms.

"One of the nice things about our job is it has cycles," said Harrison, observing his 37th first day in one capacity or another. "The beginning is exciting. It's a new start, we have new kids, the building looks great. Everybody's excited to

# be here."

Sandy Tabaka is the long-time office assistant at Discovery Middle School in Canton. She's seen a lot of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders come through the front doors, and she knows what they're thinking.

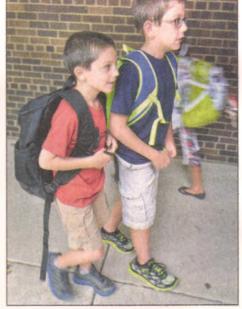
Tabaka shepherded the students through the first-day processes Tuesday morning.

"The sixth graders are always ner-vous, because this is nso new to them," Tabaka said. "I love all the kids. It's exciting to see their faces.'

Roche LaVictor has been an educator for some 40 years, and was standing at the front door to Discovery when it opened for the first time in 2000.

He said greeting the kids is the highlight of the day.

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Brothers Nicholas and Ryan Mahy head for the front door of Isbister Elementary. Nicholas made sure that his younger brother knows where to go.

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# Campers show off summer arts projects

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#### **By Matt Jachman** Staff Writer

Young artists got a chance to show off their vacation projects — from handmade puppets to acrylic paintings to abstract depictions of the sun - during a special exhibition

in Plymouth last week.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's open house Friday featured works by the center's summer camp participants, more than 250 children and young adults who took a hands-on approach to exploring different art forms.

The exhibit featured painting, drawings, photographs, pottery, three-dimensional constructions and "green art," made from bottle caps, advertising circulars and other materials most people would recycle or throw away. Each camper had at least one piece

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in the show.

Melissa Barkholz, 10, of Livonia, took two week-long camps, Puppetry 101 and Tabletop Puppetry, both taught by professional puppeteer Chase Woolner.

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# FESTIVAL

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years. It is the club's biggest annual fundraiser; proceeds go to the **Rotary Foundation**, which pays for college scholarships, local beautification efforts, upkeep at Plymouth's Rotary Park, clean-water projects in underdeveloped parts of Honduras and more.

Joy, a Rotary Club member for about 10 years, said the festival is an important event for lots of other local groups Groups involved include the Kiwanis (Saturday pancake breakfast), the **Plymouth Fife and Drum** Corps (roasted almonds booth), the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. (Saturday spaghetti dinner), Living Word Church (lemonade stand) and the **Polish National Alliance** Dancers (Polish food).

## Lifting the community

"This is where they make or break their year, basically," Joy said. "This is like the prime opportunity for them to make their income, or at a good portion of it.

Kate Rosevear of the A.M. Rotary said the spaghetti dinner is also that group's biggest fundraiser. The proceeds go toward community service projects; Rosevear said the recent push has been college scholarships for students who show academic promise and have overcome challenges to graduate from high school

"Some of their stories are really incredible," Rosevear said. "Those are the kinds of kids we're looking to give a lift up.

The spaghetti dinner is moving this year to a tent behind E.G. Nick's restaurant on Forest; previously it had been at Kellogg Park. Rosevear said the new location will offer better space, more protection in case of rain and a kitchen just inside the restaurant, which means not having to truck cooked spaghetti to the park.



There will once again be plenty of chicken on the Rotary fire pits for the Fall Festival crowd. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# **PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL**

What: The annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival. Food booths, Bingo games, vendors, live music and entertainment, carnival rides, Taste Fest, a classic car show, plus the Rotary Club of Plymouth's chicken barbecue.

Who: Free entertainment will include Steve Taylor, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday; Air Margaritaville, 8-10:30 p.m. Friday; the Royal Blackbirds, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday; the Howling Diablos, 9-10:30 p.m. Saturday; and Serious Jack, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, plus dance troupes, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, a tae kwan do demonstration and more

When: Friday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Sept. 8. Noon to 11 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Where: Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth, plus Taste Fest, 6 p.m. Friday outside Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village

Why: A chance for civic groups, churches, booster clubs and other community organizations to raise money and have fun. How: Visit the festival website, www.plymouthfallfestival.org, for more information; advance tickets are available for some events.

"We hope it's a better location all the way around for our guests," Rosevear said.

#### **Taste Fest**

An ancillary Fall Festival event is Taste Fest, a chance for visitors to sample food and drink from about two dozen area restaurants and food businesses. Taste Fest is 6-8 p.m. Friday in a tent outside Station 885 on Starkweather. Tickets are \$15 each; participating establishments include Bennigan's, the Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's, Rocky's of Northville, the Rusty Bucket, Scrambler Marie's, Sta-

tion 885, U.P. Pasties and the ZinWine Bar. There will be a cash bar, live entertainment and an afterglow until 11 p.m.

"Twenty-some restaurants for 15 bucks, it's a value, a huge value, to the consumer," said Rob Costanza, owner of Station 885, one of Taste Fest's chief sponsors, along with the Plymouth-Canton Civitans and U.S. Foods.

When he was a kid, Joy said, his favorite part of Fall Festival was the shish kebabs offered by a Greek Orthodox church. Now, he said, he likes to see others enjoying the festival.

"What I look forward to every year: Watching everybody walking around and having fun," he said. "It just sort of makes the work worthwhile."

# Plymouth Fall Festival offers a full plate

The annual Plymouth Community Fall Festi-val is Friday through Sunday in downtown Plymouth, with Taste Fest taking place outside the Station 885 restaurant in Old Village. Here are some of the major events scheduled for the weekend:

» Bingo: A fundraiser sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters, 6-10 p.m. Friday at The Gathering, across Penniman from Kellogg Park. Individual cards are \$1 each; an all-night game package is \$25.

» Taste Fest: Samples from about two dozen area restaurants, markets and other food businesses, plus entertainment and a cash bar, 6-8 p.m. Friday outside Station 885, 885 Starkweather. Tickets, \$15 each, available in advance at the restaurant, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce on Ann Arbor Trail and U.P. Pasties on Main Street. On Friday, tickets will be available from noon to 5 p.m. at the ticket booth at Main and Penniman and after 5 p.m. at the Taste Fest gate

» Music: On Friday: Steve Taylor, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Air Margaritaville, 8-10:30 p.m. On Sat-urday: Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, noon to 1 p.m.; Royal Blackbirds, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Howling Diablos, 9-10:30 p.m. On Sunday: Serious Jack, 4-6 p.m. All free, at the festival stage at Kellogg Park.

» Pet show: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the festival stage. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Plymouth.

» Exhibitions: On Saturday: Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers, 11 a.m. to noon; Leader Dogs, 1-2 p.m.; Dance Beat and Forever After Productions, 2-3 p.m.; Chiefettes, Saberettes and Rockets pompon squads, 3:30-4:30 p.m. On Sunday: Midwest Tae Kwan Do, 11 a.m. to noon; Synergy Dance Academy 1-2 p.m.; O'Hare School of Dance. 2-3 p.m.

» Car show: Antiques and classics, during festival hours Saturday and Sunday. Area of Main and Penniman. Awards 2 p.m. Sunday. Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695.

» Carnival: Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail area, 3 p.m. to closing Friday, 11 a.m. to

closing Saturday and Sunday. » Craft show: Noon

to dusk Friday, 9 a.m. to dusk Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday on Union Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe.

» Kiwanis pancake breakfast: 7-11 a.m. Saturday at The Gathering. Advance tickets, \$6, from Mark Riegal at markriegal@aol.com, at the festival ticket booth. or \$7 at the door. Children 5 and under free.

» Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. spaghetti dinner: 4-8 p.m. Saturday behind E.G. Nick's on Forest. Advance tickets, \$7.50, from Kate Rosevear at 734 455-5810, at the festival ticket booth, or \$9 at the door. Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult.

» Plymouth Rotary Club chicken barbecue: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out) Sunday at Kellogg Park, with a takeout location at West Middle School. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the gate. Advance tickets available at Horton Plumbing on Main Street or at the festival ticket booth.

– By Matt Jachman



Isbister parents Susan and James Walewski walk their children - Frances, a second-grader, and George, a third-grader - to the entrance of the school. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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cial with these kids," LaVictor said. "If you

they lose some of their enthusiasm for school. That's never the case on the first day. "Just watch th

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Lisa Howard, shown displaying student artwork made from recycled materials, is the new executive director of the **Plymouth Community Arts** Council. FILE PHOTO

# DIRECTOR

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Howard has an art degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., She and her husband, who live in Plymouth, have three children.

She replaces Jeff Burda, the former executive director, who recently took a full-time job with Chrysler.

In addition, Sheila Graham recently joined the PCAC's staff as an executive assistant.

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# **ARTS**

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## 'Good outlet'

Melissa showed off a puppet, of craft paper and masking tape, she had made in Tabletop Puppetry. The figure, more than a foot high, had articulating -- that is, moveable -- joints and she later helped manipulate it for a brief show.

This is a good outlet for her" and a means to express her creativity, Melissa's mother Marianne said.

"This class is all about teamwork," Woolner said, explaining that puppeteers must work together to coordinate their puppets' movements.

Melissa is a repeat PCAC arts camper, having had experience with pottery and the Uptown Players theater troupe.

"She's been claiming for years she's going to be an artist when she grows up," Melissa's father Paul said.

# Photos, sketches, clay and more

"It was a lot of fun learning how to make the puppet and make them move," said Liam Twomoon, 11, of Plymouth. Liam said his grandmother signed him up for puppetry and that he quickly took to it.

The show also featured stylized photographic self-portraits, clay figurines, paintings and sketches, as well as model buildings made in a construction art class.

Lisa Howard, director of the PCAC summer camp program, said there were more than 500 spots occupied in this year's camps, with some artists in-



Lauren Kopp's photography collage. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Eliana Corden, 6, and sister Olivia Corden, 5, show their art work from camp. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Jack Huddy drew a fanciful flying dragon. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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**Melissa Barkholz and Annika** Anderson are puppeteers. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"This class is all about teamwork."

**CHASE WOOLNER** professional puppeteer



What goes up has to come down as Andy 'Bro' Hool competes in the TGI Fridays' regional bartender competition at the Canton restaurant.

# TGIF bartender pours way to regional crown

#### **By Brad Kadrich** Staff Writer

For the third time in four years, the TGI Fridays' world bartending championships could have a distinctly Canton flavor.

Andy "Bro" Hool, who works at the Canton TGI Fridays, made his home-bar advantage stand up, capturing the regional round of the annual worldwide competition last week and advancing to the divisional round in Milwaukee.

Hool topped the nine-bartender field to advance before a large, raucous crowd jammed into the bar to watch him work.

His success didn't come as a surprise to TGI patrons, who are regularly treated to the performance of Hool and the other TGI Fridays' bartenders.

"It's the only TGIF we go to," Canton resident April Robichaud said. "We always sit at the bar because of the entertainment. The fun and the passion from the bar staff is

amazing. (Hool) treats us like family and that's why we continue to go back.'

Hool is trying to beat 8,000 participants in the worldwide challenge. He already won his local competition and added the regional title to his trophy case last week.

He advanced to the divisional round, which will be conducted at Miller Park in Milwaukee, home of Major League Baseball's Milwaukee Brewers. Should Hool advance to the world championships - as

he did in 2010 and 2012 - he'll have to win it in Dallas.

Four years ago, Hool finished 10th at worlds, while last year he was the top American finisher, coming in fourth.

Jim and Kimm Leslie do their weekly date night at TGIF. While the food is good, Kimm Leslie said the entertainment of the bartenders is a big factor in their continuing return visits.

"The food is really good, but ... the atmosphere keeps us coming back," she said.



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volved in multiple camps. The program has grown quickly, she said, from offering just three

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Northville Township Police released several surveillance photos from area stores of the suspect accused of using stolen credit cards, including this one at Meijer in Northville.

# Tip leads to arrest of man in case of stolen credit cards

#### **By Kurt Kuban** Staff Writer

After receiving an anonymous tip, detectives from Northville Township took a trip up to a Genesee County country club Thursday, where they arrested a Ply-mouth Township man suspected of stealing credit

cards from area golf courses. Matthew Ward Phelan, 53, has been arraigned in the 3rd Circuit Court of Wayne County on four counts of identity theft, a felony, which could send him to prison for five years if he is found guilty. Phelan has also been charged with seven counts of illegal use of financial transaction device, which is a four-year felony

Phelan is currently being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

Phelan is scheduled to have a preliminary examination Sept. 13 in the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Northville Township Police

say Phelan stole credit cards from locker rooms at area golf courses and athletic clubs and then used the cards to make transactions at local stores, including Meijer, Kroger and Mobil gas stations. They released surveillance photos taken from those stores and



enlisted the public's help in identifying the suspect. In most of the photos, the suspect is seen wearing a white golf hat

with the logo from "Pine Lake Country Club" on the front. The suspect also wears various golf shirts and pants.

Police say they received an anonymous tip, which led them to the Genesee County country club Thursday, where they found Phelan and made an arrest.

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# CANTON CRIME WATCH

Embezzlement

A Max & Erma's employee, frustrated that food preparation for diners at her tables was taking too long, decided to deal with the matter by walking out.

Problem was, according to police reports, she had some \$17 belonging to the restaurant in her pocket when she left.

The restaurant supervisor called Canton Police, who responded to document the incident.

No arrest was made.

# **Pot possession**

A Canton Police officer pulled over the driver of a silver Ford 500 for a burned out headlight at Ford and Haggerty.

During the stop, the driver was asked whether there were any drugs and weapons in the car. The driver said there were neither. When police asked the driver for permission to search the car, the driver said, "No." When asked why not, the driver said she had been stopped for a malfunctioning headlight and she didn't understand why the car would need to be searched. Police explained it was common practice.

When one of the responding officers noticed an open, halfempty bottle of beer inside the car, the driver consented to

the search. One of the two passengers in the car was searched and

found to be in possession of a knife and a small bag of suspected marijuana. The passenger was arrested: the driver and the second passenger were released.

# **Cruelty to animals**

Canton Police were called to the parking lot of the Hobby Lobby on Ford Road, where several witnesses saw a dog left alone in a Nissan Rogue.

According to police, the dog was a full-size golden retriever. The dog was in the rear cargo area of the vehicle, in direct sunlight streaming through the back window. The dog, according to police reports, was panting heavily with saliva dripping from the mouth. No water was found in the vehicle.

Police provided the car's make, model and license plate number to store staffers, who broadcast over the store's public address system.

The owner reported to the car and, according to police, said she had just planned a quick stop.

Police checked the weather information and found out the temperature was 83 degrees, with 63-percent humidity. According to the report, the dog was locked in the car for 27 minutes from the time of the call to police.

# PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

**Fuel theft** 

A trucker arriving at Corr Transport, on **Eckles near School**craft Road, reported seeing a man stealing fuel from another truck there early Friday.

The witness told police he pulled a truck into the lot just before 3 a.m. Friday and spotted a man siphoning fuel from another semi in the lot, according to a **Plymouth Township** 

**Police Department** report. The thief left hastily in a red Ford pickup that had three or four white drums in the truck bed and no license plate, the witness said.

# **Tires stolen**

Two tires and their wheel rims were stolen Aug. 26 or Aug. 27 from a Ford Taurus parked at a condominium complex on Newport Drive, in the area of Joy Road and I-275.

The complainant told police that it was the second such theft from her car and that she had installed

wheel locks, a police report said. The reporting officer noted the locks on the two wheels that remained on the vehicle looked like they had been tampered with.

# Theft from car

A backpack and its contents — medicines and a laptop computer - were reported stolen last month from a Ford Focus parked near the Jet's Pizza shop at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon

The complainant told police the theft occurred between

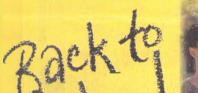
5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Aug. 26. It was unclear from a police report whether the car had been locked.

# Snow gear swiped

Three snowmobiles, a trailer to transport them, plus a portable heater and two snow blowers were reported stolen Monday from a storage lot on Ann Arbor Road in the township.

The owner told police he had last seen the equipment Friday, a police report said.

- By Matt Jachman







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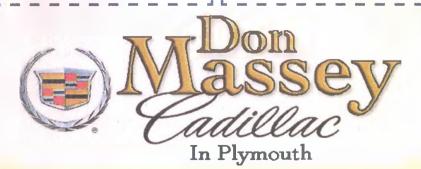
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# Excitement greets students' first day

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Some 18,000 students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools joined students around the country Tuesday in returning to the books, the homework assignments and the study problems of a brand new school year.

And the bulk of them did it after spending an enjoyable summer vacation where thoughts of school rarely, if ever, entered their heads.

Some of them even got out of the country.

"I went to Europe," fourth-grader Alexander Norian said, waiting to start the first day of the new year at Isbister Elementary School. "We went to Paris and Greece for a wedding. We got to go all over the world."

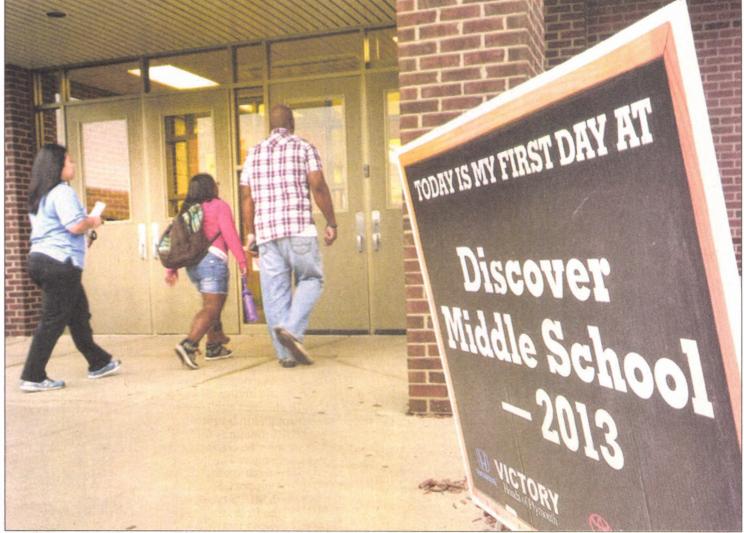
Those who stayed closer to home had just as much fun. Hailey Lozier of Canton, a sixth-grader at Discovery Middle School, said the best thing she did over the summer was attend a bonfire.

"All of our friends who I didn't get to see for a while were there," she said.

And the first day back to school was welcomed by students and staff alike. Isbister Elementary School Principal Lee Harrison, celebrating his 20th year at Isbister, said the first day is always great.

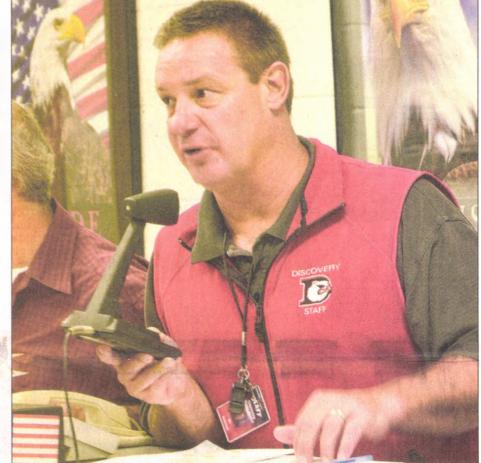
"It's a new start, with new kids, and the building looks great," Harrison said. "Everybody is excited to be here."

- By Brad Kadrich



ich Students in the Plymouth-Canton district head back to school. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER





Discovery Middle School sixth-grader Corinne Marsh checks class lists. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Discovery Middle School students Mena Stroscheim and Chrraag Krishnan listen to the principal's pep talk. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Assistant Principal Terry Sawchuck makes a morning announcement. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The first day of school is a busy time for Isbister students. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# **COMMUNITY VOICE**

# What was the best thing you did this summer?

We asked this question at a Plymouth-Canton elementary and middle school.



"I went to a bonfire at a friend's house. All our friends who we hadn't seen in a while were there."

Hailey Lozier Discovery Middle School



"I went to the mall. I like to shop."

Kelly Hanson Discovery Middle School

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"I went on vacation to Florida, to Disney World. We went on a lot of cool rides."

Alik Peggs Isbister Elementary School



"I went to Europe, to Paris and Greece for a wedding. We got to go all over the world."

Alexander Norian Isbister Elementary School

# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

## **Taste Fest**

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 6, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 sponsor Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Bennigan's, Brann's Sports Grille, Canton Buffalo Wild Wings, Claddaugh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's-Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Co., Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Scrambler's Marie's, Station 885, U.P. Pasties, Vintner's Canton Winery, Zin Wine Bar and Zoup Soup Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

There will be fish, chicken and beef dishes as well as spinach con queso, ribs and wings, hot mini bites, tomato mozzarella chicken sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, pasta and salads, plus soups such as tortilla and baked potato. Desserts include pies, mini cupcakes, cookies and chocolate pineapple upside down cake.

**Contact:** Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street. There will be a cash bar available.

## **Yappy Hour**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** In a tent behind E.G. Nick's on Forest in down town Plymouth

**Details:** Bark for Life of Canton is planning for a woofin' good time. E.G. Nick's will be serving food during the event, which features many activities including 12 vendors, a 50/50 raffle, guess jars and a magic performance. Most importantly, this is the event where humans and canines gather together to contribute to the American Cancer Society's mission of helping people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back against cancer.

Look for these businesses at the event: Cookie Lee Jewelry, Three Dog Bakery, Three Dogz LLC, Trust & Obey Pawsitive Dog Training, Fleece Dog Coats & Beds, Pawsitive Pet Massage & Concierge LLC, Miche Purses, Salon Awesome, Gem – Greyhounds of Eastern MI, Jill Andra Young Photography and Tastefully Simple.

# Heise hours

Date/Times/Locations: Monday, Sept. 9, 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

# **Blood drives**

**Dates/Times/Locations:** » Wednesday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., City Hall, 201 S. Main in Plymouth

» Tuesday, Sept. 10, noon to 4:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton

» Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth

» Monday, Sept. 30, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton

**Details:** The American Red Cross is sponsoring blood drives at the above times and locations. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** Contact Diane-Risko to make an appointment at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or call 313-549-7052.

#### Perennial exchange

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.

Location: East end of Kellogg Park

**Details:** The Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, is sponsoring a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Bring perennials to exchange or just stop by and see what is available. Garden club members

will be there to answer any questions.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Darlene at 734-459-7499.

## **Calling all crafters**

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

**Contact:** Call or email Debbie at 734-451-1525 or 734-740-1648 or email

debcortellini@comast.net

# MOPS meeting

**Date/Time:** Friday, Sept. 6, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers group announces the beginning of a new year and invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. MOPS meetings feature other moms who are facing the same challenges. The group provides encouragement, nurturing and support. St. Edith/ St. Kenneth MOPS typically meets on the first and third Friday of each month.

**Contact:** Call Heather at 734-437-9517 or email stekmops@gmail.com, or visit the group's website at www.stekmops.org.

# Medicare/Medicaid counseling

**Date/Time:** Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help clients understand Medicare/ Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find phar-



maceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.

**Contact:** Call 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/ about.html

# 'Come and See' dinner

**Date/Time:** Sept. 7, 5-7 p.m.; Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m.

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

**Details:** Catholics and non-Catholics within the parish boundaries are invited to a free "Come and See" dinner introducing the parish's new Alpha Course starting this fall. Alpha is a 10-week program aimed at answering the call to the New Evangelization. Child care is available on site for dinner participants free of charge.

**Contact:** The parish at 734-453-0326 or visit the OLGC website at www.olgcparish.net. Register for the dinner online at https://olgcparish.wufoo.com/forms/q7x1k9/

#### **Crafters wanted**

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours

Location: Plymouth Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. There are only a few spaces left in the show. Applications are available on the

# **Century mark**

Hazel Vaughn, a member of NorthRidge Church in Plymouth who lives in Livonia, celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 24 at a luncheon attended by 55 well-wishers at the River Bank Golf Course in South Lyon. She was born Aug. 28, 1913, in Providence, Ky., the fourth of six children. She moved to Michigan in the 1940s and worked in the housekeeping department at Garden City Hospital. She retired in 1983. She is currently a resident at Brashear Tower in Livonia.

Craft Show page at plymouthfallfestival.com.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com or 734-455-1614.

#### Vendors wanted

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9 Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.

**Details:** Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers.

**Contact:** For details and to reserve your space, go to http://fumcnorthville.org/#/ missions-and-service, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

#### Support group

**Date/Time/:** Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.

**Contact:** For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.



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# Next wave of new phones: Bigger, better and faster

**S** ome weeks I feel like this column is just like a T-Mobile commercial. The second I write about what new phone to buy, there are 10 more bigger, better and faster phones on the market. This week is no different, as the rumor mill about Apple's new iPhones is picking up steam.

According to numerous reports, Apple will unveil two new iPhones this month, which would be the first time Apple has released two phones at the same time.

In August, mashable.com reported there may be high-priced and low-priced options of the popular phone. The high-end version may even come in a gold or champagne color and feature fingerprint scanning (as if typing in a passcode wasn't annoying enough).

Even if you aren't interested in the new iPhones or the Samsung Galaxy 4 and new Blackberrys that I've written about this summer, you might be interested in a few of the lesser known smart phones that are out there.

One of the most exciting new phones is the Droid Ultra, which I was able to test courtesy of Verizon Wireless. The **Droid Ultra is possibly** the thinnest, yet most durable phone available. It is 7.18 mm thick, but reinforced with a Gorilla Glass Screen and Kevlar. Don't know what that means? Well, it is thinner than you can imagine and won't break when you constantly drop it.

The Ultra also has a slew of unique features



that you will probably never use, but are cool to brag about anyway. First, the Ultra can operate in 100 percent handsfree mode using voicerecognition. If your phone is sitting on the table, you can say "Droid, call home" and it will.

The Ultra also has 1080p video capabilities (not all phones do), a 10-megapixel camera and a five-inch LCD HD touchscreen. For \$199 with a two-year activation, you could do a lot worse.

Want something with nothing down? Verizon is also selling the Samsung ATIV for free with a two-year agreement. The phone runs on Windows' tile-based system, which is pretty fun and easy once you get used to it. It has an 8-megapixel camera and a 4.8inch AMOLED display (AMOLED is fancy for "really good quality").

The ATIV doesn't have processing speeds as solid as the Ultra or, say, the iPhone, but it does have some nice capabilities such as the camera for a user who doesn't need all the extras.

While discussing new phones, it is always important to talk about contracts and carriers. Earlier this summer, I wrote about T-Mobile's new contract-free plans and how they benefit consumers. AT&T has jumped on the bandwagon and implemented a service meant to challenge T-Mobile – except its version is really crummy.

While AT&T's new plan allows users to get a new phone or tablet every year without upgrade fees or activation fees, the money doesn't make sense.

Users are required to finance the phone or tablet for 20 months to be eligible for this program. So after 12 months, you can get a new phone, but you still are paying for the old one for eight months after upgrading.

Essentially, under AT&T's new plan, you will always be paying for two phones at once, which is pretty much the most AT&T thing ever.

Not interested in the iPhone? There are still plenty of other phones in stores such as the Windows ATIV and the Droid Ultra. I tested both of them courtesy of Verizon Wireless.

The Windows ATIV is an interesting phone because of its tile-based operating system on Windows 8. It also has a great price point, which is sometimes even free through Verizon with a two-year agreement.

It is a great phone for someone who wants to use basic Internet browsing, texting and calling on their phones. For the more advanced user, something like the Droid Ultra may be the better choice.

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Local chiropractor Kenneth Stopa Jr. and staff members of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC, which is located in downtown Northville.

# Stopa named an official Olympic chiropractor

Local chiropractor Kenneth Stopa Jr. of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC in Northville, has been named an official doctor of chiropractic provider for United States Olympic athletes in the state of Michigan.

The United States **Olympic Committee**, looking for individuals who are board-certified chiropractic sports physicians that also hold a **Diplomate Certification** of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, contacted Stopa a couple weeks ago. The diplomates must publish research and have extensive experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of all sports injuries, including hip, shoulder and knee Injuries. In addition, they are extensively trained in spinal traumas and emergency procedures.

According to Stopa, who is a Canton resident, the goal of the U.S. Olympic Committee is to provide the highest standard of sports injury and rehabilitative care as possible. They have observed that doctors of chiropractic provide chiropractic adjustments that help alleviate musculo-skeletal disorders the fastest and with the best functional results without the use of drugs or surgeries. The U.S. Olympic Committee is looking for the least invasive treatments with the most functional results. Doctors of chiropractic provide treatments for musculo-skeletal disorders and rehabilitation for hip, shoulder and knees. The U.S. Olympic athletes are demanding these treatments to be performed at the Olympic training centers and at the Olympic games.

"The Olympic athletes are excited to have alternatives to drugs and surgeries. I can provide them with alternative treatments for shoulder, hip, knee, neck and back musculo-skeletal disorders and rehabilitate them to the highest level of performance," Stopa said.

Stopa said the current medical director of all three U.S. Olympic training centers is a doctor of chiropractic. The past two Olympic Games (2010, 2012) have had a doctor of chiropractic as the head medical director of the U.S. Olympic medical staff.

"The Olympic athletes perform at a higher level when receiving chiropractic adjustments. They are able to recover faster and increase their speed, balance, agility, power and overall performance. This will help them bring home the gold for the United States of America," Stopa said. "I am honored and very excited to provide peak performance chiropractic care to these elite athletes.

For more information about Stopa or Main Street Family Chiropractic Center PC, which is located at 109 W. Main Street in downtown Northville, visit visit www.drstopa.com or call 248-735-9800.

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# ROC on

The Plymouth ROC at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Harvey had a grand re-opening to celebrate the new launch of its restaurant and bar. Owners say they've have significantly upgraded the menu to include many new treats for the whole family and redone both its interior and exterior. Cutting the ribbon is Chef Dave Selley, surrounded by owners Jordan West and Steve Stergiou, along with friends, family and Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

# Ladies night

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts downtown Plymouth's annual Ladies Night Out 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

This event is a night for ladies to enjoy an evening on the town with friends.

Participants can visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include Agio Spa; Basket Kreations; Beauty Haven; Bella Mia; Candy Trail; Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio; Creatopia Pottery Studio; Dazzling Daniela; Dearborn Jewelers; Genuine Toy Co.; GiGi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Home Sweet Home; Kilwin's; Little Black Heart/ Bed & Boutique; Lolaryan; Magnolia Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Opndohr; Painting Escapes; Simply the Best; Sun & Snow; and TranquiliTea.

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"Mr. 48170" will again be handing out roses to the first 500 ladies, courtesy of Ribar Floral.

# Leadership conference

The Western Wayne Business Leadership Conference is set for Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn.

The program will be emceed by Mary Kramer, the publisher of Crain's Detroit Business, while the keynote speaker will be James Tetreault, Ford Motor Co.'s vice president of North American Manufacturing, who will speak about how metro Detroit communities can support the re-emerging American manufacturing industry that is in need of skilled, tech-savvy workers. The chief-elected officials from each city and township in the region are scheduled to attend. The event is being

coordinated by the Conference of Western Wayne, an advocacy group for 18 western Wayne County municipalities, and several local chambers of commerce.

Register for this event through the Plymouth Community Chamber by emailing teri@plymouthmich.org or calling 734-453-1540.

# **First Friday Club**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Club meets at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

The event, sponsored by Showroom of Elegance, is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses, plus a sponsor.

Participants should bring business cards, fliers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

There is no cost for chamber members. The third member to register will be asked to bring bagels or doughnuts. To make a reservation, reply to this email or call 734-453-4040.

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# **Seven Wayne-Westland schools transform students into leaders**

# New Leader in Me program launched

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Students in seven Wayne-Westland elementary schools are starting the new school year learning more than the three R's. This year they will be learning how to be leaders as part of the Leader in Me program being piloted at Hicks, Hamilton, Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath, Schweitzer, Taft-Galloway and Wildwood elementary schools.

wood elementary schools. Based on the book titled 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, the program aims to build students' leadership skills, while improving the school culture. According to Jennifer Munson, executive director of school improvement and innovation, Leader in Me builds leadership skills and problem-solving and fosters a pride in school.

"Schools that use it have seen a highly improved school culture and a dramatic increase in the reduction of discipline issues," she said. "School becomes an exciting place to be at."

More than 1,000 schools worldwide are using the program, which represents a "whole school transformation." Its key aspects include such things as being proactive, beginning with the end in mind, putting first things first, thinking win-win and first seeking to understand before being understood.

The changes result in higher academic achievement, fewer disciplinary problems and increased engagement among teachers and parents, Munson said..

## Re-inventing school

Leader in Me got its start in 1999 when a struggling school was asked to re-invent itself or be shutdown. The principal asked parents and business leaders what they wanted in schools and heard



Hicks Elementary Principal Andy Rosinski has special education paraprofessional Kathy Fairchild shows off the message – "Empowered to Lead and Succeed" – on the T-shirt the staff wore Tuesday promoting the new Leader in Me program.

such things as leadership, accountability, responsibility, problem-solving, adaptability, creativity and teamwork.

According to the Leader in Me website, the feedback represented "what most people believe — that schools should not merely be focused on improving test scores, but should provide opportunities for students to develop their full potential."

Using 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, the principal and her staff developed a leadership theme and school mission statement — to develop leaders one at a time and integrated the 7 Habits into the curriculum, traditions, systems and culture of the school.

According to Munson, Wayne-Westland's seven elementaries are "fully engaged" in the pilot program and two more — John Glenn High School and P.D. Graham Elementary — are beginning the process. The John Glenn staff is looking through the material, while the Graham staff is starting the book study, she said.

The program is being supported by federal Title I grant money during the pilot phase to determine its success and possible expansion. Four schools also have applied for Leader in Me grants.

The staffs — including teachers, administrators, secretaries and custodians researched and visited other high-functioning Leader in Me buildings to see the benefits of such a school culture. They did a five-day training program and then built lighthouse teams to guide the ongoing implementation of the program in their respective schools. Two or three teachers also were trained to become trainers for the district staff and parents.

"This program teaches children to set goals and encourages them to be strong leaders," Munson said. "It infuses leadership into the curriculum."

#### Simple question

Jennifer Keats, Roosevelt-McGrath principal, said the training started by asking a simple question of what they would like to see as a leader.

"The 2½ days on habits was very powerful, the ideas were very powerful," she said. "We take them from adults and push them to the kids. They're now the seven habits of happy kids."

Hicks Principal Andy Rosinski said staff and students set short- and longterm goals.

"We are taking personal ownership, we are determining our own path," he said. "We infuse that into everything. Each student has a leadership book. It doesn't isolate the brain and the heart, it empowers the entire person."

Munson said feedback has already been positive from the staff, with comments like it "directly applies to teaching excellence" and that it "all makes so much sense."

"We teach our kids to set goals, we teach them to be better and we encourage them to be strong leaders," she added.

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# Two runs benefit First Responders Memorial

Wayne County Parks will sponsor the Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going to the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) if registering Sept. 6 through Oct. 3.

For more information, visit www.heroesonhines.com.

# United Way distributes emergency food

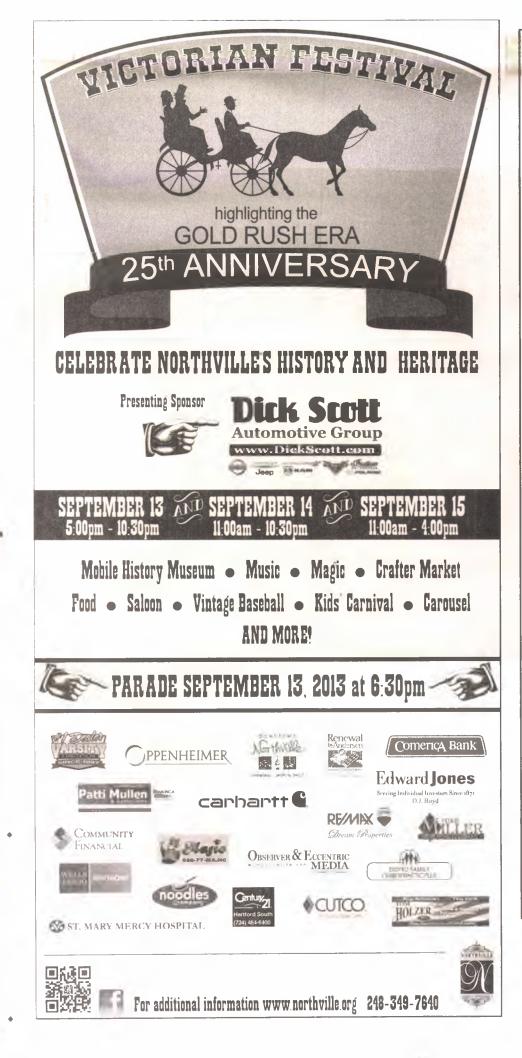
The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 19. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must preregister at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to preregister. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation, including proof of income and residency, before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue 9:30-11 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.



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# School's open: **Slow down** and watch out for children

Now that school has started for most area students, we encourage motorists to watch out for young pedestrians.

Crashes involving vehicles and pedestrians make up less than 1 percent of total crashes, but fatalities involving pedestrians make up nearly 22 percent of all fatalities, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. And pedestrian accidents are on the rise in southeast Michigan, as more people are walking as part of a healthy lifestyle, SEMCOG reports.

Keep in mind that children are often distracted or are unable to accurately judge traffic situa-tions while on their way to and from the bus stop or school.

Motorists should:

» Watch for pedestrians at all times and always be prepared to stop for them.

» Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians crossing.



» Keep the windshield clean and headlights on.

» Stop or yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked.

» Never pass/overtake a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.

» Obey speed limits in school zones. They are in place to save lives. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed as compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 35 mph. Motorists should also learn and obey the school

bus laws.

Each year, nationally, about 19 children are killed in school bus-related traffic crashes, according to AAA. On average, six are passengers on the bus and 13 are pedestrians.

» Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Mo-torists should slow down and prepare to stop.

» Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Parents can help their children stay safe by teaching them the following rules for walking to and from school or the bus stop:

» Use extreme caution when crossing the street, especially when dark.

» Walk, don't run, when crossing the street.

# **COMMUNITY VOICE**

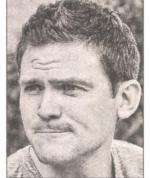
# There is talk in the Michigan Legislature of raising speed limits on some highways and freeways. What would you think of such a move?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station in downtown Plymouth.



"I think it's a good thing. I think as long as we don't get ridiculous with it or turn 696 into an autobahn, we're in good shape. ... I'm in favor of having a true fast lane." **Vic Whipple** 

**Plymouth Township** 



"I would be for it. Because with the advances in technology in the cars, seemingly, you would be able to handle it. ... Everybody drives pretty fast already."

> Jon Krachenfels Plymouth

# "I wouldn't want anything

to be raised higher, because I have children." Shannon Nelson Northville Township

speed limits anyway. Instead of doing 75 on the expressway like they do, they would just up it."

drivers are not following

"No. ... I think most

**Bobbie Judd** Plymouth

# LETTERS

# **Federal control**

I read with interest the article ("Plymouth-Canton board supports common core," Observer, Aug. 15). I am responding because I question whether the people involved are aware of the information I am sharing.

Common Core means federal control of school curriculum by the Obama administration. They plan on having the power to dictate and overrule all decisions by state and local school boards, state legislators, parents and even Congress.

It's not only public schools that must obey the fed's dictates. Common Core will control the curriculum of charter schools, private schools, religious schools, Catholic schools and home schooling. The control mechanism is the tests (called assessments). Kids must pass the test in order to get a high school diploma or admittance to college. If they haven't studied a curriculum based on Common Core standards, they won't score well on tests.

Don't be under the illusion Common Core will make kids smarter. The Common Core academic level is lower what many states use now and the math standards are so inferior that the only mathematician on the validation committee refused to sign off on the math standards and said they are two years behind international expectations by the eighth grade and fall further behind in grades 8-12. Believe me, this information is only the tip of the iceberg. I have read all this and much

more in the "Phyllis Schlafly Report" (July 2013). For full information, check out her website at www.eagleforum.org For the sake of our children, please do not support Common Core.

**Barb Schmid** Canton

# Not a coup

Patrick Colbeck, the state Senate's poster boy for the Tea Party, thought he scored a coup by not voting on the state version of the Affordable Care Act.

Wiser heads prevailed and the bill passed on a second vote ( Observer, Aug. 29). Never the ones to admit defeat, Colbeck and 11 other right-wingers voted against giving the bill immediate effect. According to published reports, this inaction will cost Michigan \$600 million.

Remember, the "dirty dozen" had no problem giving immedi-ate effect to hundreds of bills that, among other things, raised our taxes, hurt unions and poor folks and only benefited the richest of our people.

And once again it was reported that Tea Party shills were threatening members on the Senate flor

ored Women's Equality Day through a continued focus on protecting the voting rights of all eligible voters.

Now is a critical time to do all we can for voters. Earlier this summer, a key part of the Voting Rights Act, known as Section 4, was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The damage to the VRA can and must be fixed - Congress has the power to act swiftly to restore the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act. The League needs your help in calling on Congress to repair and restore the VRA.

The anti-voter laws that are cropping up around the country in the wake of the Supreme Court decision will negatively impact all voters - young and old, rich and poor alike. As members of the League of Women Voters, we are working to make our democracy strong through voter registration drives and educational forums - and this Women's Equality Day by thanking Congress for starting the process to fix the VRA and encouraging it to repair and restore it quickly.

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After exiting the bus, children should be reminded to:

» Be alert to all traffic.

» Be sure the bus driver can see them and they can see the bus driver. Tell the bus driver if they drop something beside the bus. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see them.

» Take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus and make eye contact with the bus driver if they have to cross the street in front of the bus.

The start of school is an exciting time of year. As motorists and/or parents, let's do everything we can to make it a safe time of year.



Each year nationally, about 19 children are killed in school bus-related traffic crashes, according to AAA. On average, 13 are pedestrians. GETTY IMAGES [ COMSTOCK IMAGES



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# Help protect power of vote

Aug. 26 marked the 93rd anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. This year, the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County honability to have an impact on the critical issues facing their communities. Women's Equality Day is the perfect time to celebrate and protect that right.

For more information about the League of Women Voters, please visit www.lwvnww.org or contact us at 734-421-4420.

Angela Ryan president, League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

# **GUEST COLUMN** The time is now for road funding

he time is now for our legislators in Lansing to take action to increase Michigan's road funding.

For years now, as our roads have crumbled, the legislators have debated road funding. Over the course of the last couple of years and following several very in-depth studies, a consensus has formed in Lansing that, yes, our state is in dire need of more road funding.

For years, many legislators argued that before they would consider additional road funding, the state's road agencies had to first come to the table, improving efficiency, cutting costs and doing everything possible to stretch the existing dollars as far as possible. Well, we have all done that.

Consider that the Road Commission for Oakland County has reduced its staff by more than 35 percent since 2007. We have also significantly increased the amount of health insurance costs that employees bear and reduced retirement benefits for new hires, among many other things

That is in addition to all the work we have privatized over the years (when it has made good business sense), the improved efficiencies we've achieved through activities, such as employee cross training and the increased use of technology to further improve efficiency.



In short, we have done everything the state Legislature has asked. However, while beneficial, those activities cannot replace the funding we have lost over the years or compensate for the fact that the costs of building and maintaining roads has grown dramatically during that time. That's because Michigan simply has not adequately funded its roads in a long time.

#### Less and less funding

U.S. Census Bureau data indicates that Michigan has been among the bottom nine states in the nation in per capita state and local road funding since at least 1964. That's 50 years of spending less on roads than nearly all other states.

The problem is that now that most of our legislators agree there is a problem, they cannot agree how to solve it. Nobody wants to raise taxes. I get that.

But roads are a vital, critical, elemental part of our culture and our economy. Building and maintaining roads has been one of the most basic and necessary functions of government since the dawn of civilization.

We, as a state, cannot con-

tinue to ignore this vital part of our infrastructure. The time for action is now. The longer we put off repairing our roads, the more it will cost to do so.

As we continue to defer this responsibility, we are creating a tremendous burden for future generations that will be saddled with the cost of rebuilding the roads. But the impact will be felt in the short term, as well. We are rapidly approaching the point where we can no longer adequately provide basic services, such as pothole patching, gravel road grading and plowing and salting in the winter.

I implore our legislators to fulfill their responsibilities — to ensure our transportation infrastructure is adequately funded, so that our businesses can grow and thrive, so our communities can again prosper, so our residents can travel safely and easily to work, to school, etc.

Now is the time for action. Let's not let this opportunity pass.

Dennis Kolar is a professional engineer and a managing director for the Road Commission for Oakland County. He is president of the County Road Association of Michigan, a member of the Board of Directors of the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan and member of the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan. He can be reached at 877-858-4804.

LOCAL NEWS

# Time to do end of year tax planning

ow that Labor Day is behind us we are in the home stretch of 2013 and time to start thinking about year-end planning.

There are certain things that must be completed before the end of the year. And while you still have some time it's not a bad idea to start getting organized. Here are some things that you may want to consider over the next few months.

# **Roth IRAs**

This time of year I always mention the importance of Roth IRAs. Roth IRAs allow money to grow tax free not tax deferred and are not subject to the 70<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> rules. This is always a great time of the year to determine whether you should convert some of your existing IRA money into a Roth IRA.

If you are over 70<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and subject to minimum required distributions you cannot convert that amount. However, you can convert anything above it. My general rules for converting money into a Roth IRA are 1) you must have the money to pay the tax that you will incur by converting; 2) by converting the money it won't throw you into a higher tax bracket; and 3) you can let the money sit in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years. If you



meet these criteria then potentially converting existing IRA money into a Roth IRA can be a very good financial move.

## **Flexible spending**

Many people have flexible spending accounts through work and in many cases that money must be spent on a qualified medical expense before the end of the year. If you have a flexible spending plan and need to spend the money before the end of the year, now is the time to make a doctor's appointment or get a new pair of glasses.

In some plans you do not have to spend it before the end of the year. The key is to make sure you understand the terms of your plan.

# Deductions

For some people yearend tax planning can result in significant savings. Whether it's accelerating deductions into this year (such as making charitable contributions before Dec. 31) or choosing when to pay your winter property tax bill can make a difference from a tax standpoint. Unfortunately, there's no one right answer for

everyone. The key is to look at your individual situation and determine whether deductions will be worth more to you this year or next. Depending on your tax bracket and whether you itemize your deductions can make a significant difference in your taxes.

Those age 701/2 and older can also donate their minimum required distribution directly to a charity. This can result in a substantial tax savings particularly for someone who does not itemize their deductions.

By donating the minimum required distribution to a charity, you avoid paying taxes on the distribution. The key for this transaction is that the money must go directly from your IRA into a charity. The trans-action must be completed by Dec. 31 so don't delay.

I don't know where this summer went but I do know that 2014 will be upon us soon. so start planning now so you don't have to rush. It's a great time to look at your individual situation determine if you need to do any year-end planning. Good luck!

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# **W-W sticks with current** firms for sinking fund work

Board votes 5-2 to forgo seeking bids

> **By Sue Mason** Staff Writer

The issue of who will handle architectural planning and construction management for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' sinking fund

would go a long way toward transparency.' According to Jim Lar-

son Shidler, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, the intent of the contracts "is to use Mc-Carthy and Smith and TMP for the duration of the district's sinking fund." Voters last year renewed that tax request

board President Carol Middel said. "Each of us gets the same information and has access to the administration to ask the tough questions and make good decisions on behalf of the students, the parents and the community.

**Reputable firms Trustee Charles Trav** 

projects has been decided, with school board approval of 10-year agreements with TMP Architecture Inc. and McCarthy and Smith Inc.

The board voted 5-2, with Trustee Sally Madison and board Vice President John Goci dissenting, to approve the contracts.

Questions about the contracts have been raised by several board members, including Goci, who has pressed to have the service put out for bid. The firms' work is considered professional services and by law, bids are not required.

"I don't discard that the district has a good relationship with these firms, I just think it would be in the best interest of the district, even though the law does not require a bid for work like this being performed because it's professional services," Goci said. "I think it would send a strong message to the community that we're trying to get the best deal for our money. If we have an open bid process, it

for 10 years beginning in 2013.

## **Contracts' details**

Under the new agreement, TMP's fee will be 5.85 percent with projects less than \$450,000 billed at time and management. McCarthy and Smith will have a sliding scale, charging 3.9 percent for the first \$500,000, 2.4 percent for projects costing \$500,000 to \$2 million and 2 percent for those more than \$2 million.

Both agreements include a seven-day opt out without cause clause. In the case of McCarthy and Smith, the district isn't charged for administrative work done by William Smith, president, and Doug Underwood, project director.

"The architect and construction manager the district uses does matter to me and the district," Larson Shidler said. "We strive to see that we get a valuable service at competitive prices.'

"I've spent a lot of time looking at contracts and what we have to do,"

Griffin, a member of the 1998 bond committee and the nine-member construction bond committee that recommended the board hire TMP and Mc-Carthy and Smith, praised the two firms, saying they have "good, exemplary reputation.'

"We've discussed this issue at least four meetings, I hope these resolutions will lay this issue to rest," he said. "These are two reputable firms that have been hired by two other districts. I hope we can now move on with issues that are important to the school district.'

**Trustee Frederick** Weaver pointed out that a promise was attached to the bond issue that the district would never let the buildings get in bad shape again.

"Never one time as far as have I known have we been upset with McCarthy and Smith and the job they have done," he said. "They've done an excel-lent job."

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# Rouge friends host annual run

Friends of the Rouge and Canton Township are teaming up Saturday, Sept. 28, to host the fourth annual Run/Walk along the Rouge River. This year's run has been lengthened to four miles and renamed "Run 4 the Rouge" and will also include a two-mile walk.

Race day festivities kick off with registration, set to start at 8 a.m. at Connection Church, located at 3855 S. Sheldon Road in Canton. The run is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will follow a scenic trail along the lower branch of the

**Rouge River, showcasing** the unique natural features of the river. Participants should be prepared for a little mud and uneven surfaces, as well as plenty of scenic views.

The run is timed and prizes will be awarded in age categories. This fun and family-friendly event is open to all walkers, runners and nature enthusiasts. Proceeds will benefit the public education programs coordinated by Friends of the Rouge, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River since 1986

Entry fees are \$25 for preregistration and \$30 for race day registration. Preregister by Sept. 13 and receive a commemorative T-shirt. Register online at www.therouge-.org (additional processing fee required) or download and mail entry form to: Friends of the Rouge, 4901 Evergreen Rd - KM, Dearborn, MI 48128

For more information on the "Run 4 the Rouge" or to register online, visit www.therouge.org.





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# LOCAL NEWS

# Special T-shirts lighten burden of tiny patients

#### By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

When Amanda Holdsworth learned her 18month-old daughter had a, birth defect, she needed something to keep her mind away from the constant worrying. She discovered something that helped Avery and could do the same for other patients.

**Doctors realized Avery** hadn't gained weight between her 15- and 18month well child checkup in April. Amanda and **Doug Holdsworth of South** Lyon were told their daughter had a heart murmur and were sent to Mott's Children's Hospital, where doctors discovered Avery had multiple holes in her heart, a congenital heart condition called atrial septal defect. Surgery would fix the problem

"It came as quite a shock," said Amanda, who works full time as a marketing manager for the business engagement center at the University of Michigan.

"We were told that she would need to have openheart surgery within a month to close the holes and relieve the pressures on her tiny system," Amanda said. "We were floored and devastated. We had no idea what to do or think. I'm one of those people that when I'm stressed, I have to clean or keep myself busy.

She grabbed a pair of scissors and starting cutting up the front of Avery's shirts, added some fancy ribbon and a few snaps. The open front shirts gave doctors and nurses easy access to Avery's surgical site. By accident, her line of hospital shirts, Peak-A-Boo-Boo, was born.

Avery's back was covered and at least "she could be cozy," Amanda

said, adding that hospital workers and parents of other young heart patients started asking about the shirts and where they could buy them.

#### Easy access

Amanda has sold some Peek-A-Boo-Boo shirts online, she said, but more importantly, she's hoping to earn a \$500 grant to cover material costs and allow her to donate shirts to other patients. She is a finalist in the PNC Neighborhood Wish List Contest. Go to Facebook, like PNC and look for a tab that says, Neighborhood Wish List, vote for Heal-A-Boo-Boo. The contest continues through Sept. 16.

'The \$500 grant would give me the funds to create more than 50 sets of Peek-A-Boo-Boo shirts and legwarmers for children undergoing medical treatment," Amanda said. "In order to receive the Heela-Boo-Boo grant, I need to get 500 'likes' on my project." There are 99 other projects eligible for grants, and each project sponsor has to receive the entire 500 likes to get a \$500 check.

The average shirt costs about \$8 for supplies and the \$500 would go toward making 55 shirts. Amanda said that would leave her with \$60 left over to purchase 30 sets of legwarmers. She said she plans on donating 25 sets of legwarmers from her stock, as well as matching hair bows or flowers for any girl who receives a Peek-A-Boo-Boo package.

Seeing patients, especially young ones, in colorful T-shirts as opposed to hospital gowns is uplifting, she added.

"It's a mental thing and it makes you feel a little better about seeing them like that," she said. "Seeing our Ávery in a fancy T-shirt made us optimistic that everything was going

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to be OK."

# **Business plan**

Amanda said she recently put together a business plan to sell the Peek-A-Boo-Boo shirts to hospitals.

"Half of my heart says I want to sell them at hospitals and the other half is, I think I can do some good with this," she said, adding that when Avery came out of surgery, she was given a fleece blanket and a teddy bear rattle and the small gestures of kindness made Avery's family feel better.

Meanwhile, Avery's recovery is going well.

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Avery Holdsworth's mom replaced her hospital gown with a T-shirt that opens in the front.

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# I-96 meeting scheduled for later this month

#### **By David Veselenak** Staff Writer

Interested residents, business owners and commuters will have another opportunity to ask questions later this month

regarding next year's I-96 project. Another public meeting is scheduled to take place 5-7 p.m.Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center. The meeting will allow interested parties to get re-acquainted with the project, Michigan Department of Transportation spokesman Rob Morosi said.

"We'll go over the entire project again," he said. "We're looking to re-engage the public with the project, show them what we planned to do with the proposed freeway and bridge work.'

The meeting is one in a series scheduled by MDOT to help inform those interested in the project, which will begin in late January and last throughout 2014. During that time, I-96 will be shut down from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia. A total of 37 bridges will also be repaired during the reconstruction, which is expected to cost \$150 million.

Morosi said the meeting format will be an open house, allowing those who attend the ability to go around and ask questions. While much of the meeting will consist of reviewing information that's already been released, Morosi said a three-dimensional rendering of what the freeway will look like after completion will be available to those who attend.

Some work is expected to begin in anticipation of the project on a nearby freeway soon. MDOT says the exit ramp for Six Mile off I-275 will see some temporary widening to help accommodate traffic the state expects to see with the shutdown next year. Morosi said construction on that ramp is expected to begin next week and go until November.

The city of Livonia is currently repairing parts of Schoolcraft in order to handle the increased traffic it expects to see.

While this meeting will take place several months before the construction begins, another meeting will most likely be held sometime this winter. Once a contractor has been selected, something that's not expected to happen until closer to 2014, another meeting will be held, Morosi said.

"I believe we will have one more when we have a contractor on board. That will be very brief," he said. "That (could) be right before the Christmas holiday.'

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An exhibit at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill features the works of Nicholas R. Wilson.

# Village Theater to host Wilson works

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents "Technology and the Immortal Condition," a mixed-media show featuring the works of Nicholas R. Wilson, which will be on display through Sept. 29 in the Gallery@VT.

This mixed-media show is composed of paintings and half-screen printed wood box panels created by this talented artist, who originally hails from Trenton.

As a child growing up in a small subdivision near Lake Erie Metropark, Wilson pursued his interest in drawing, painting and music with the encouragement of his family.

After pursuing music and designing other band-related merchandise, Wilson's passions lead him to study fine art and graphic design at both Monroe County Community College and Siena Heights University.

"I believe art is a universal language; through generations and cultures, it can be interpreted now and for many years afterward," Wilson said. "Visual communica-

tion has always been an interesting concept, considering that words may not perfectly communicate what we want to say to each other. As music communicates a feeling through sound, art communicates through sight and the two composed together is what drives my work."

This mixed media exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday; during public performances at the theater; and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300.

The Gallery@VT is closed holidays. View more of Wilson's works at nichoasrwilson.tumblr-.com or at www.flickr.com/photos/ nicholasrwilson.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information about this latest exhibition, please call 734-394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

# Local shooter places first in 'Top Shot' competition

Milford man wins \$100,000, special edition speedboat

By Philip Allmen Staff Writer

Mission accomplished. Phil Morden wanted to improve on his first foray into reality television, appearing two years ago on the third season of *Top Shot*, a marksmanship-based competition on The History Channel. The Milford man placed fifth.

Last week on *Top Shot All Stars*, he did better. Much better. He won the fifth season against 15 other returning contestants.

Morden, a self-taught gun enthusiast and videographer, bested three other finalists Aug. 28 in three elimination challenges.

In addition to winning the title of History's Top Shot, Morden won \$100,000 and a special edition speedboat.

Filming for the show took place in California, running Aug. 16, 2012, to Sept. 25.

"It was almost a year before they aired it," Morden said. "Everyone knew the length of time I was out there was about the time to make it to the finals. I tried so hard not to slip up."

Morden said now that the cat's out of the bag, he and his wife will take an anniversary trip and buy some nice things for their home. He hasn't really seen the boat, either, which was shown to contestants at the start of the competition's finale.

Morden's family still lives in the Huron Valley area and members were together for last week's finale, along with friends and neighbors.

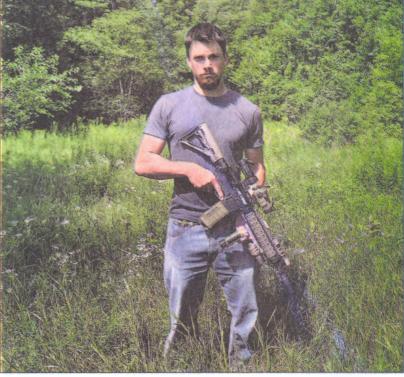
And even though he knew how things were going to turn out, "it was still pretty exciting to watch," he said.

This season's finale played to Morden's strengths, requiring more physical work. Morden, 26, was the youngest of the last competitors.

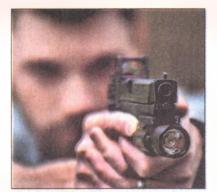
The first challenged pitted the four finalists in an obstacle course, firing at targets after climbing through a pipe, water, under netting and under barbed wire.

The second challenge required

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Phil Morden won the title as well as \$100,000 and a special edition speedboat.



Phil Morden won the title on the History Channel's reality competition "Top Shot All Stars." PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the top three to fire different weapons from various stations up a hill. In both cases, Morden was the fastest competitor.

In the finale, the contestants had seven different challenges: firing a Remington 1875 at six targets, a Ruger rifle at 20 bottles, a revolver for two perfect six-shot runs at targets, a crossbow at three moving targets, a World War II rifle at a long-range target, a pistol shot through a 2-inch tube downrange and a

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cannon.

"I couldn't ask for a better final three challenges," Morden said.

Morden struggled a bit at the perfect-run shot, where competitors had to start the round over if they missed, but he caught up with the crossbow and never looked back.

Morden said several of the show's challenges were memorable, including the spinning wheel, where he had to shoot strapped to a contraption that spun him around. In Season 3, he was eliminated just before that challenge. "It was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be," he said. The World War II half-track

The World War II half-track was another highlight, shooting exploding targets while it drives along a course. "That's something you're not going to do anywhere else," he said.

Morden said since he returned from filming the latest *Top Shot* season, he started teaching firearms classes. Contact him at philrunngun@yahoo.com.

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# **BOYS SOCCER**

# Late surge lifts 'Cats

Plymouth offense wears down Wayne Memorial

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

It took most of the night, but Plymouth finally broke through Wayne Memorial's defensive posture Tuesday and went on to a 3-0 varsity boys soccer victory.

The Wildcats, who improved to 2-4-0 on the season, scored three goals in the second half to earn a victory in the first KLAA South Division contest for each team. "I think we had a really strong

"I think we had a really strong second half," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "The first half we kind of played at their tempo.

"They were packed in the box. We needed to score off crosses, we needed to get behind them. Once we did that it kind of opened the game up."

Solid and sometimes spectacular goalkeeping turned in by Wayne junior Nicolas Escobar frustrated the Wildcats until almost midway through the second half at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field.

With 24:35 left in regulation, Plymouth senior Alexander Decker's throw-in from the right side was perfectly re-directed in by junior Nathan Harris — who missed much of the first half due to an injury after colliding in the Wayne goal box with Escobar. "Nate's one of our key play-

"Nate's one of our key players," Neschich continued. "It was important to get him back in the game."

Then came the shot of the match, with just under 20 minutes to play.

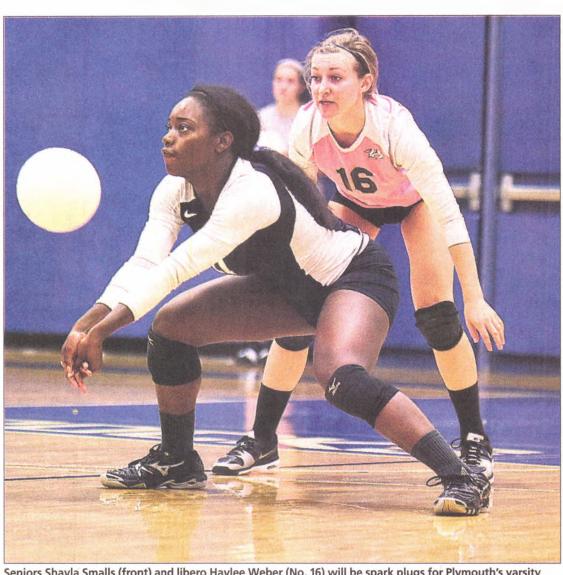
Senior Viet Nguyen fed the ball to junior Jason Liguori in the middle of the pitch, about 35 yards in front of Escobar. Liguori's subsequent laser

Liguori's subsequent laser rocketed into the top-right corner to make it 2-0.

"That was a beautiful shot," Neschich said. "I think it kind of caught him unexpectedly." Finishing the scoring was

Finishing the scoring was sophomore Jayden Huxtable. He headed junior Martin Hanku's crossing pass over Escobar with

4:29 to play. Blanking the Zebras was senior Kevin Favero, who didn't have a lot of chances against him. Early in the contest, however, he managed to tip a close-in attempt taken by junior midfielder James Herdon over the crossbar. Also frustrating the Zebras (1-3-0, 0-1-0), the halftime horn sounded just as senior midfielder **VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PART 3** 



Seniors Shayla Smalls (front) and libero Haylee Weber (No. 16) will be spark plugs for Plymouth's varsity volleyball team this year. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

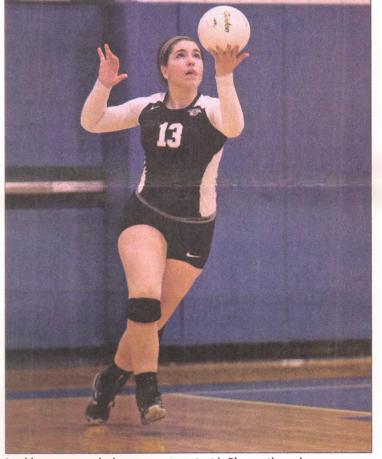
# On the prowl

Upstart Plymouth spikers will battle for points, victories

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

If Plymouth's display of all-out hustle and desire in the season opener against Salem is any indication, the 2013 Wildcats will be a team to be reckoned with in the KLAA South Division.

And first in line is senior Shayla Smalls, who will be a front-row mainstay either at setter or outside hitter.



# Budlong stars for Albion College

It didn't take Bobby Budlong long to make a splash with the Albion College men's soccer team.

men's soccer team. The 2013 Canton High School graduate and former Chiefs prep star was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's first Offensive Player of the Week for the new season.

Budlong, a Canton native, produced four goals and two assists as Albion started the season with victories over Transylvania University, 4-3 in overtime, and the College of Mount Saint Joseph. He had two goals and an assist in each contest.

# MU harriers make history

The Madonna University women's cross country team made program history Friday by seizing its first-ever team title as it opened the 2013 season with a first-place finish at the Adrian College Bulldog Invite hosted at Lenawee Christian High School.

MU scored 32 points, followed by Trine (Ind.) University and host Adrian with 43 and 48, respectively.

Junor Bianca Kubicki (Canton) was MU's top finisher, placing second behind University of Michigan-Dearborn's Julia Kassem, who won the 5,000-meter race in 20 minutes, 17.3 seconds.

Kubicki, an NAIA

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Plymouth's Daniel Butes (No. 9) gets a step on Wayne Memorial's David Lakatos (No. 12) on Tuesday night. ED HENGESH | EXPRESS PHOTO

"The key (to Plymouth's chances) is energy, because we do better when we get happy and energized and everything," said Smalls, one of the team's tri-captains along with senior right-side hitter Emily Burkman and senior libero Haylee Weber. In the Wildcats' Aug. 23

triumph over the Rocks, Smalls managed to somehow tip the ball over the net while falling backward to the gym floor.

"Just the athleticism – no matter where the ball's set Shayla's going to get it in play and make the other team work," Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said.

Others were following suit, which Marody expects to see more of throughout the season as Plymouth looks to improve on last year's third-place standing in the division (7-3) followed by a loss to Novi in the first round of districts. Marody said the Wildcats

won't go quietly against any opponent, spearheaded by the desire of her five returning players — Smalls, Burkman, Weber, junior middle hitter Olivia Beyer and sophomore

Looking to serve during a recent contest is Plymouth sophomore Daniella Barile. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

setter/outside hitter Daniella Barile.

"They've been ready to go since the season ended last year," Marody said. "They knew they had some big shoes to fill.

"And they worked hard over the summer in their offseason programs and they're committed to finishing some business we couldn't last year."

The southpaw-swinging Burkman is on the verge of a breakthrough season.

"She is going to be a big leader for us," Marody said. "She has three years on varsity, she really worked hard to get to this point. She's paid her dues on varsity and it's her time to shine."

#### **Net presence**

With the jumping ability and wing span of players such as Smalls, Beyer and Burkman, rivals might very well have a hard time finding holes on the Plymouth side of the net.

Orchestrating the 6-2 offense will be Smalls and Barile, who will rotate between setter and elsewhere on the

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# national qualifier last year, finished in 21:13.5.

Also figuring in the scoring for MU was junior Brittany Hayden, seventh (21:54.8); junior Jaclyn Sawasky, 11th (22:48.5); freshman Karlie Gallagher (Livonia Stevenson), 12th (22:55.9); and sophomore Kimberly Ader, 14th (23:05.9).

Host Adrian, led by junior Tom Windle's first-place time of 16:30.6, captured the men's team title with 31 points, followed by Trine (51), UM-Dearborn (61), Madonna (97) and Lourdes (Ohio) University (143).

Jeffrey Grzywinski was MU's top finisher in fourth (17:23.09), followed by Nathaniel Theobald, 17th (18:20.59); Ryan Carrigan, 31st (19:12.2); Tommy Martin, 41st (20:08.59); and Nick Brubaker, 52nd (21:14.5).

# Heroes on Hines races

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty. The half-mara-

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Visit heroesonhines.com.

# **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW – PART 1**

# Rocks, Chiefs look to hit ground running

#### By Tim Smith Staff Writer

The Big Three is returning for Salem's varsity girls cross country team, while Canton's squad is hungry for success.

Both the Rocks and Chiefs finished 4-1 in their respective division in 2012, with hopes of improvement upon those marks as the 2013 season gets under way.

Following is a closer look at the Salem and Canton squads. (Information for Plymouth's team was not available as of press time.)

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age B3 Salem's varsity girls cross country team enjoyed plenty of success in 2012 and hope to continue that this fall.

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LOCAL SPORTS

## **OPENING NIGHT SIGHTS**

# Let the gridiron games begin!



es, Tuesday brought the official start of the school year in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

But what really kicked it off — literally — were two exciting high school football openers that took place Thursday at the sprawling athletics complex affectionately referred to by students, teachers, parents and just about everybody else as merely, "The Park."

At the east end of the campus was the annual "Black and Blue" matchup between the Plymouth Wildcats and Salem Rocks. Plymouth won 31-24

And over at the junior varsity field, located near Beck Road and Plymouth High School, was the Canton opener against Holland West Ottawa, in which the Chiefs prevailed by a 28-21 count.

All three P-CEP teams could not leave their respective fields victorious, but two out of three isn't too shabby. Both Plymouth and Canton earned Week 1 triumphs and hopefully will ride the momentum into this Friday's tough nondivision games at Milford and Brighton, respectively.

The lone team to fall short, the Rocks, will try again Friday for their first victory when they



The Plymouth Wildcats make their way onto the varsity turf field last Thursday before they face Salem. JOHN KEMSKI EXPRESS PHOTO

welcome Walled Lake Northern to the varsity turf field at 7 p.m.

In addition to all the flying pigskins, scintillating power dashes and booming kickoffs were the sights and sounds of the dawn of another thrilling football season.

Players and coaches made jubilant returns to the fields to open the proceedings, with plenty of encouragement both on and off the field.

Cheerleaders and pom squads for the Chiefs, Wildcats and Rocks all got in on the splendor with enthusiastic routines and shout-outs to the packed bleachers. Don't forget about

fans who showed their

true colors - dressed for their team's success, wearing anything red. black or blue.

There are eight more weeks of the regular season to go, with all of the teams on the march for at least six victories and an automatic berth in the MHSAA playoffs.

And during the next couple of months, players might even look back on the opening night festivities when hitting a rough spot or two.

Prep football is back. So is school. It's the perfect combo.

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Here come the Canton Chiefs, with encouragement from cheerleaders, to kick off the 2013 football season. BRIAN QUINTOS

# PREP FOOTBALL GRID PICKS

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# **The Charter Township of Plymouth Public Notice**

Beginning 9/3/2013, the Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works will start its fire hydrant winterization program. You may notice a temporary discoloration of your water. This should only be for a short period of time. Any prolonged problems should be reported to the DPW by calling 734-354-3270, x3.



Plymouth Wildcats fans display good old team spirit last Thursday night. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

# **COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL** Crusaders sweep; remain undefeated

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University volleyball team continued its undefeated season Saturday with a two-match sweep on the final day of the Embry-**Riddle Labor Day Classic** at the ICI Center in Daytona Beach, Fla. MU opened with a

25-20, 25-11, 25-17 victory over Cardinal Stitch (Wis.) before closing out the tournament with a 3-0 25-15, 25-18, 25-23 win over Montana State-Northern.

The Crusaders, who improved to 7-0 overall, got 13 kills and 14 digs from Stacey Catalano in a 3-0 win over Montana State-Northern. Kayla Vogel and Emi-

lie Freeman (Lutheran Westland) added 10 and nine kills, respectively, while freshman Katie Breault contributed eight.

The 6-foot-3 Freeman also finished with four

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assist blocks and one solo block. Vogel followed with 10 kills, in her second double-digit performance of the day.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 40 assist-tokills. Amanda Obrycki and Roxy Duzey added 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

In the win over Cardinal Stritch (2-4), Vogel led the way with a .750 hitting percentage en route to a team-best 12 kills.

Catalano and Freeman contributed 10 kills apiece, while Prieditis collected 30 assists.

Obrycki paced the defense with 12 digs.

On Friday, MU opened tourney play with a pair of 3-2 upsets over No. 5 Oklahoma Baptist (4-2) and No. 10 Embry-Riddle (2-1).

In the 31-29, 25-27, 25-18, 17-25, 15-10 win over host Embry-Riddle, Catalano led the way with 15 kills, while Freeman and Samantha Geile added 13 each.

Prieditis finished with 45 assists, while digs leaders included Obrycki (29), Catalano (24), Samantha Geile (20), Prieditis (12) and Breanna Geile (10).

Embry-Riddle was paced by Emily Jacobson (15 kills), Tamires Ferreira (51 assists) and Hannah Gray (44 digs).

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# **GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**

# Wildcats splash way to big win in opener

Plymouth's varsity girls swimming and diving team romped 135-48 over host Tecumseh last Thursday to open the 2013 season.

Four girls led the way by each posting a pair of wins in individual events.

Senior Sarah Dombkowski, picking right up where she left off last season, was victorious in the 50-yard freestyle (25.76 seconds) and 100 butterfly (59.66).

Also double winners for the Wildcats (1-0) were junior Alexa Earls (200 individual medley, 2:20.46; 100 back-stroke, 1:04.01), sophomore Allison Lennig (200 freestyle, 2:06.18; 500 freestyle, 5:44.40) and freshman Kathryn Waters (100 freestyle, 1:00.74; 100 breaststroke, 1:26.46).

Plymouth also swept the relays.

Teaming up to win the 200

medley relay in a time of 2:09.39 were Earls, Waters, freshman Helen Tustian and junior Caylin Waters.

The Wildcats scored a victory in the 200 freestyle relay, with the tandem of Dombkowski, Kathryn Waters, freshman Isabella Giacabone and Lennig prevailing in 1:49.45

Also registering first place and the accompanying eight points was the 400 freestyle relay team of Dombkowski, Earls, Lennig and Giacobone. They finished the event in 3:58.00.

Helping the Plymouth cause by finishing second were Tustian (200 IM, 2:35.73; 100 back, 1:14.20), Caylin Waters (50 free, 28.00; 100 free, 1:02.75) and sopho-more Meghana Somsaale (100 breast, 1:28.15).

#### GOLF

# Longeway claims second O&E Men's championship

#### **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Dan Longeway used a steady short stick to earn his second Observer & Eccentric Men's Open golf tournament title Monday at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

The Livonia native did not card a birdie, but finished with 16 pars and only two bogeys while shooting a 72 to capture the championship flight. He finished with a two-day total of 141 to lead the 30-player field.

Longeway entered Monday's final round in a four-way tie after shooting a 69 at Fox Creek along with runner-up Joe Johnson, Dan Higham and Nikos Markellos.

But the 57-year-old was able to separate himself by two strokes on the second day.

"I putted well enough to keep it around the hole," said Longeway, a 1974 Franklin High grad who resides in Northville Township. "I had a lot of two- and three-foot putts to save par. And that's really the key. I putted really well, never three-putted in

under 33 on the front nine while making birdies on hole nos. 7, 8 and 9. His only bogey came on

No. 10. He then went on to record pars on the final eight holes. Longeway won a \$350 gift certificate and first-place trophy. Johnson took home a

\$200 gift certificate.

# **Moreno wins 1st**

Canton's Kevin Moreno earned a playoff victory over close friend Jeff Orzel of Westland to earn the first flight title at the O&E Men's Open.

reno and Mike Cavicchio were tied after Day One with identical 76s at Fox Creek.

Moreno finished Monday's final round with an 82 for a 158 total and found himself deadlocked with Orzel, who shot 80-78-158.

The two each parred the par-3, No. 7 on the first sudden death playoff hole, but Moreno won the flight when he hit a 60-degree wedge within eight feet and made the birdie to take home the first-place trophy.

Moreno won a \$175 gift certificate. Orzel took home a





Plymouth all-stater Sarah Dombkowski returns for her senior season. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

# Plymouth tankers ready to make their mark

Led by All-American Sarah Dombkowski, who won the state championship in the 500 freestyle, the Plymouth varsity girls swimming and diving team enjoyed a big year in 2012

The Wildcats shared KLAA South Division co-championship honors, having posted a 4-1 record in dual meets.

Well, several important members of that team are back as Plymouth is ready to make a splash once again.

"We have a nice mix of ex-perience and youth," Wildcats head coach Doug Schade said. "And I expect we'll improve a great deal from meet to meet this season."

Plymouth got off to a win-

# ROUNDUP

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Sean Royal started to break in on Favero. "Our goal out there was to

defend space instead of de-

Carter Schenk. Players collecting one goal each included sophomore forward Sam De-Loy, junior forward Bailey Riegal and junior midfielder Aidan Shennan.

ning start with last Thursday's

135-48 non-conference triumph

In addition to senior Domb-

kowski, Plymouth's 2013 lineup

features senior co-captain

ley at the 2012 state meet.

be senior co-captains Abby

Alexa Earls - who finished

14th in the 200 individual med-

Lovelace, Lauren Wischer and

Schade listed others who

should be significant contrib-

Waters, junior Caylin Waters,

senior Casey Wing, senior Abby Humphries, sophomore

Allison Lennig and junior diver

utors as freshman Kathryn

Meghan McKeehan.

Also leading Plymouth will

over Tecumseh.

Casey Wing.

Earning one helper each were senior midfielder Cody Widlak, senior midfielder Zack

# **PREP VOLLEYBALL** Salem falls in 3 to Canton

The Salem varsity girls volleyball team could never get into sync Tuesday night in a KLAA crossover match against campus rival Canton.

As a result, the visiting Chiefs earned 25-14, 25-11 and 25-19 wins over the Rocks.

"We never got in a rhythm," Salem head coach Amanda Nies lamented. "Our serve receive was off tonight. Without a pass we can't get anything going. "Our setting was off as

well tonight. With those two things out of consistency, there is not much we can do against a good Canton team."

Nies said the Chiefs went right after Salem's weaknesses with pinpoint serves.

Compounding matters for the Rocks (0-2 in the KLAA), they were unable to make stops at the net.

"We could not get a block up in the front row and against a team with great hitters the outcome will not be pretty," Nies said. Nikki Manser had 13

defensive digs for Salem, while other players with solid contributions in a losing effort included Kelly Whalen (five kills, three aces), Madison Fairchild (four kills) and Tess Ganich (five assists, four kills).

Canton head coach Steve Johnson could not be reached for comment following the contest.

The Rocks now will try to right the ship on Saturday, when they compete at the Walled Lake Central Varsity Invitational.

Following that, the squad will be on hiatus until visiting Novi 7 p.m. next Thursday.

As for the Chiefs, they will visit Plymouth Wednesday in a matchup of KLAA South Division rivals.

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#### front row.

Junior outside hitter Lauren Clemons has the potential to make a big contribution, having served a





The 48-year-old Mo-

either round.

Johnson, meanwhile, finished with a 69-74-143, while James Piot of Canton placed third with 70-74-144 total.

Higham, who resides in Livonia, and Markellos, a former standout at Redford Thurston High, tied for fourth at 145 each.

Longeway, who plays out of Dearborn's TPC of Michigan, was impressive Saturday during his 18-hole round at Fox Creek as he shot a 3\$125 gift card.

## West top senior

Livonia's Bruce West shot 74-80-154 to place first in the Senior (55-and-over) flight. West recorded the top score Sunday at Fox Creek and won by four strokes over Northville's James Mlynarczyk, who shot 78-80-158.

West won a first-place trophy and a \$160 gift card. Mylnarczyk took home a \$110 gift card.

# O&E MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

# 2013 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF RESULTS Aug. 31 at Fox Creek Sept. 1 at Whispering Willows

Championship flight: 1. Dan Longeway, 69-72-141; 2. Joe Johnson, 69-74-143; 2. James Piot, 70-74-144; 4. (tie) Dan Higham and Nikos Markellos, 69-76-145 each; 6. (tie) Raz Bohhikian, 72-72-146; Matt Wiley, 73-73-146; 8. Kenny Lee, 75-73-148; 9. John Olejniczak, 70-80-150; 10. (tie) Matt Lee, 71-81-152); Alec Kondrath, 78-74-152; 12. Matt Lee, 71-81-152); Alec Kondrath, 78-74-152; 12 (tie) Ron Herczak, 78-76-154; Glenn Piot, Jr., 77-77-74; 14. (tie) Dave Reese, 75-80-155; Jimmy Ryan, 77-78-155, Andrew Baron, 77-78-155; 17. (tie) Matt Robinson, 75-81-156; Jim McComb, 76-80-156; Kevin Ryan, 76-80-156; Austin Harris, 77-79-156; 21. (tie) Michael Palmer, 79-78-157; Mike Blaesser, 77-80-157; 23. Dave Roman, 81-79-160; 24. Joe Grezlik, 78-86-164, 25. Jason Glarcow, 90, 51-55-76. Nick Gristond, 86-90-164 Glasgow, 80-85-165; 26. Nick Griswold, 86-80-166; 27. Daniel Tacker, 86-81-167; 28. John Williams, 90-91-181; 29. Connor McQueen, 92-97-189; 30. Kirk Osler, 80-withdrew. Low net: 1. Higham, 135; 2. Wiley, 140; 3. (tie) McComb and Kondrath, 142 each.

First flight: 1. Kevin Moreno, 76-82-158 (won playoff); 2. Jeff Orzel, 80-78-158; 3. (tie) Zoz Compagnari, 77-88-165; Mike Cavicchio, 76-89-165; 5. Eric Birkle, 84-82-166; 6. Tom Connolly, 88-80-168; 7. (tie) Peter Mianowski, 84-85-169; Matt 106, 7, 109, Peter Minintowski, 64-65-105, Matt O'Neill, 85-84-169; 9: Ron Ambrose, 86-84-170; 10. Stephen Connolly, 86-85-171; 11. Matthew Rybinski, 86-87-173; 12. Bryan Boyd, 86-88-174; 13. Brian Hanley, 85-92-177; 14. Darryl Essix, 85-98-183; 15. Gordon Stefanick, 96-95-191; 15. Adam Buehner, 102-106-208; 16. Terry Scott, 112-no card. Low met: 1. Cavicchio, 137; 2. Compagnari, 143; 3. (tie) O'Neill and Essix 142 each

O'Neill and Essix, 147 each. Senior flight: 1. Bruce West, 74-80-154; 2. James Mlynarczyk, 78-80-158; 3. (tie) Joseph Colleran, 77-82-159; Rick Wheeler, 82-77-159; 5. Fred Emory, 75-85-160; 6. (tie) J.B. Brown, 82-80-162, Keith Girard, 81-81-162; Lew Jefferies, 78-84-162; 9. Wayne Bennett, 78-89-167; 10. Dennis Kitchen, 86-84-170; 11. John Harrison, 86-91-177; 12. Vincent Hogrebe, 91-89-180; 13. Danny Boyd, 100-106-206; 14. (tie) Bob Reid, 87-no card; Harry Wheeler, 87-withdrew. Low net: 1. Wheeler, 135; 2. Emory, 140; 3. Harrison, 141. fending overall positions," Wayne coach Jason Dean said. "Obviously, Plymouth top-tobottom has us ... so we were just trying to stay to our philosophy and keep them in front of us.

"They (Zebras) did a heck of a job for 60 minutes. We let in the one goal, but the two goals they scored late were well done."

# **Big win for Canton**

Just about everybody got in on the act Tuesday night for the Canton Chiefs, who rolled to an 8-0 mercy-rule victory over Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs (5-0-1) opened play in the KLAA South Division with the decisive victory.

"We started out a little sluggish," Chiefs head coach Mark Zemanski said. "John Glenn played extremely hard. It was 3-0 at the half and in the second half we wore them down and were able to put some balls in the net.'

Leading the charge with two goals each were senior forward Griffin Parks (who also had an assist) and sophomore midfielder Hunter Olson.

Chipping in with a goal and two assists was junior forward

Murphy and junior midfielder Kyle Mettlach.

Sharing goalkeeping duties were junior Andrew Loehnis (first half) and Jay Krebs (second half). Both benefited from strong work in the back by junior defenders such as Jack Zemanski and Sam Belcher.

# **Eagles edge Greenhills**

Plymouth Christian Academy senior goalkeeper Jayme Putney registered his second shutout of the young season Tuesday night, as the Eagles earned a 1-0 victory over visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Scoring for PCA (2-0-1) with about 15 minutes to play in regulation was junior Isaac Middleton, converting a nifty, long throw-in from junior Torre Crown.

Eagles head coach Josh Middleton said his team started to get offensive chances after moving top winger Lucas Albrecht to the middle.

Meanwhile, on Aug. 26 at PCA, the Eagles (1-0-0) rolled to a 5-0 victory over Summit Academy.

Scoring three goals was Jacob Bailey while freshman Ben Fuller knocked in his first varsity goal for PCA.

two-year apprenticeship on the JV.

"She really stepped right in, fit in with this core returning unit," Marody said. "And I like her hustle and I like her enthusiasm.'

Ditto for freshman Jordan Schamp, who will see playing time at middle hitter.

"Playing middle, it's a lot to ask of a freshman," Marody said. "And so far, I liked what I saw."

Weber will be the glue for the defense, but others who will be expected to help out include junior defensive specialists Julia Gallagher, Aleah Rogalski and Katie Stevens.

Others who are ready to step in when needed are juniors Lauren Conley (right-side hitter, outside hitter), Jenny Gunther (right-side hitter) and Payton Petruski (setter).

"We're a young team this year, a lot of newcomers," Marody said. "It's going to take a lot of work and a lot of dedication on the young ones' part.'

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# RUNNERS

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#### Salem Rocks

Start any team with allstater Kayla Kavulich and that team would have a pretty good chance to make some noise.

Such is the case with the Rocks, sure to be once again led by senior co-captain Kavulich — ready to continue last year's strong showing (11th in Division 1).

Veteran head coach Dave Gerlach, starting his 19th season (assisted by Laura Friedman), knows the Rocks are far from a one-athlete team, however

Salem, which finished eighth in D-1 at the state meet after coming in second in its

division and conference, also boasts juniors Lauren Arquette and Anya Cho, senior co-captain Emily Marcero and senior alternate captains Natasha Stevenson and Bridget Kerwin.

Augmenting them will be senior Kati Binsfeld, juniors **Elizabeth Tripp and Rebecca** Lopez and sophomores Kayla Hughes and Sierra Bowden.

There are a number of younger girls who will continue working to move up the depth chart.

Gerlach said team depth and a thirst to excel continue to be Salem calling cards. Top goals include winning the KLAA Central Division, finishing at the top of the Kensington Conference and returning to the state meet as a team.

"Very excited for the competition season to begin," Gerlach said. "This team has continued the tradition of working hard in the off-season in preparation for the year.

"Collectively they have some pretty high team and individual goals that they are striving for daily in practice."

Salem was slated to take part in Tuesday's Hartland Time Trials and will follow up by running at the KLAA invitational at Willow Metropark in New Boston (Salem's home course) Saturday, Sept. 7.

#### **Canton Chiefs**

Although Canton head coach Eric Pahl said his roster is still in the formative stages with the season about to begin, he is enthusiastic both with the talent on his roster as well as the determination from the girls to contribute to a winning season.

"It's very early in the year and we are still trying to figure out who and what we are as a team," Pahl said.

"There are 49 girls on the team as of right now, with over half of them being new runners this year.

"While I have some pretty high expectations for this group, we will not really know what we are for several weeks."

Still, he noted there is a "large core group of girls that I think we will really be able to lean on as the season goes along.'

Staying healthier than in recent seasons will be something the team will be looking for, too: "We have been bitten by the injury bug in the past and it has proven very costly."

Pahl said there are a number of runners who will make big contributions, including seniors Olivia McIntee, Jessica Siegler, Anna Gorzalski, Maddison Johnson, Erica Lucas and Alyssa Bradley.

Juniors Keara Sullivan and Paige Calvert "look like they are picking up where they left off last year, sophomores Mary Galm and Samantha McGrath had outstanding freshman seasons, but were injured toward the end of the year and are looking to rebound."

He cited freshmen Samantha Rohrbach and Kate Cotham as having stood out during preseason workouts so far.

"But with a group of new girls this large," Pahl said, "I'm still learning names.'

Canton will participate Sept. 7 at the Woodhaven Warrior Invitational.

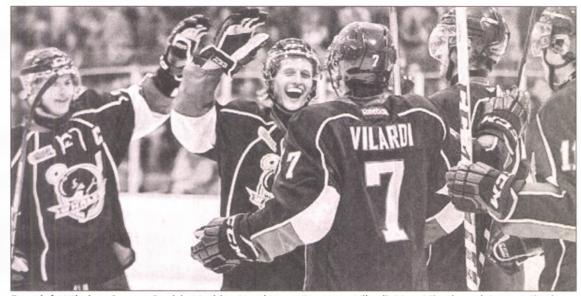
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# LOCAL SPORTS

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# **OHL BENEFIT GAME IN LIVONIA**



From left, Whalers Connor Carrick, Mathieu Henderson, Francesco Vilardi, Matt Mistele and Connor Chatham celebrate Vilardi's goal in the first period Saturday night in a 5-5 tie with Windsor at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. RENA LAVERTY I PLYMOUTH WHALERS

# Whalers, Spitfires get after it for charity

# Teams play to 5-5 tie; more than \$20,000 to go to Fallen Heroes fund, Nehasil Park

The Plymouth Whalers and Windsor Spitfires could play street hockey in the middle of July on a parking lot and competitive sparks would fly.

On Saturday night the Whalers and Spits renewed their rivalry for charity and didn't disappoint a sellout crowd of around 1,000 fans not in a parking lot, but at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.

Proceeds of the game (somewhere north of \$20,000) go directly to the Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund and the Larry Nehasil Park in Livonia.

And after Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey thanked the crowd for their attendance and support, the Whalers and Spits got down to business.

Josh Ho-Sang's power play goal with 41 seconds left and Windsor holding a six-on-four manpower advantage with the goaltender pulled tied the game, closed the scoring and sent the crowd home happy.

In a game that featured

distinctive runs for each team, Plymouth and Windsor were less-than-charitable on the ice.

Nevertheless, fans from both sides of the border had smiles on their faces and maybe another group of fans from a solid part of Hockeytown saw the Ontario Hockey League up-close-and-personal for the first time.

The Whalers built a 3-0 lead early into the second period, only to see Windsor score four unanswered goals later in the period to take a 4-3 lead. Plymouth came right back to lead in the third period, 5-4, before Ho-Sang's late goal.

Overage Zach Lorentz scored twice for Plymouth, while Carter Sandlak, Francesco Vilardi and Matt Mistele scored one each.

Besides Ho-Sang's late goal, Slater Koekkoek, Steven Janes, Nick Ebert and Brady Vail scored for Windsor. All four goaltenders who dressed played in the game. Alex Nedeljkovic started for Plymouth and allowed four goals over the first half of the game. Zach Bowman relieved Nedeljkovic and came within seconds of posting a shutout before Ho-Sang's goal.

Dalen Kachemy allowed three goals for Windsor, while Brendan Johnson allowed two.

Outside the blue ice, both head coaches — Mike Vellucci for Plymouth and Bob Boughner for Windsor — played rookies who saw their first action in the OHL.

Whalers pups making their OHL debuts included Connor Chatham, Cullen Mercer, Bryce Yetman, Spencer Lee, Josh Wesley, Mathieu Henderson, Yannick Rathgeb and Vince Scognamiglio. Vilardi made his Whalers debut, but has played in Sudbury and Sandlak played in Guelph and Belleville before coming to Plymouth.

# Westland's Wilt makes Detroit Hall of Fame

The Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Committee, a committee of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC), has elected six new members, including Westland's Angela Wilt, to its Hall of Fame.

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Three others, including Livonia's Michael DeRousie, will be honored for special awards increasing the number of hall of fame members to 249.

Joining Wilt in the prestigious hall will be Cynthia Patterson, Taylor; Eddie Grace, Howell; Carol Schemers, Clarkston; Leonard Cianciolo, Warren; and the late Bill Srock Sr.

Sharon Schildroth of Grandville and Joe Zainea of Detroit will also receive special awards.

Wilt is the consummate team player. As a testament to that, she has been a member of four Michigan State WBA title teams (2003, 2005, 2008 and 2011) and four MDUSBC title teams (2007, 2008, 2011 and 2013). In 2003, Wilt won the Detroit WBA doubles. She has also been named to the Detroit WBA/MDUSBC All-City team seven times (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2009 and 2011).

Other titles include TNBA National Championship Mixed team in 2001, TNBA National Championship team and doubles in 2005 and TNBA National Championship team in 2011. Twice she has finished runner-up in the Detroit Queens (2005 and 2012).

Meanwhile, DeRousie will receive the Judge Watts Award for making outstanding contributions to the promotion of bowling.

Induction ceremonies will be Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, 6015 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren. Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. with ceremonies to follow. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased through the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695, Ext. 104.

# **BOYS TENNIS RESULTS**

#### DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 FARMINGTON 0

Aug. 29 at Churchill No. 1 singles: Jonathan Martin (LC) defeated Henri Medwed, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Sean Mulka (LC) def. Thejas Raghava, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Rishabh Arvikar (LC) def. Josh Hedgecock, 6-0, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Steven Van Wormer-Mark Denstaedt (LC) def. Ryan Gandy-Tyler Szymkowski, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Yaswanth Kamety-Riley Balk (F) def. Aditya Vemulopatir Raymond Peters, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Jacob Baxter-Dan Diaz (F) def. Mit Patel-Shantam Ravan, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6; No. 4: Cooper King-Tim Ohtake (LC) def. Rogy Subramanian-Navjit Girgla, 6-4, 6-1; No. 5: Drew Lang-Joe Healy (LC) def. Farris Ajuni-Shirag Adopa, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. Dual match records: Churchill, 1-0 overall;

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Aug. 29 at Plymouth No. 1 singles: Rahul Gupta (S) defeated Jordan Lu, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2: Russell Cheng (S) def. Matt Decker, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Luke Cheng (S) def. Charlie Hou, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; No. 4: Jon Conn (P) def. Anya Sarabandi, 7-6, 6-0.

 No. 1 doubles: Nathan Grosh-Preston Horvath (S) def. Jared Hoff-Kevin Hou, 6-0, 7-6; No. 2: Matt Shanley-Veer Shetty (S) def. Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mohanraj, 6-0, 1-6, 6-4; No. 3: Devin Patel-Justin Kapke (P) def. Vishno Kaynatan-Eli Tanner, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; No. 4: Jessie Cheng-Kai McKenney (S) def. Matt McDonald-Ramana Ramanathan, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5: Alex Tskoff-Charlie Anderson (P) def. Michael Hattinger-Milan Patel, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.
 Dual match record: Plymouth, 1-1 overall.

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Aug. 27 at Plymouth No. 1 singles: Jordan Lu (P) defeated Sam Gough, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Matt Decker (P) def. Spencer Paulissen, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Michael Dezeeuw (D) def. Charlie Hou, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Jon Conn (P) def. Graham Northrup, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5; No. 1 doubles: Matt Rose-Charlie Beach (D) def. Jared Hopf-Kevin Hou, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5; No. 2: Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mohanraj (P) def. Kyle Kuhns-Colin Ullmann, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Devin Patel-Justin Kapke (P) def. Andrew Shay-Billy Chesbrough, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Matt McDonald-Ramana Ramanathan (P) def. Steve Dootz-Brannon Weiger, 6-2, 6-0; No. S: Alex Tskoff-Charlie Anderson (P) def. Deiontae Doser-Ben Cohen. 6-1, 6-1.

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# RELIGION **CALENDAR**

# SEPTEMBER **BIBLE STUDY**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning Sept. 26

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta leads a study of 1 and 2 Peter. Attendees should bring their own Bibles

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org

# BREAKFAST

Time//Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 15 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat breakfast includes French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scram bled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored byMen's Club

# Contact: 734-425-4421 CATHOLICISM PROGRAM

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: An in-depth study of the program, "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" by the Rev. Robert Barron. Barron's series has been seen on many PBS stations. Registration for the program is required and study guide materials cost \$25

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207, or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13

Location: Grace Christian Church, 33801 Van Dyke, just north of 14 Mile, Sterling Heights

Details: Martha Munizzi and the ARC Singers perform a benefit concert for The Salvation Army's Metro Detroit adult rehabilitation programs. Proceeds also will go toward installation of a children's playscape at the women's rehab Romulus facility. Tickets are \$20, available from www.itickets.com

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## **EUCHRE NIGHT** Time/Date: 5 p.m. Mass, fol-

lowed by games, Saturday, Sept. 21

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: The church's singles group for ages 30-60 will attend Mass and play euchre. Board games also will be available. Event organizers ask attendees to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. Participants

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#### BRZEZINSKI, HONORABLE JUDGE **ROBERT B.**

Age 76, died peacefully on August 31, 2013. Beloved and devoted hus-

band of Camille (Kozdroj) for 52 years. Loving father of Robert (Stacy), Stephen (Tracy) and Thomas (Colleen). Cherished grandfather of Robert, Adam, Allison, Michael, Erin, Claudia, Jack and Skylar. Dear brother of the late William (Elaine) and brother-in-law of Patricia Zielinski and the late David. Also survived by loving to the City of Livonia for 37 years. Served as 16th District Court Judge for 25 years. Proud graduate of Notre Dame University and University of Michigan Law School. The family received friends at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Tuesday, September 3rd. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday, September 4th at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Gleaners Food Bank. Please share a memory at: www.rggrharris.com



DAVIS. GODFREY DENIS Age 93. August 30, 2013 Husband of Beverly, father of Courtney (Joe) Coccia, stepfather of David (Nancy), Karen (Gordy). "Oupa" to Alyssa (Jake), Cristina, Daniel (Ioana), Joy, Grace, and Anjali. Also sur-vived by a sister Hazel, brother Rodney and many nieces and nephews in S. Africa. Memorial contributions to the Ward Church Deacons' Fund. Checks may be made out to Ward Presbyterian Church. In the memo Godfrey Davis." In memory of Godfrey Davis." Send to Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. Memorial Service to be held at Ward Church September 5: Visitation 10am, Service 11am.

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HARWOOD, JANET E.

Frankfort, 74, died at home on Sept I 2013. Jan is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Bruce Harwood; along with their loyal companion, Tramp; chil-dren, Gregory, Todd (Julia), and Marc (Dawn) Gattoni; stepchildren, Bruce (Penny), Tim (Robin), Mike Don and (Brigette) Harwood; 22 grandchildren and one great grand-child. She is also survived by sister, Doreen (Stoch) Monczki and brother, Dennis (Karen) Holcombe. Visitation will be Friday, Sept 6 from 5 to 8PM at the Jowett Family Funeral Homes, 7223 South St Benzonia. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10AM Saturday, Sept 7 at St. Ann Cath-olic Church in Frankfort with Fr. John Porter officiating. Burial in Crystal Lake Twp East cemetery. Arrangements by Jowett Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Service



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# HEALY. JOAN FRANCES (BROWELL) Was called to be with our Lord on Monday, Septem-ber 2. Her lively spirit

and loving example will be missed by her twin sister, De-lores Kelly of Havertown, Pa. and her six children and spouses: Eileen McNulty and husband Arthur (New Cumberland, Pennsyl-

vania); Julie Slavik and husband

Steve (Portland, Oregon); Victo-ria Thomas and husband Russ (Washington Twp, Michigan); Thomas Healy III and wife Linda (Jenison, Michigan); Joan Lexson and husband Dean Michigan); Marita (Jenison, Boehman and husband Andre (Ann Arbor, Michigan); and 20 grandchildren. Joan was born in Lansdowne, Pa in April, 1922, the daughter of William F. Browell, Sr. and Anna Veronica (Bundschuh) Browell. She was pre-deceased by her parents, a brother, William F. Browell, Jr. and a sister, Mary (Browell) Maxwell. Joan served as a Chief Storekeeper in the US Navy dur-ing World War II, after which she attended Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. and graduated with a Business degree. Joan was married for 43 years to Thomas H. Healy, Jr. who predeceased her in October, 1994. After moving to Michigan, Joan wrote for weekly newspa-pers in the Detroit area, supported her husband's law practice and worked at the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth. She was honored on two occasions to be the Grand Mar-shall of the Portland, Oregon Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Joan was a resident of Plymouth for 39 years and Canton for 4 years before moving to Jenison, Michigan in 2005 where she lived at the time of her death. Funeral service Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 10:00am with visitation beginning at 9:30am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church 14951 Haggerty Rd, Plymouth. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home on Friday from 6:00pm-9:00pm with a Ro-sary service at 7:00pm. Inter-ment Riverside Cemetery in Ply-

mouth. Memorial contributions

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# LAWRENCE, WILLIAM R. "BUD"

84, of Shelbyville, formerly of Livonia, Mich., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013, at Walker House in Shelbyville. He was born Jan. 23, 1929, to William H and Mary (Alexander) Lawrence. He married Marilyn "Toni" Gault on Flag Day, June 14, 1952. Bud worked as an accountant most of his life, including a position as the chief accountant for the City of Livonia. He was a lifelong Boy Scout, achieving Eagle Scout rank and receiving the Silver Beaver award. He was an avid woodcarver and loved to be goofy. Survivors include two sons, John (wife, Sara) Lawrence of Westland and Mike (wife, Anne-Marie) Lawrence of Shelbyville; and one daughter, Jeanne (hus-band, Jon) Doyel of Onsted; nine grandchildren; numerous greatgrandchildren; and his faithful dog, Gigit. He was preceded in dog, orgin. He was preceded in death by his wife, Toni, and one son, William Fred Lawrence. Services will be at 2 p.m. Satur-day, Sept. 7, 2013, at Acton United Methodist Church, 5650 Senour Road, Indianapolis, IN 46239 and at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Mich. Bud donated his body to the Indiana University School of Medicine. Memorial contribu-tions on he media to Acton Unit. tions can be made to Acton United Methodist Church. Friends and family may send messages to amlfpv@aol.com.

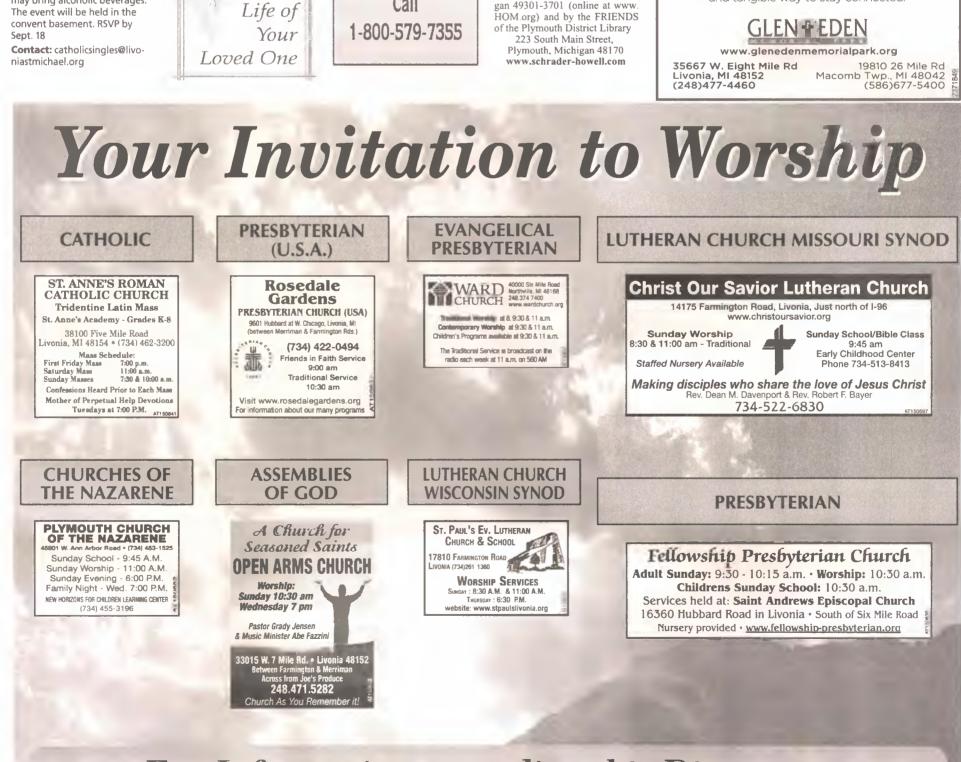


# SHARP, GARY LEE

Age 66 of Monroe, Born May 20, 1947, passed away on Au-gust 30, 2013. Gary worked as an X-Ray Technician for Garden City Hospital, then with General Motors as a Stock Chaser, retir-ing in 2006. He was a member of New Creation Car Club and the Good Time Cruisers. He enjoyed Good time Cruisers. He enjoyed riding motorcycles with his cousin, and best friend. Gary treasured time spent with his wife of thirty-five years, daugh-ters, and grandchildren. Playing sports and going camping were favorite shared activities. Gary was well known for his com-munity involvement kind coirit munity involvement, kind spirit, and helping others. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he had served as a deacon the past fifteen years. To cherish his memory, Gary leaves behind his loving wife: Maurine of Monroe; daughters: Kristi (Al) Bloink of Redford, Kathleen (Don) Minor of Gay-Autoren (Don) Minor of Gay-lord, and Shannon (Chad) McElvany of Toledo; five grand-children: Owen Bloink, Davin Bloink, Alton Minor, Errol McElvany, and Kira McElvany; threa sister: Dong Beed Cindy three sisters: Donna Reed, Cindy (Dave) Allan, and Brenda (Bill) Dewulf; and three brothers: Ri-chard (Shelly) Sharp, Tom (Deb-bie) Sharp, and Shawn (Carla) Sharp. Arrangements by Merkle Funeral Service, North Monroe (734)384-5185. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church or Monroe Cancer Connection are suggested. Online condolences at www.merklefs.com; Online Tribute



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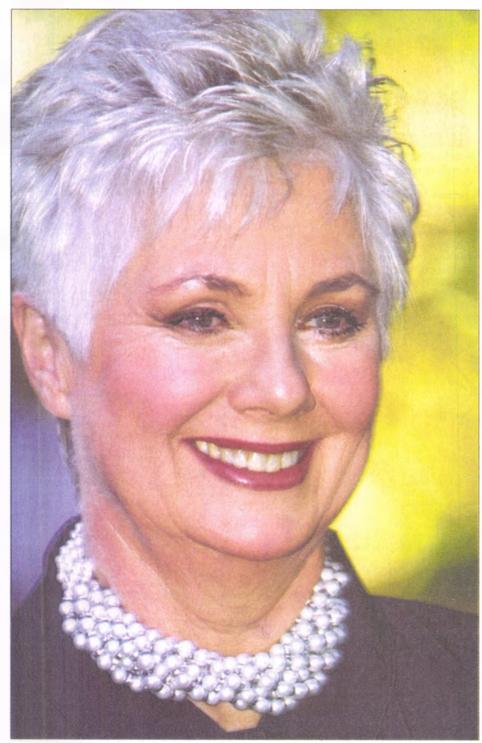
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# **B6 (CP)** ENTERTAINMENT

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# 'Music Man' star Shirley Jones to meet fans at Redford Theatre screening



Shirley Jones will visit the Redford Theater, Sept. 13-15. GETTY IMAGES





A scene from the musical film, 'The Music Man,'



The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Redford Theatre's screening of "The Music Man," with Shirley Jones.

**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Shirley Jones was on her way to college to become a veterinarian, when the future Partridge Family mom took a life-changing detour and ended up on the Broadway stage.

"My folks drove me to New York that summer and I called a planist I knew. He talked me into auditioning for Rodgers and Hammerstein's casting director," Jones said, during a recent phone interview from her California home. "I never made it to college.' Instead, she landed a chorus part in South Pacific, became the only performer under personal contract to Rodgers and Hammerstein, and less than a year later starred in her first major musical film, Oklahoma! "I was so green and young, I thought this happened to everybody. I thought, oh, boy, show business is easy. The 79-year-old star of film, stage and television will talk about her career and will meet fans during a screening of The Music Man, Sept. 13-15 at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. She'll sign autographs, pose for photos and talk about the film, in which she co-starred with Robert Preston. Copies of her new tell-all autobiography, Shirley Jones: A Memoir, also will be available for purchase. In addition to musicals, Jones also worked in dramatic film and television - winning an Oscar for her portrayal of a prostitute in the 1960 drama, Elmer Gantry. Baby boomers may know her best for her work on the 1970-74 television show, The Partridge Family, in which she co-starred with her stepson, David Cassidy. In recent years, Jones has completed several feature films, made guest appearances on television shows, and continues to tour in concert. She has three children, Shaun, Patrick and Ryan Cassidy with the late Jack Cassidy and is married to comedian and producer Marty Ingels.

# **'THE MUSIC** MAN'

What: Actress-singer Shirley Jones attends screenings of the film, "The Music Man," in which she starred, along with Robert Preston. She'll meet fans and sign autographs. All shows will include a performance by the L Youth Symphony Orchestra and a strolling barbershop quartet When: Doors open 6:45 p.m., and film gets under way at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14; doors at 11:45 a.m. with film at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. Jones will arrive in a classic limo. Where: The Redford Theatre, located on Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit Tickets: \$6 Contact: 313-283-0225; 248-615-3651; redfordtheatre.com

Q: What was it like working with your stepson, David Cassidy, on 'The Partridge Family?'

A: It was wonderful. It was great for David because it made him the star he is. It wasn't my kind of music ... but for me it was a great time. I was the first working mother on television.

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Jones talked to the Observer about her life and career:

# Q: Are you still an animal lover?

A. Big time. If my career ended tomorrow I'd go to every vet and say, can I help? I have two dogs and I lost a cat less than a year ago. I have two bird feeders out and I'm looking at hummingbirds right now.

## Q: Do you regret not becoming a vet?

A. I don't because everything took a different turn for me. I did nothing to make it all happen except I was able to sing, so my feeling was it was meant to be. I've had an extraordinary career in every way.

#### Q: Where do you rank The Music Man in your career? What does it mean to you?

A: It's really almost No. 1 as musicals go for me. In fact, next year is the 50th anniversary of The Music Man and my son, Patrick, and I are taking it out on a concert tour. We'll do film clips and talk about the movie and the fact that I was pregnant with him all during the shoot.

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#### Q: Is that the character you most identify with?

A: Oh, sure. I was offered The Brady Bunch first and I said no because my agent said don't do it. But the other reason was I just didn't want to be the mother taking the roast out of the oven. Then Partridge came up and I realized this was a different kind of role for a mother on television.

## Q: Why did you write the memoir? Had you kept diaries?

A: Simon & Schuster came to me with the idea. I wasn't sure I wanted to do it. But I figured, I'm almost 80 years old, if I'm ever going to do it, now is the time. So, I got this writer they suggested and spent days on end with her, talking and writing and co-writing. I figured people know me as an actress, they know my career, but they don't know my life. They might as well know I'm a real person as well.

Q: What do you do for fun when you're not working?

A: I haven't had much time lately. But you know, I have 12 grandchildren. They range from 35 to 1 ½.

#### Q: What's the best thing about being a grandmother?

A: It is so great for me. I never had girls, I had all boys. Now my first granddaughter is a makeup artist in the business. She does my makeup when I work.

Q: When you're on tour, greeting fans and seeing your movie, what do you look forward to the most?

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A: Having my martini afterward, (laughs) but you know I still enjoy people and everyone is so nice. I'm so grateful for the career I've had.

# **ARTS, CRAFTS GALLERY** @ VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances and by appointment, through Sept. 29 Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Nicholas Wilson shows paintings and half-screenprinted wood box panels in this mixed media show called "Technology and the Immortal Condition'

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

## NORTHVILLE **ART HOUSE**

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 28. Artist talk is 8 p.m. Friday, Sept.

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Terry Lee Dill's solo exhibition, "Dimorphism" consists of elaborate drawings in black ink and gold leaf. For the past 20 years, Dill conceptualized fantastical buildings as metaphors of his daily life.His work shows hints of Dr. Seuss, M.C. Escher and Erich Mendelsohn.

Contact: 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

# FILM **PENN THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-7, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth Details: "The Internship," admission \$3 Coming up: "The Lone Rang-

er," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 14-15 Contact: 734-453-0870;

#### www.penntheatre.com **REDFORD THEATRE**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14, and 1 p.m. Sept. 15

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit Details: "Muisc Man," with **Robert Preston and Shirley** Jones, \$6. Jones will appear live at all shows. Autographs will be \$20 per item. Fans may select one of the 8- by 10-inch glossies provided or bring their own personal item to be autographed. Photos with Jones will be \$10

Coming up: 8 p.m .Sept. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 28, "The Graduate," with Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman, along with the Pink Panther in "The Pink Phink\*

Contact: 313-537-2560

## **HISTORICAL** PLYMOUTH



Terry Lee Dill's solo exhibition includes fantastical buildings drawn in ink and gold pen. It opens Sept. 6 at Northville Art House.

## Marco Aziel and RJ Redine, Sept. 7. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m. Contact: 734-454-0178 **TRINITY HOUSE** THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile. Livonia

Details: Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Seger Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacquez Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone, Sept. 13: The Yellow Room Gang featuring Mustard's Retreat, Annie Capps, Matt Watroba and Kitty Donohoe, Sept. 14; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Sept. 20: The Boogie Woogie Kid Matthew Ball, Sept. 21. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

# Contact: 734-464-6302 **VIVACE SERIES**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The David Glukh International Ensemble performs improvisation, Yiddish classics, klezmer, and masterpieces by Tchaikovsky, Verdi and Puccini. An afterglow will follow the concert. General admission is \$23; members, seniors and students under 18 pay \$20. Contact: Joyce Cheresh at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

# SOMETHING DIFFERENT **DETROIT ZOO**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. 31

Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for ind vans is \$5. Detr

# **GET OUT! CALENDAR**



Peter Oprisko will perform a Frank Sinatra tribute concert, Sept. 14 at the **Farmington Players Barn** Theatre.

20-21 and 2 p.m. Sept. 15 and 22 Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The group stages the musical comedy, "Hairspray." Tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$16 for seniors and youth Contact: www.canton-mi.org/

#### villagetheater **TLC PRODUCTIONS**

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7



Tickets are available now for the David Glukh International Ensemble's Vivace Series concert in Farmington Hills.

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

Details: TLC Productions presents an anthology of rock and roll music. Performers include Dave Schmidt of Northville, on guitar, John Fitzgerald of Commerce, on bass guitar, Cheryl Chanko of South Lyon, on keyboard, and Bob Espinoza of Canton, on drums, along with vocalists Tim Chanko of Canton, Maureen Paraventi of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$15, call 7343945300 or 734-394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or tlcproductions.org. Or buy tickets at the door up to one hour before show time

Contact: christopher@tlcproductions.org or tlcproductions.org



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# **HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit. B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouthhistory.org; 734-455-8940

# MUSIC **FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Peter Oprisko takes on the role of Frank Sinatra in this tribute concert, "Fabulous Frank." The show will include such Sinatra classics as "Strangers in the Night," "New York, New York," and "Fly Me to the Moon," as well as a retrospective of his career. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students

Other concerts at the Barn: "Magic Bus," with music from the Woodstock era, Nov. 9; "Songs We Love," a compilation of songs from the Rat Pack era, Jan. 11, 2014; and performances by Blackthorn, a Players Barn tradition for St. Patrick's Day. March 7-8, 2014

Contact: 248-473-1856 JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

# **PLYMOUTH COFFEE** BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

- Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth
- Details: Open mic for music and poetry; come and show your creative side.

Saturday featured artist:

Zoological Society members get free admission and parking Zoo Brew: Sample more than 80 beers from Michigan craft breweries, 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Attendees must be 21 or over; photo ID will be required. The event includes complimentary tram tours and zookeeper talks as well as entertainment by rock band The Hard Lessons with special quest Mod Orange, blues guitarist/ vocalist Laith Al-Saadi and blues/classic rock artist Pete "Big Dog" Fetters. Advance tickets are \$35 until Sept. 20 at detroitzoo.org/events/zoobrew or \$40 after that date online or at the gate

Contact: 248-541-5717 LADIES NIGHT OUT

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26

Location: Downtown Plymouth Details: Visit more than 20 participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more. Mr. 48170 will hand out roses to the first 500 women, courtesy of **Ribar Floral** 

Contact: plymouthmich.org

# THEATER **FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH PLAYERS**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8 Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "Tarzan The Stage Musical," which will be performed Nov. 15, 17 and 22-24 with two casts performing on different dates. Actors cast in the show pay a registration fee and must attend a mandatory parent meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Costick Center. Participants may drop in at any time during the audition hours. Auditions are open to both residents and nonresidents. No prior preparation is necessary. Participants should bring a recent school photo with them to the auditions. All other materials will be supplied. Some preliminary materials will be available for review beginning Aug. 23 at WWW.fhgov.com/YouthTheatre. Contact: The Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1859 SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 13-14,

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# HOW MUCH SODIUM IS IN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHBOX?

# Healthful food choices early on start kids off on the right foot, boost learning

hey need to be able to eat it in 20 minutes or less. They need to be able to open and close all of the containers themselves. And it can't go bad before they eat it. What are we talking about? The lunch your kids take to school each day.

What you put in your child's lunchbox might matter more than you realize. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found a significant

trol and Prevention found a significant amount of sodium in the foods toddlers commonly eat. It's feared that similar levels of sodium also are found in a number of the foods older kids eat at school every day. As concerns rise about the early onset of high blood pressure, a major risk factor for heart disease, parents may want to re-examine those lunchbox choices.

Why does sodium matter? A 2012 study of children and adolescents found that higher sodium consumption was associated with increased blood pressure. This effect was even greater in overweight and obese participants compared to normal weight participants.

In addition, research suggests that children's taste for salt develops as they are exposed to it. The less sodium children consume, the less they want it. Children's taste

# TOP 10 SODIUM SOURCES

People aged 2-19 years old 1: Pizza 2: Breads & rolls

3: Poultry

- 4: Cold cuts & cured meats
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- 5: Sandwiches
- 6: Savory snacks
- 7: Soups
- 8: Cheese
- 9: Mixed pasta dishes 10: Frankfurters & sausage

for salt may be reduced if they are exposed to lower sodium diets at a young age. Eating less sodium can help lower blood pressure during childhood, which can help lower the risk of high blood pressure as an adult.

Where's the sodium?

Understanding sodium in foods can be confusing, especially when food that otherwise seems healthy may have high levels of sodium. Most of the sodium we eat doesn't come from the salt shaker, but is found in processed and restaurant foods, such as pizza and breads, soups, cheese and meat.

What's a parent to do?

Here are some tips to help tackle high sodium in your child's lunchbox: » Read food labels and compare the sodium amount in different products, then choose the options with the lowest amounts of sodium. Some varieties of bread can vary from 80 to 230 mg of sodium per slice. That can make a big difference in lunchtime sandwiches.

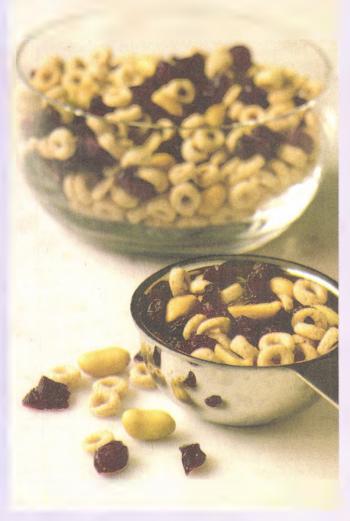
» Pack fresh fruits and vegetables with lunch every day, like a small bag of baby carrots, snow peas, or grape tomatoes.

» For a healthy snack, make trail mix using unsalted nuts, dried fruits and whole grain cereal.

» When buying prepared meals, look for those with less than 600mg of sodium per serving.

By packing a lower sodium school lunch for your children, you are not only setting them up for success in the classroom, but also in life. With your help, your children can develop healthy, low sodium eating habits that will last throughout their lives and help improve their heart health.

For additional information about children and sodium and more tips for parents to help lower their family's sodium intake, visit www.cdc.gov/salt.



# MAKE-YOUR-OWN SNACK MIX

From the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Prep time: 5 minutes Yields: 4 servings

Serving size: ½ cup snack mix

1 cup toasted oat cereal ¼cup unsalted dry roasted peanuts (or other unsalted nut) ¼ cup raisins

%cup dried cranberries

Combine all ingredients, and toss well. Serve immediately, or store for later snacking. Tip: Put snack mix in individual snack-sized bags for a great grab-and-go snack.

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# Marsh takes reins at Greater **Metropolitan Association of Realtors**

#### **By Julie Brown** Staff Writer

Duane Marsh is pleased to be the new CEO of the Farmington-based Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

"Both my wife and I are native Michiganders and we wanted to come home," he said. "GMAR offered a great opportunity."

He's following in the footsteps of Dale E. Smith, who retired. Marsh took over July 1, previously serving as executive director of the Illinois Funeral Directors in Springfield, Ill., where he was for five years.

Marsh has about 25 years experience in association and chamber of commerce work. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1982 from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, and also holds an M.B.A. from CMU

Before the Springfield, Ill, position, Marsh was president of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce.

These are the area residential real

He noted both funeral directors and Realtors work in licensed professions. "As a result of being li-

censed, they're highly regulated." Both fields call for continuing education, ethics training and advocacy. "Different professions but similar needs," Marsh said.



Thumb, Marlette, while wife Nancy, a dental hygienist, hails from Saginaw. They have a 22-year-old son who recently graduated from the University of Illinois-Springfield with a bachelor's degree in economics.

The couple is trying to sell their Springfield, Ill., home and will relocate here. "Just grateful to be back home for our old friends and family," he said.

The GMAR office is now on Drake in Farmington, although efforts are under way to sell the building and move to a more central location. GMAR was

formed several years ago with the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. Its metro Detroit area members include Macomb County now so a more central location makes sense.

The last few years have been very difficult" in real estate, Marsh agreed. "We're having new people enter the field in relatively large numbers." Home sales are up significantly, too.

Marsh has appreciated the warm welcome he's received, including help from the board, committees and staff. "It's a new field," he said of real estate's particulars. "They've all been very helpful.'

He has two sisters, several cousins and a couple aunts living in Michigan.

"Being from Michigan and knowing the quality of people here, it's just over-whelming," he said of the welcome.

In addition to family and friend time, Marsh enjoys golf and other exercise.

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# **Check with** lawyer on pontoon boat use on lake

Q: Our association is considering prohibiting the use of pontoon boats on the lake adjoining my property. I am wondering it has the authority to do that since it is an adjoining lake that we are talk-

ing about. What do you think?

A: It all depends on the facts and provisions of the particular documents. but in a recent case out of an Illinois

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appellate court, a homeowner's association was not required to have express rulemaking authority in order to limit the types of watercraft that residents can use on an adjoining lake. The court basically concluded that the association had implicit authority to regulate the use of the lake as common property. The court cited the Restatement of Property: Servitudes which makes clear that where the homeowner's association has the responsibility of administering the common property for the common good of the members, it must have the implicit power to make reasonable regulations regarding the use of the common property. You are best advised to consult with a community association attorney.

Q: I am an apartment owner and I am worried about liability for a drowning by guests of my tenants - and I am wondering if you have any case law that would help the landlord in that type of situation.

A: In a Mississippi Supreme Court case, recently decided, the landlord owned an apartment complex with a swimming pool. The property's regulations required guests to be accompanied by a tenant in order to enter the pool area. A 17-year-old boy visiting his uncle who lived in the apartment complex went to the pool without his uncle and drowned when he went in the deep end of the pool despite being unable to swim. In that case, the plaintiff sued for wrongful death alleging that the landlord breached a duty to keep the pool in a reasonably safe condition. However, the court concluded that the defendant could only be liable to willful and wanton conduct because the plaintiff's son became a trespasser once he entered the pool without his uncle. You should check with your attorney regarding your jurisdiction for further advice.

#### 6505 Fairfield St estate closings recorded the week of May 20-24, 2013, at the Wayne 28921 James St 823 Lathers St County Register of Deeds office. 1124 Lathers St Listed below are cities. addresses. 33231 Pardo St and sales prices. LIVONIA 33075 Allen St CANTON 43660 Appomattox Ct \$157,000 9831 Arden St \$81.000 2388 Barkhill Rd \$197,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 29 through May 3, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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\$195,000	44582 Ellery Ln	\$166,000
\$161,000	42601 Faulkner Dr	\$255,000
\$205,000	23569 Londonderry	\$121,000
\$165,000	41151 N McMahon Cir	\$155,000
	24934 Portsmouth Ave	\$330,000
\$138,000	28476 Traci Trl	\$220,000
\$135,000	40539 W 10 Mile Rd	\$150,000
	40080 Whispering Ln	\$215,000
\$125,000	SOUTH LYON	
\$191,000	54807 Brentwood Dr	\$299,000
	58697 Castle Ct	\$338,000
\$176,000	55116 Glenwood Ct	\$320,000
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\$294,000	SOUTHFIELD	
\$170,000	21721 Frazer Ave	\$15,000
\$433,000	19186 Midway Rd	\$33,000
\$140,000	25559 Southwood Dr	\$150,000
\$123,000	27855 Tyler St	\$84,000
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\$132,000	9357 Mandon Rd	\$182,000
\$477,000	1263 Round Lake Rd	\$30,000
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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. " Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of " Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

# REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Seminar

The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation."

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association.

Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization).

For registration information, con-

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tact The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

#### 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. 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 presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N.

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Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email 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. Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

# Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on governmentinsured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations. **RSVP** with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

## Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. 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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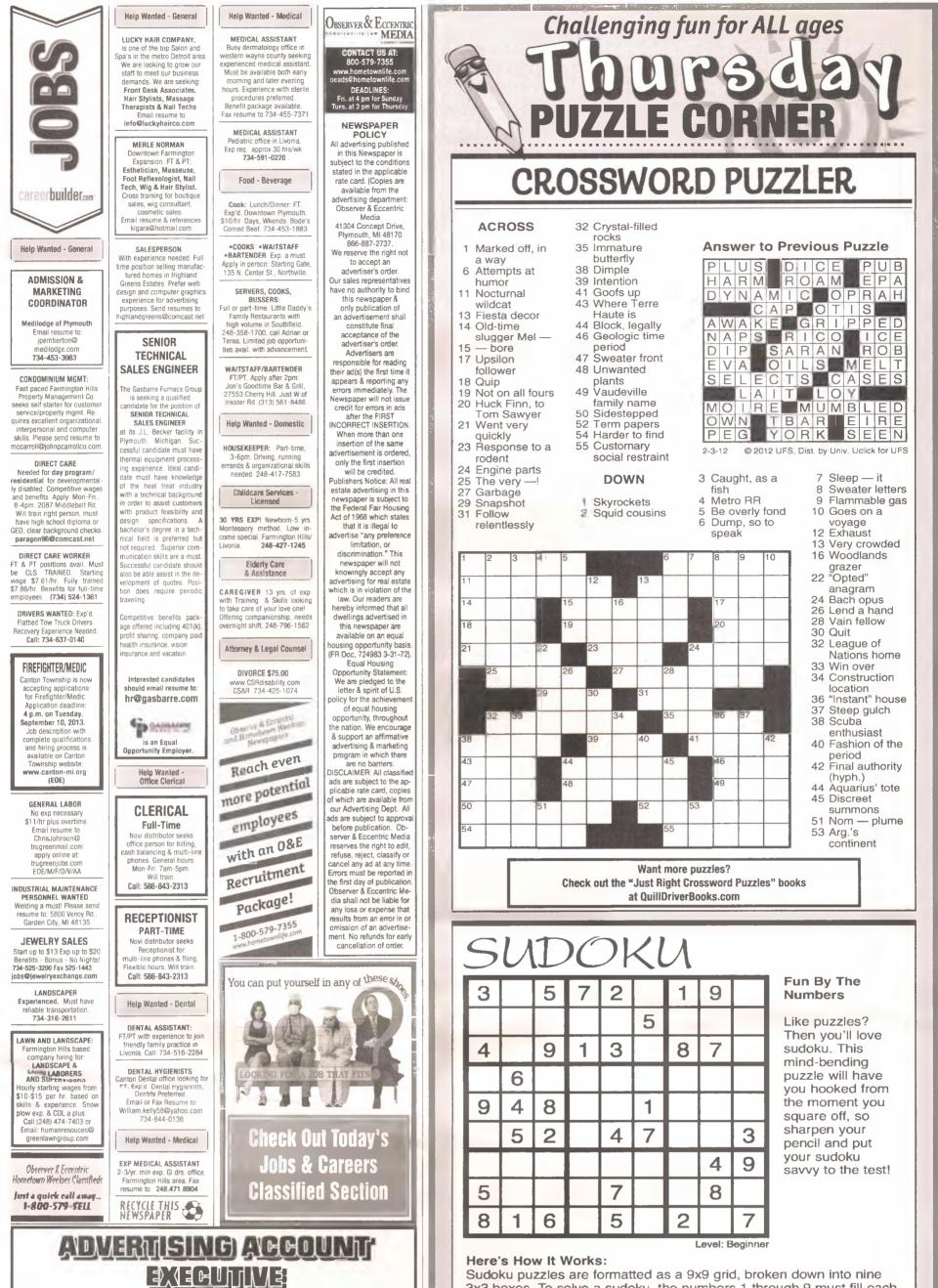
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