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Supporters rally ahead of ruling

Local parents and clergy gather outside courthouse to show solidarity for same-sex marriage equality

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

George Belvitch wants the same thing all parents want for their children – a happy life, success and a good marriage. Unfortunately, at least to this point, that last thing won't come for Belvitch's son, who is gay. And now he'll have to wait even longer, after U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman declined to grant motions in the case over Michigan's ban

against same-sex marriage unconstitutional. Friedman set a February trial date. "I strongly believe in marriage equality," said Belvitch, a Plymouth Township resident and former administrator with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who has been outspoken on issues of equality. "I have a gay son and I hope someday he and his partner can be married legally." That's why Belvitch and maybe 100 others were in front

of U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit on Wednesday, just hours before Friedman was supposed to make a ruling on the lawsuit filed in January 2012 by April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse of Hazel Park, a same-sex couple asking the court to overturn a 2004 law that prohibits same-sex couples from marrying in the state.

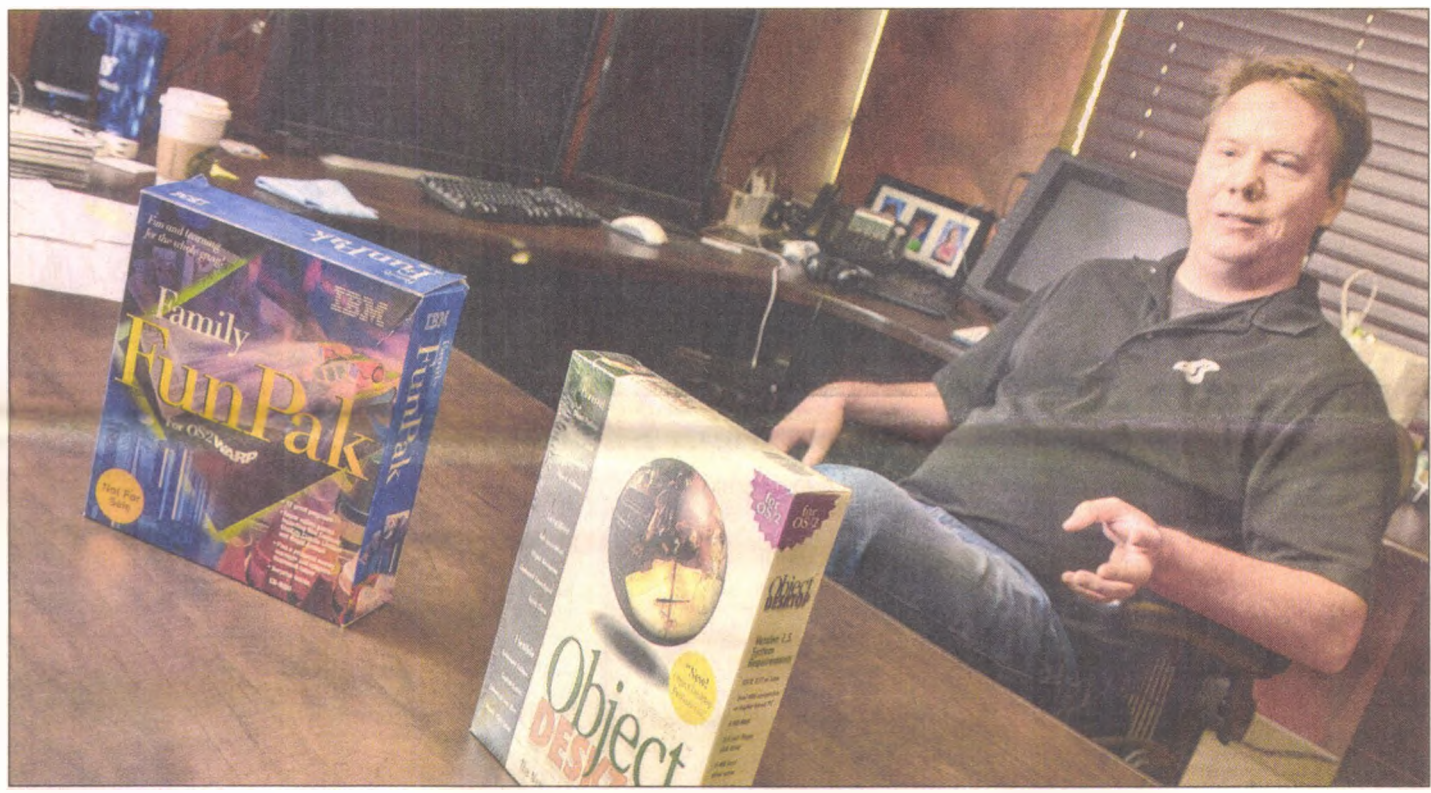
The rally featured a variety of speakers in addition to Belvitch, including the Rev. Douglas Van Doren, pastor at Ply-



Alanna Maguire, Kristina Foster and Mary Maguire of Plymouth and Jeffrey Squire of Livonia were on hand at the rally to support the elimination of a Michigan ban on same-sex marriage.

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MAN'S 'HOBBY' BECOMES COMPUTER GAMING GIANT



Although most of Stardock's products are downloaded, eliminating the box, founder Brad Wardell still keeps copies in his office. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Company releases new video game this week

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Brad Wardell's "hobby that got out of control" has grown into a multimillion-

dollar Plymouth Township company that's a major player in the computer game and computer software markets. Wardell, of Canton Township, founded Stardock Inc.

while a student at Western Michigan University and the company marked its 20th anniversary Tuesday with the release of *Galactic Civilizations III*, a multi-player online strategy game. It's a sequel to the original *Galac-*

tic Civilizations, which Wardell came up with in 1993. In addition, Stardock is undergoing a major expansion at its headquarters on Beck Road near Five Mile,

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District eyes TAG testing changes

Incoming third-graders could face new criteria

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Incoming third-graders trying to get into the Talented and Gifted program in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools next year are going to face new criteria to qualify.

District officials are taking a look at the guidelines for entry into the TAG program, which includes some 400 students each year and is housed at Dodson and Miller elementaries and East Middle School.

According to Jeanne Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, the cognitive abilities test they've been using to select TAG students might have kept the program from accurately representing the demographics of the district.

"We believe the cognitive abilities test is discriminatory to students," Farina said. "Students in TAG aren't a good cross-representation of our entire district. There are a lot of students who are gifted who don't get into the program based on this test."

"We want to expand the opportunity and have a program that's more inclusive and possibly available in all of our buildings," she added.

It's that last part that had dozens of parents at last week's Board of Education meeting. The idea of changing the TAG program came up at a meeting of the Advanced Learning Parents Advocacy Committee, when Dr. Carolyn Washington, the district's executive director of elementary education, announced the district would not be testing new third-graders for the 2014-15 school year.

While the district has not

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O&E Media, Goodfellows seeking 'Pennies'

The Plymouth Goodfellows have a mission of making sure every child has a good Christmas and later this month local residents get a chance to make that happen.

The Plymouth Goodfellows, in partnerships with O&E Media, Inc., the parent company of the *Plymouth Observer*, will be accepting "Pennies from Heaven" as part of a O&E Media's Annual Make a Difference Day.

The event takes place Saturday, Oct. 26, in front of the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman

in downtown Plymouth. Representatives of the Plymouth Goodfellows and the Plymouth Goodfellows will be on hand to accept donations of pennies or other spare change – or additional donations – from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents should feel free to stop by, have a doughnut and some cider and make a donation. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Goodfellows, a group of community volunteers dedicated to providing food, clothing and Christmas gifts to families with young

children. Donated funds are used to purchase new clothing, toys and food to provide Christmas gifts and food for the holidays for the families.

The Plymouth Goodfellows traces its roots back to the Detroit "Old Newsboys," founded in 1914 by James Brady.

According to information on the Plymouth Goodfellows' website, Harry C. Robinson and George Howell established a "Plymouth Old Newsboys" chapter in 1938, with a motto of "No Kiddie without a

Christmas."

The name was later upated to "Goodfellows" and "kiddie" was changed to "child," but "the same tradition started 73 years ago in Plymouth continues today. We are still working diligently to make sure Christmas is a special time for needy children in Plymouth," it says on the website.

The Plymouth Goodfellows can be contacted by calling 734-262-3199 or via email at plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com.



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said anything about changing the method TAG programming is delivered, parents were responding to rumors the district was considering moving TAG students back to general education classrooms.

Farina wouldn't comment on any of that, preferring to talk about the near-term changes in testing.

But Washington's announcement at the ALPAC meeting was the first any TAG parents had heard of potential changes and their swift and angry response prompted the district to put up an announcement on its website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us) saying that incoming third-graders would be tested, but that a new committee is studying exactly how to do that.

"We have received many parent inquiries regarding the District's Talented and Gifted program and will use this feedback to help improve communication and process in the future," the statement read. "Please note that there will be no changes to the Talented and Gifted program of offerings for current students during the 2014-15 school year. Students will continue receiving programming at Dodson, Miller and East at a similar level of student participation.

"The identification of new students to the program has created

some confusion and we apologize for this lack of clarity," the statement read. "Program enrollment criteria for new students (second-grade or students new to P-CCS) for the 2014-15 school year will be determined and finalized by Dec. 1, 2013."

TAG mom Leigh Schamp of Plymouth said she considered invitations from three different charter schools before settling on Plymouth-Canton because of its TAG program.

"My daughter's mind has exploded since joining the TAG program," Schamp told school board members last week. "I attribute that to her being with great TAG teachers and other students who can explore and discuss ideas on a level not found in a general education classroom."

Farina said testing next year could be based on the district's Northwest Evaluation Association test, which she said is more aligned with common core subjects and "gives an accurate picture of our students' growth."

She said administrators are gathering a group that will include parents for a steering committee that will help the district design a program that "offers greater opportunities for all students." That steering committee will make a recommendation to the district's Student Performance and Achievement Committee by the end of the year.

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finishing an entire floor to add a game studio and a chic, cafe-style work area designed to promote collaboration in a casual environment. With about 50 employees now, Wardell plans to add about 25 more, software engineers and game designers, within two years.

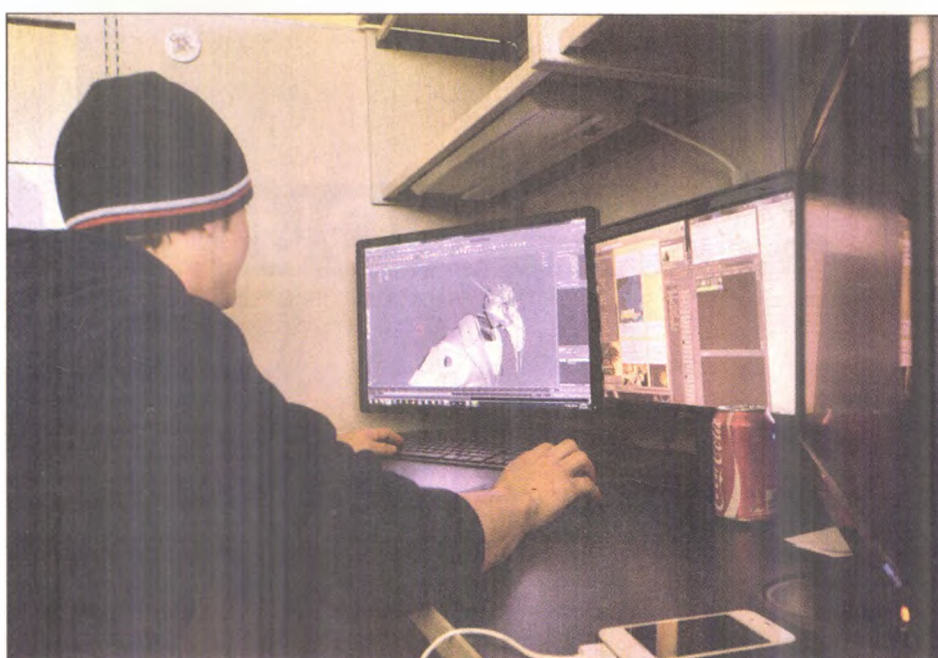
College startup

Wardell started out tinkering in his dormitory room at Western, where he majored in electrical engineering, building and selling personal computers he'd made from components. At the time, he said, they were cheaper than the PCs sold by a limited number of manufacturers. He then got into software and game development.

"I started the company as a way to pay for school," Wardell said, recalling how the original *Galactic Civilizations* was made for a long-ago IBM operating system. "The idea was I'd graduate from school and get a real job."

He had that real job for a couple of months, as a consultant for the lending arm of a major automaker. But revenue from software he'd previously developed kept coming in and when Wardell saw the opportunity to grow his company, he took it.

Stardock's first real office was in Canton and his first employees were the best man at his wedding and his wife's sister — both still with the com-



Lead artist Kevon Manning works on a game character. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

pany. There was a stop in Livonia, too, before Stardock bought the building it's now headquartered in not quite a decade ago.

"This was my big splurge," Wardell said as he led a Monday tour of the three-story building. The pet-friendly office has a laid-back atmosphere — employees benefit from regular visits from a nutritionist and a personal trainer — but the focus can be intense. One wall consists of a whiteboard tagged with relevant advice and aphorisms from gaming and business gurus.

Global reach

Stardock also has contract workers in several corners of the globe and Wardell said the company is planning studios in other parts of the country.

The company specializes in strategy games

and also makes desktop enhancements, software designed to modify and customize computer desktops to improve users' experiences.

"That's what we're interested in," rather than role-playing or first-person shooter games, Wardell said. "I don't want to make a game that someone else can do better."

Wardell credits talented employees, many of whom have been brought in from other parts of the country, for Stardock's success.

"We've just built up this network of highly talented people who can just do so much," Wardell said.

Brand manager Adam Biessener is one of Stardock's latest recruits. He's a former writer and editor in the gaming media who knew Wardell from stories he'd done

and reviews of Stardock's games. Formerly of Minneapolis, he's been in the area less than a month.

"It's still culturally very Midwestern," and similar to Minneapolis, that way, Biessener said.

Wardell said he likes to provide a pleasant working environment, perks and the flexibility to let employees meet their family needs, in order to keep turnover low.

The personal trainer, for example, is a perk that helps employees stretch and stay relaxed while at work, an antidote to hours spent at computer terminals.

"By having low turnover, our people are really productive," Wardell said.

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mouth United Church of Christ in Grand Rapids; the Rev. Nathan Dannison, pastor of First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo; and the Rev. Jamie Hawley, chaplain at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, perhaps the day's most animated speaker.

"The God of justice and the God of love and the God of mercy has written this script," Hawley said. "The God who has written the script will not let injustice win. He will not let hatred and bigotry prevail."

Jeffrey Suhre of Livonia, who carried a sign telling Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette it's "not your duty" to decide this issue, said it's time for the ban

on same-sex marriage to end.

"We're here to say we want the (issue) to move forward," Suhre said. "Equality for all is what needs to happen here in Michigan."

Not everyone at the rally was there in favor of ending the nine-year-old ban. Christine Weick, an author from Hopkins, Mich., made the two-hour trip to voice her support for the ban, suggesting people read Romans 1:24-32 in the Bible.

"God needs a voice," Weick said. "I'm not a hater of gays. I'm here to warn them that judgment will come."

But Cindy Clardy of Southfield, who went through a marriage ceremony with her partner Jocelyn Walters that isn't legally binding, was at the rally in support not only of the four kids she and Walters have between them, but of the three children DeBoer and Rowse have.

"I think it's in the best interest of their kids," Clardy said. "Being a grandmother myself, family is very important. Being able to marry would give their kids even more rights."

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George Belvitch of Plymouth Township was at the rally in support of his son, who is gay.

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Terry Poli, Kris Mayer and Mike Batterton checked out the auction items at last year's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction. This year's event is set for Friday, Nov. 1.

Chamber auction has Jazz Age theme

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

The Plymouth area's business boosters are hoping a unique selection of auction items, including a personal visit from Santa Claus and an Up North fly-fishing trip, will make the annual fundraiser a roaring success.

The 24th annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce dinner and auction begins 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The theme is the Roaring '20s and those attending are encouraged to wear Jazz Age attire.

"The auction is our largest fundraising event of the year and provides the financial resources we use to promote the Plymouth community through online sources, media promotions, printed material and direct support of many community events," Wes Graff, the chamber

president, said in an email. "We also are working in areas to make our community an attractive place for business by working directly with large industrial companies to help them with recruiting hard to find technical, engineering and management talent."

The auction typically attracts about 400 people, plus the roughly 30 chamber volunteers who help stage it. Auction items come from throughout the community.

"Each year I am amazed how generous our attendees and members are with their donations and financial support of this event. This event is one of the main resources for us achieve our goals to promote this area and our vibrant economic climate in Plymouth and Plymouth Township," Graff said.

The event features silent, raffle and live auctions, with Charlie

Wickens, known as the English Auctioneer, handling the live auction. WDIV-TV (Channel 4) newsman Roger Weber will be the master of ceremonies.

The 15 items in the live auction will include a fly-fishing trip; a duck and goose hunt for six people; dinner for 10, prepared by a group of local chefs; Detroit Red Wings hockey, Detroit Lions football and University of Michigan football tickets; and the chance to have Santa come to the buyer's home to hand out Christmas presents.

Tickets are \$75 each; a table of 10, plus a pre-dinner VIP reception and recognition at dinner, can be purchased for \$975. Sponsorships are available.

To order tickets, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Goodfellows applications

The Plymouth Goodfellows are currently accepting applications for assistance from families in need for the 2013 Christmas season.

The Goodfellows, whose mission is to make sure every child has a good Christmas, has the information available on the information wall at the Plymouth Library and in all Plymouth schools. Families can also contact the Plymouth Goodfellows at plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com for an application.

To qualify for help from the Plymouth Goodfellows, applicants must reside in the 48170 zip code and have children living with them. Anyone on the free and reduced lunch plan is automatically eligible.

Voter guides ready

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County has announced that a free, non-partisan, online voter guide is available at VOTE411.org to assist voters in making informed decisions in the Nov. 5 election.

Voters can read responses to questions proposed to candidates running for Plymouth City Commission.

In the city of Plymouth, four candidates are running for four seats; however, the three candidates who win the most votes will win a four-year term and the candidate who wins the fewest votes will receive a two-year term.

The printable voter guide is also available on the League's website, www.lwvnmw.org. All four Plymouth candidates participated in the League's Voter Guide.

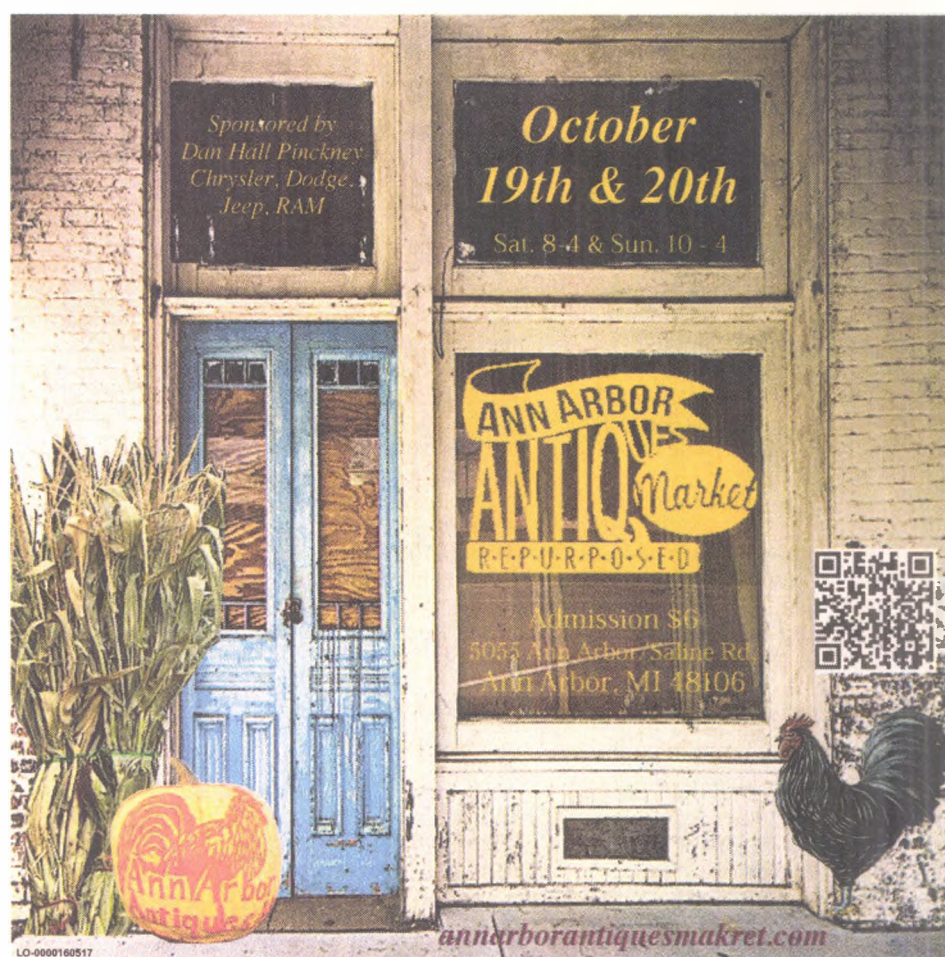
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Appeal possible in Canton child predator case

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Walled Lake man is considering an appeal after he was sentenced to prison for 6-20 years for charges he tried to have sex with a Canton woman and her 3-year-old daughter.

Jesse Adam Hermann, 35, has ordered a transcript of his plea and sentence, imposed Sept. 5 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon.

"He has filed his appeal papers," defense attorney David Cripps said. Hermann plans a review of

the transcript to determine if he wants to try to appeal his case. He would need a court ruling in his favor to appeal.

Hermann was imprisoned after he pleaded guilty to one count each of child sexually abusive commercial activity and using a computer and the Internet to communicate with the Canton girl's mother to commit a crime.

Cripps had said "this chapter is closed for Jesse Hermann" after he pleaded guilty and was sentenced Sept. 5, but Cripps said Hermann has decided to review court tran-

scripts to determine whether he might have reason to appeal.

Described in court as a former truck driver and self-employed artist, Hermann could potentially serve 20 years in prison barring a successful appeal. He was charged in February after the Canton woman told authorities she and Hermann struck up a conversation on Facebook instant



Hermann

an told authorities she and Hermann struck up a conversation on Facebook instant

messaging, leading to allegations Hermann tried to initiate sex with her and her daughter.

Hermann was arrested Feb. 13 by Canton police outside the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue, where authorities say he had gone to meet the mother and daughter.

A Canton detective testified during a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court that he posed as the mother and communicated online with Hermann, after police learned of the allegations against him.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad

Baugh has called the investigation "a great effort by our patrol officers and our investigative group." He also commended the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for securing a guilty plea.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has said anyone who is approached by a child predator should do exactly what the Canton mother did - notify authorities to let them handle the matter.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Threatening calls

A 47-year-old Canton woman notified police to report she had received threatening phone calls and text messages from the 36-year-old wife of an Ypsilanti man with whom she works at a Chrysler facility in Sterling Heights.

The Canton woman was asked why she had been calling the man, a police report said.

The Canton woman went to the police station about 9:35 a.m. Monday, saying she had received numerous phone calls that evening. Some of the calls came from the suspect's phone, the report said, while sometimes the identity of the caller was blocked. During one call, she said she was called a b--h.

Then she began to receive texts and one allegedly said, "Be a woman, show urself. God see u. It's called adultery." The Canton woman told police she replied and asked to be left alone, but when the texts continued, she told police she replied with texts of her own, such as, "U are going to be sorry."

Police advised the Canton woman not to contact the suspect anymore and advised her how to get a personal protection order. Police also called the suspect and left a message

advising her not to contact the Canton woman again.

Huffing incident

Police arrested a 56-year-old Canton man after he was caught getting high by inhaling from a can of chemical inhalants, a police report said.

An officer on patrol near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center was waved down by a 55-year-old woman who said her husband was addicted to inhalants, the report said. Police approached a car, saw two cans of inhalant in the man's lap and three more cans in a passenger seat.

Police saw the man inhale from a can before knocking on a window and asking him to get out. He refused, inhaling again. Police, fearing he might fatally injure himself, broke out a window of the car, took him into custody and transported him to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Police also cited the man for use of chemical inhalants.

Credit fraud

A woman who lives on Meadowlake, near Cherry Hill and Lotz, notified police to report that her husband's Dearborn Federal Credit Union card had been stolen.

The woman notified police Oct. 10, saying two purchases

had been made with the stolen car online at an auto parts store. She said the purchases apparently had been made in California for \$409 and \$285, respectively.

The woman told police three other attempts had been made to use the card before it was canceled.

Extortion probe

Canton police were investigating reports of possible extortion after a 49-year-old man living near Ford and Haggerty roads became the victim of a stolen iPad, a police report said.

The victim contacted police Oct. 9. He said he had set up the iPad so that, if it went missing, his phone number would appear on the screen if anyone tried to access it. He then received a call from someone asking for the access code.

The victim refused and was told that the caller had purchased the iPad for \$290 from someone else. The caller offered to return the iPad for that price.

The two men corresponded by texts and emails. Police talked with the man, who allegedly had bought the iPad and who said he had proof of it. The investigation was continuing.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Neighborhood hit

Two Ford Escapes were targeted in crimes - one a break-in, the other an auto theft - on the same night this month in a township residential area near Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road.

A 2012 Escape that had been parked in the driveway of a house on Brookwood Drive was stolen between 8 p.m. Oct. 8 and early the next morning, a police report said. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys inside, police said.

The other Escape, a 2008 model, had been parked in the driveway of a house on Brookside Road when it was broken into between 10 p.m. Oct. 8 and early the next day, a police report said. A window on the vehicle had been smashed; the owner's manual was the only thing stolen.

The responding officer reported finding a department store shopping bag, with a woman's blouse and a tire warranty booklet in it, near where the burglarized Escape had been parked.

Reports indicate there were several other car burglaries nearby, in the city of Plymouth, in the parking area for the Sheldon Park Apartments, at the same time.

Shoplifting charge

Mouthwash, a knee brace and a bottle of Visine were among the things reportedly stolen by a man arrested Friday on a shoplifting charge in Plymouth Township.

The arrest occurred around 7 p.m. at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The 40-year-old from Wayne was later released and is due in 35th District Court on a shoplifting charge later this month.

A Kmart security guard told police he had witnessed the man, via the store's security video system, put some items in his pockets and the waistband of his pants. The man purchased an item, the guard told police, but left without paying for the other things and the guard confronted him and recovered some of the merchandise.

When a responding officer patted down the suspect for weapons, several other items, including a bottle of Listerine and a bag of cough drops, were found, police said.

The suspect told police he didn't know why he stole the items.

- By Matt Jachman

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~AGENDA~

2:00pm - Meet and Greet - Food, and Introductions

2:10 - 2:45pm - Key Note Speaker -

Matthew W. Delezenne, Esq - Law office of Matthew W. Delezenne

Wills/Trusts/Probate/Elder Law/Litigation

~Preparing for the future, and dealing with today. Common legal myths that can fool you - and how to make better choices for the best financial outcomes for you and your loved ones~

2:45 - 3:05pm - Speaker

Joe Sheridan, CLTC - Certified Long Term Care Insurance Specialist/Bankers Life

~Pay a little now, or maybe a lot later... Easy options for planning for your future~

3:05 - 3:25pm - Speakers

Dana Roberts, RD - Registered Dietician/ Hope Healthcare and Chester Read, Chef and Dietary Manager/Hope Healthcare

~Making better food choices and the Chef's tips on fabulous meal presentations~

3:30 - 3:55pm - Questions and Answers

Ask our speakers questions!!!

3:55 - 4:00pm - Closing remarks

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Mark Kritzman gets a hit during Miracle League play. PHOTOS BY MARCEL MADONNA

Performing 'Miracles'

League caps another special season

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Jim Kritzman is like any other dad. He loves being able to watch his son having fun playing America's pastime on a fine summer day.

But until his son Mark started playing with the Miracle League of Plymouth two years ago, Kritzman didn't have much opportunity to do that. Mark, a special-needs player, had nowhere to play.

Now, though, like hundreds of other special-needs kids, he's played four seasons (the league plays two seasons a year) of baseball at Bilkie Field. And Kritzman has done more than sit back and watch.

"Parents get to sit back and watch their kids play and have fun and have success out on the field," said Kritzman, who actually developed a tool to help kids hit the ball. "You don't always get a lot of opportunities for that. The kids get a chance to play when they normally wouldn't. Everybody gets to play, they all have the same successes and fun on the field. Everybody gets cheered for and everyone has a blast with it."

The Miracle League of Plymouth just completed its 2013 seasons (they play spring and fall campaigns). Each season drew more than 90 players and involved at least that many volun-

teers, from announcer Jonathan Weid to the folks who man the concession stand and the "buddies" on the field with the players.

"Every person plays an important part in the league," commissioner Deb Madonna said. "Whether someone volunteers each week or it's their first time, it's their smile and their time. Each of our volunteers seems to find a way to get to know each player (and their family) during the game. How in the world could every single moment of the last three years be so great if it weren't for all the great people who show up on Miracle Saturdays?"

League officials have turned their attention to 2014. Registration for

the spring season begins in mid- to late January, with not only player openings, but chances to volunteer as buddies, umpires and game-day helpers. Anyone who wants to volunteer can email info@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

But as she prepared for next year, Madonna reflected on 2013.

"Dozens of wonderful things happen every single moment," she said. "Baseball is very orderly and predictable, but Miracle baseball has extra elements. There's excitement about every player, every play, good cheer. Everyone gets a chance to play the greatest game, be part of a team. And everyone is welcome and safe. That's pretty good, don't you think?"



Jamie Jones takes a whack at it during a Miracle League game.

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Firefighters open doors to kids

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Firefighters were in 3-year-old Gavin Dyer's classroom earlier in the week, talking about fire safety, which was great for Gavin, since he tells his mom all the time he wants to be a fireman.

So naturally, when Gavin found out about Saturday's open house hosted by the Canton Fire Department, he wanted to be there.

"He tells me all the time he wants to be a firefighter," mom Sarah said of Gavin. "When I asked him if he wanted to come (to the open house), he said yes. He loves this stuff."

Apparently, Gavin was not the only one. Kids brought their parents in droves to the event, the second year the department has hosted the open house. Last year, Fire Chief Josh Meier said the open house drew some 400 people all day.

This year, less than halfway through the five-hour open house, Meier figured some 500 people had already gone through. He firmly believes that's a good thing.

"It builds a relationship between the department and the community," Meier said. "It's a good opportunity to let the community know what services we offer. It's a good opportunity for our firefighters to interact with the community and it's a great opportunity for the community to interact with the firefighters."

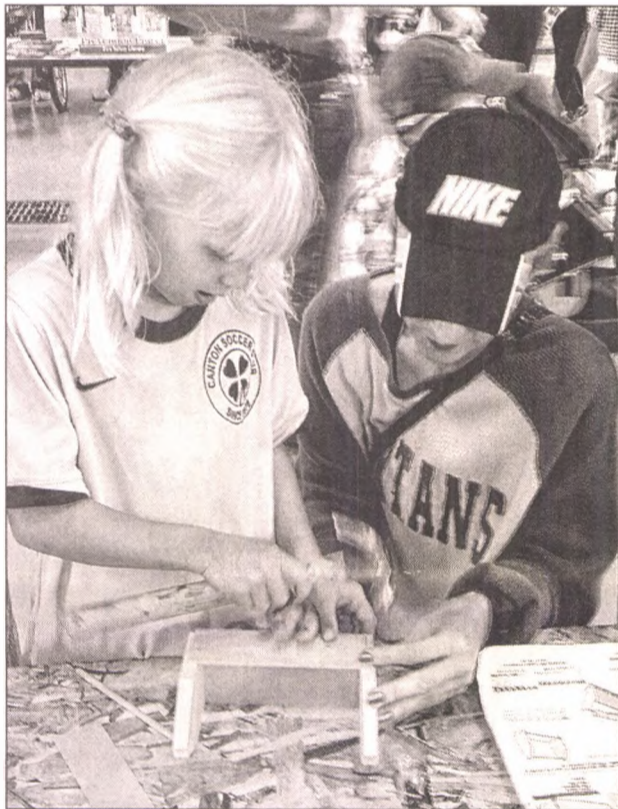
In fact, Meier pointed out, firefighters manning the various static displays and even dishing out popcorn were there on their own time. The open house was totally organized by the firefighters union membership and none of them were being paid for taking part.

That didn't seem to matter to them. Firefighter Tom Muller said the chance to preach fire safety - kids were lined up to go through the fire prevention house - is too good to pass up.

"It seems like basic stuff," he said of fire safety. "But having the kids go through that house and learn what it's like and what to do ... it's good to see them learning that."



Canton firefighter Bill Tucker helps 2-year-old Cole Muller put water on a "fire" during the Canton Fire Department's open house Saturday. Cole is the son of Canton firefighter Tom Muller.



Samantha Skavery (left) builds a tool box with her aunt, Colleen Engelbrecht, at the Home Depot display.



Declan Dyer climbs onto the bumper of a fire truck under the watchful eye of Canton firefighter Rick Stone.



Caleb Fielder shows what he might look like as a firefighter.

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25623 DARTMOUTH, DEARBORN HTS, MI
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- Unit#650 - EDWARD JANKOWSKI**
42485 ROBERTA, PLYMOUTH, MI
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- Unit#691 & 692 - PATRICK BURBANK**
1400 STACEY DR, CANTON, MI
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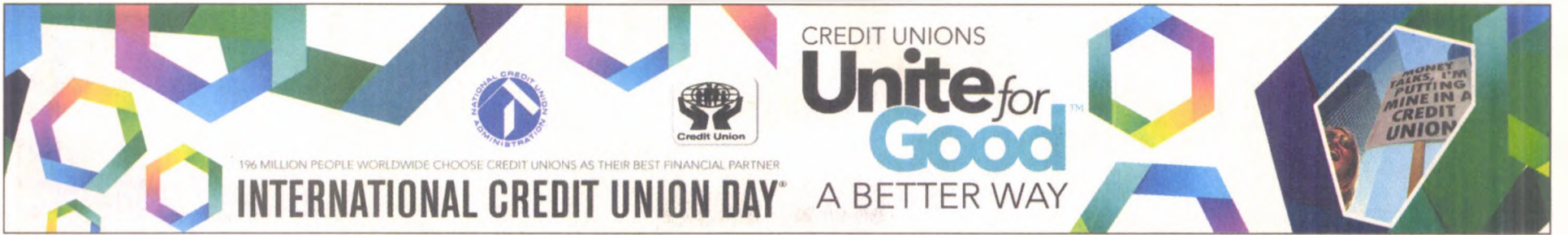
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Modest inception brings global change

The credit union idea arose centuries ago as people worked under a common effort without thought of profit – they put out fires, harvested crops and avoided high-priced loans by lending to one another.

In the 1850s, hard times hit Germany and people turned to each other for help. They removed small savings from under mattresses and made reasonably priced loans to one another, forming the original credit unions. In the 1920s, Edward Filene took cooperative finance to the next level in Boston, as a means of lifting working people out of debt and creating a better life.

On Jan. 17, 1927, the Credit Union League of Massachusetts celebrated the first official credit union holiday. Jan. 17 is the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, America's "Apostle of Thrift," who credit union founders believed to symbolize the purpose and spirit of credit unions. During this time, the credit union movement was new and spreading. People involved only began to recognize the celebration's significance and were unable to devote the time required for sufficient planning. Credit Union Day quietly faded away.

The U.S. Credit Union National Association and CUNA Mutual Insurance Society initiated a new national Credit Union Day celebration in 1948. The third Thursday of October was set aside as the national day of observance. This occasion brought members together to promote the credit union philosophy nationally and reflect upon credit union achievements and history. Members raised funds for the movement and paid homage to loyal supporters and pioneers.

The World Council of Credit Unions, established in 1971, assists credit union movements and supports their development around the world. WOCCU observed the first International Credit Union Day more than 30 years ago and continues to endorse global celebrations. The credit union movement has grown to 196 million members in 100 countries. Celebrate the credit union difference today during this year's ICU Day.

— Courtesy of Credit Union National Association Inc.

The day credit unions speak out

International Credit Union Day has been celebrated on the third Thursday of October since 1948. The day is recognized to reflect upon the credit union movement's history and to promote its achievements. It is a day to honor those who have dedicated their lives to the movement, recognize the hard work of those working in the credit union industry and show members our appreciation.

The ultimate goal is to raise awareness about the great work that credit unions are doing around the world and give members the opportunity to get more involved. Credit unions and associations throughout the world celebrate the day with open houses, contests, picnics and parades.



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Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that provide an effective and viable alternative to for-profit financial institutions for more than 200 million members in 101 countries worldwide. They exist to

serve their members, providing a safe place to save money and access affordable loans.

Each year on International Credit Union Day, the event affords the opportunity to remember credit unions' proud

history and promote awareness of and support for the credit union difference. This year's theme, "Credit Unions Unite for Good: A Better Way," emphasizes the benefits of cooperation among credit unions worldwide. It also speaks to the powerful global network of 56,000 credit unions, which no other financial institution can claim, and the advantages that result from sharing challenges, experiences and solutions with one another to better serve members.

Credit unions are recognized as a force for positive economic and social change and have provided significant value in both developed and emerging nations. World Council of Credit Unions, the international trade association and development agency for credit unions, as well as numerous national credit union trade associations and federations around

the world sponsor the International Credit Union Day.

Today, credit unions from around the world will join forces to celebrate the day with membership drives, contests and fundraisers to help out their local communities. Credit unions will share their activities with the global community on Facebook and LinkedIn as well. This year's message speaks to the powerful global network of credit unions, which no other financial institution can claim, and the advantages that result from sharing challenges, experiences and solutions with one another to better serve members.

For questions about ICU Day, contact Joanne Sepich at icuday@cuna.coop or 800-356-9655, ext. 4867.

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The Credit Union Legislative Action Council is a vehicle through which a credit union advocate can actively participate in advancing the future of the credit union industry.

CULAC is the federal PAC for the Credit Union National Association. CULAC's purpose, as defined in its Articles of Association, is to "provide the opportunity for individuals interested in the future of the credit union movement to contribute to

the support of worthy candidates for federal office who believe, and have demonstrated their belief, in the principles to which the industry is dedicated."

CULAC accomplishes its mission by contributing to and supporting federal candidates and committees that support the Credit Union Movement. It is your continued support and involvement that provides us with the resources to elect credit union advocates to Congress.

Individuals who are

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Attending last week's meeting were (from left) Giving Hope board members Kathy Males and Debbie Maloni and guests Sheryl Labon and Deb Conner. PHOTOS BY KATHY MALES

Skillman leader: Philanthropy is helping to transform lives

Change is possible and can happen – if everyone steps up.

That was the message Carol Goss, president of the Skillman Foundation, brought last Wednesday to more than 100 women gathered at the annual meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

Giving Hope provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Canton and Plymouth, creates an endowment fund for the future and strives to build a community of women philanthropists.

Goss addressed how new roles for philanthropists can transform lives and communities and specifically how philanthropy can and is saving the city of Detroit.



Goss

The Skillman Foundation is a private independent foundation whose mission is to improve the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit by strengthening schools and neighborhoods.

Goss helped launch "Excellent Schools Detroit," which promotes schools that work and is funding new educational models. She is considered a national leader in education reform. Under her leadership, Skillman has moved toward recruiting nonprofits to collaborate with each other and create programs that would target students and their families.

"Today's philanthropy requires risk-taking," Goss told the group at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. She said "philanthropy works when groups – including government – collaborate, share a vision of what can happen and listen to residents."

"We need everyone at the table," she added.

Goss said the Skillman Foundation, with other nonprofits, has worked to improve the lives of children and families in six Detroit neighborhoods, providing comprehensive services and resources needed to improve graduation rates and safety for students. Services such as after-school recreation, tutoring and social services are part of the overall plan.

"Fifty percent of students said they don't feel safe in schools," Goss said, adding that the reality of change is more complex than any one organization working independently can solve.

Goss noted that while there are a lot of positive things going on in Detroit, she fears the city is becoming two separate parts – "Midtown and downtown are attracting younger people" and is improving, while other areas in the city face immense problems. The recent bankruptcy and poverty paint a grim picture of life in Michigan's largest city.

From 2000 to 2010, there was a 17-percent decline in households with children under 18. She noted that since 2007, the number of children living in the U.S. in poverty has increased from 35 to 60 percent.

"Living in poverty causes toxic stress and makes catching up that more difficult," Goss said, adding that change can and is happening with a focus on education and graduation rates.

"Children have the capacity to learn and families have the capacity to change," said Goss, who noted there is reason for optimism.

She cautioned that it is a long-term strategy, but one that is showing results. Graduation rates are up 8.5 percent in the targeted schools and neighborhoods. She said the improvement plans are strategic, comprehensive and collaborative, noting that goals are set and a specific set of metrics is gauging progress through 2016.

Goss encouraged the audience to think big and "don't be afraid of new ideas."

"Hope does not disappear," she added. "We need everyone to step up."

Goss, a native Detroit, holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She will retire at the end of the year and head to Harvard University on a fellowship.



The Village Theatre, decorated with the work of area artists, was a perfect venue for the annual meeting, as evidenced by this group of local women.



Funds raised from the sale of mums helped support the Detroit Diaper Bank, the Giving Circle's Pass the Purse targeted charity last week.



Getting ready to greet members and guests at last week's annual meeting are (from left) Mary Ann Foss, treasurer; Debbie Cortellini, secretary; and Barb Rodenberg, membership chair.

GIVING HOPE 2013

The goal of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is to build a community of women philanthropists. It provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Canton and Plymouth and has created an endowment fund for the future. Giving Hope is a fund of the Canton Community Foundation. For more information, visit cantoncommunityfoundation.org.

- » 82 members
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- » \$28,300 granted to various groups and organizations
- » \$9,106 raised from Pass the Purse (money donated at events/meetings and/or supplies collected for a specific local charity or organization in need).

SIGNATURE CHARITY 2013

Give the Girls a Boost is the group's signature charity for 2013. The 2013 goal was to raise money to support the purchase of undergarments for girls and women in Plymouth and Canton for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Clothing Bank. The April 2013 sold-out event at the Plymouth Cultural Center raised nearly \$8,000 for the clothing bank and \$262 for Girls on the Run, a development program for girls that teaches life skills through interactive lessons and running games.



Kathy Ripley Leo, regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, conducted a commemorative ceremony at the group's namesake's grave site at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. LONNIE HUHMAN

Group connects towns by channeling American Revolution

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution helps provide the Northville, Plymouth and Novi communities a deep connection with this critical point in history.

"We're a service organization with the goal of preserving the American spirit and our history," said Kathleen Ripley Leo, regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR. "Its objectives are historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavor."

The group recently went to the Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville to commemorate its namesake, who is buried there.

The chapter is named for Sarah Ann Cochrane, who was a daughter of a pioneering Michigan family and a direct descendant of five Revolutionary War soldiers. In 1843, Sarah, with her family, came to Northville when her father, the Rev. Sylvester Cochrane, was asked to become the minister of a new Presbyterian Church in the village.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 and is a service organization

dedicated to service to the nation. It's composed of 51 state societies and more than 2,900 chapters in the United States, as well as many units overseas.

At a meeting in Novi late this summer, the local chapter was recognized by the city council for its efforts going to Constitution Week.

"We provide philanthropy, including scholarships to schools, funds to Native Americans, monument preservation and support to veteran and active military and much more," vice regent Deborah Davis said.

One mission it has is to supply a patriot's grave with a patriot's marker that honors that particular person.

"One might think there are no American Revolutionary War patriots buried in the state of Michigan, but one would be wrong," Ripley Leo said.

There are more than 300 patriots buried in the state. Most of these individuals moved to Michigan after the war with their families.

In the Novi Cemetery, there are two such graves. Caleb Carr and Hooper Bishop both served in the war and are buried there. The group is planning to commemorate these graves and men next year with a

marker. "The fact that there are two buried in Novi is remarkable, given that many parts of our state, indeed our nation, do not have one," Ripley Leo said.

Another part of the group's mission is to reach out to local schools and districts.

The DAR conducts a yearly American History Essay Contest for students in fifth through eighth grades. It was established to encourage young people to think creatively about America's great history and learn about it in a new light.

Davis said this contest is open to students in public, private and parochial schools and registered home-study programs.

Each student receives a certificate of participation from the chapter and the chapter winners receive bronze medals and certificates. State winners receive certificates and silver medals, while national winners receive special certificates, medals and a monetary award.

To learn more about the group or to inquire, go to <http://www.cochrane.michdar.net/index.html> or call Ripley Leo at 248-349-4827 or email at KRLEO@comcast.net.

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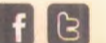
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CROP walk draws faithful crowd

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Inderjeet Kaur of Canton was glad to participate Sunday, Oct. 13, in the 23rd annual Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

"We brought our interfaith group," she said of Interfaith Community Outreach. Kaur worships at Singh Sabha Gurdwara of Michigan in Canton.

"This is one of the many events that could bring kids of all faiths together," Kaur said. She did the shorter two-mile walk.

Walkers in her group included her mom, Davinder Talwar of Dearborn Heights, along with her congregation's Sukhjeet Kaur Matharu of Canton. The Hindu Temple in Canton had walker Sunita Tewani of Canton with Kaur's group. The women had a couple of 7-year-olds, so they didn't do the four-mile walk.

Proceeds from the event, which includes many faith-based groups, support Church World Service and the Plymouth corps of the Salvation Army.

"I really like it," Kaur

said. "We did it last year." She and the others like being with Christians.

"Oh, for sure," said Kaur, who attended a convent school while living in India. "This is a really good cause."

As the event's 2 p.m. start approached, co-chairs Becky and Gary Copenhaver of Canton were putting signs on their car, just in case a walker needed a ride along the routes through Plymouth. "We said we ordered up good weather," said Gary, who worships with his wife at Living Peace Church in Plymouth. "We're very grateful."

The sunny skies and warm temperatures brought out some 92 walkers who had raised \$5,596.11 as of Sunday. Donations are still welcome at www.crophungerwalk.org/plymouthmi.

Other participating congregations included Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, St. John's Episcopal, where the walk began and ended, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and Plymouth's Gurdwara. The local Salvation Army had walkers, too.



The annual Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk brought out some 92 walkers who had raised \$5,596.11 as of Sunday.

"It's something we've been involved with and enjoy," Gary Copenhaver said of their first year as chairs. "It's always fun to take your turn and have responsibility."

They noted all the teamwork, including Geneva's Keith Christenson being treasurer.

"Our church tradition comes out of a service tradition or mentality," Gary Copenhaver said of the CROP (Communities Responding To Overcome Poverty) Walk. He learned the local Salvation Army, which also serves Canton, Northville and Belleville, gives out much food locally.

"That's a lot of assistance going out to people. To me, that's kind of an eye-opening thing where you might not think the need exists."

Maj. Colette Bailey of the Plymouth Salvation Army did the two-mile walk with volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger, a colleague. "It's very exciting because we can use all the assistance from the community we can get," Bailey said. "Our pantry shelves go bare very quickly."

Westland resident Kollinger agreed, noting the corps receives 25 percent of CROP Walk funds. The Salvation Army canteen was at the school district office on Harvey, about midway, with water and snacks.

"They're extremely important," Kollinger said of such benefits. "It allows us to get the word out on programs we're involved in."

Chris Cook of Plymouth, a First United

Methodist worshiper, was walking in her second CROP Walk. "I think I'm going to try the four-mile," she said. "The youth group gets involved at our church, so we walk with our families."

She likes the opportunity to fight hunger here and overseas "and show our kids that you can be active and do something." Cook walked with her son Devon, 12.

The Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray of St. John's Episcopal, priest in charge and an Ann Arbor resident, has been at the Plymouth church 14 weeks.

"I think the CROP Walk is a great thing," she said. The church likes hosting, said member Bill Brave of Plymouth, a past chair for the Plymouth-Canton walk.

"I think I'll do the four-mile," said Brave, who walked with his wife, their 15-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son. "I've got a dog." He agreed the good weather, prayers answered, helped.

Rebecca Styron of Canton is a First United Methodist member who

did the four-mile with her son Adam, 12, who ran. She'd done another CROP Walk years back in college in Kansas.

"He's excited to participate," she said of her son. "He collected quite a bit of money. It worked out great."

Adam, a Discovery Middle School seventh-grader, is in the confirmation class at church. That requires fundraisers and mission work, his mom said.

"I believe in this cause as well," she added. "I thought it would be fun to do this with my son."

The Interfaith Community Outreach representatives included organizer Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "We're just trying to grow around the area," said member Dawn Christenson of Canton, also with Geneva. "We're trying to get together based on what we have in common."

CROP Walk organizers were pleased and hope to boost turnout next year.

"It'd be fun to see this grow in terms of community participation," Gary Copenhaver said.

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Livonia's Greenmead hosts Civil War living history event

Livonia's Greenmead Historic Village will host a Civil War Sesquicentennial Living History Event this weekend.

Sponsored by the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company E Inc., the event will feature scenes of camp and family life from the Civil War, including campfire cooking, military drill and field hospital, civilian needlework demonstrations and children's toys and games.

Admission and parking are free.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Following is the schedule of events:

Saturday
10 a.m. - Military Weapons/ Uniform Inspection / Drill and Firing Demonstrations
11 a.m. - Fashion Show
Noon - Mourning Practices of 19th century
1 p.m. - Children's Drill in Military Camp
2 p.m. - Temperance Meeting/ March at

Friends Meetinghouse
3 p.m. - Military Surgical Field Hospital
4 p.m. - Dance Demonstrations/ Lessons
5 p.m. - Readings from Civil War Soldiers' Letters

Sunday
10 a.m. - Military Weapons/ Uniform Inspection followed by Drill
11 a.m. - Temperance Meeting/ March at Friends Meetinghouse
Noon - Military Surgical Field Hospital
1 p.m. - Mourning

Practices of 19th century
2 p.m. - Dance Demonstrations/ Lessons
3 p.m. - Readings from Civil War Soldiers' Letters

Greenmead is at 20501 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile. The 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company E Inc. is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of the turbulent days of the Civil War.

For additional information, visit <http://17micoe.org>.



Edward Vitez, portraying an ordnance sergeant, stands with a Gatling battery gun at a previous Civil War re-enactment at Greenmead. FILE PHOTO

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What do you buy online?

Researching high-cost items such as houses, apartments and cars is nothing new. Comparing prices on TVs, cell phone plans and computers is the new first step in today's buying process. But did you ever think you would buy something as small as a single dinner or groceries online?

For years, consumers could order a pizza from the comfort of home and, more recently, from the comfort of their mobile phone. Our society has become so connected we can now order items like Manwich, cheese puffs and Charmin online and have them delivered to our door.

Seattle and Los Angeles residents can now buy staples, food and even DVDs through a new offering called Amazon Fresh. The service is available to residents who have Amazon Prime memberships (includes free Amazon shipping and streaming video, similar to Netflix).

For an extra \$299 per year, these Amazon Prime members can have groceries or the latest Tyler Perry flick without leaving home. At first, the price sounds steep, but for those who take weekly trips to Meijer or Kroger, that's 52 less drives to the store. That's 52 fewer times fighting the slow pokes in the cereal aisle and 52 less chances of door dings. It also saves about an hour



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

52 times per year. Amazon isn't the only company capitalizing on online food ordering. While a bit different, Omaha Steaks and Schwann's get a majority of their business from the Internet. Need food for a party? You can search online, input your credit card order and have gourmet items without calling a caterer.

Meals delivered
More innovative companies even have daily meals that can be ordered and mailed to your home. Plated (www.plated.com) creates weekly, chef-created menus that members can order. Weekly menus contain upward of four meals like grilled pork, steak tacos, potato-crust pollock and barbecue chicken burgers and zucchini fries. Meals cost \$10 each. Buy enough of them and you can get shipping for free. Plated delivers to the midwest (including metro Detroit) and the northeast.

The membership plan at Plated is rather secretive, but users are allowed to cancel at any time or opt to not receive meals. I tried Plated for free in July and was pleased with the ease and the overall quality of

food. However, if I had to pay or remain a member, I'd be singing a different tune. Still, for \$10 a meal, you can order dinner a week in advance online and cook them in less than 30 minutes.

For those who have less expensive dinner tastes, there's a more "Seamless" option. There's actually an app called Seamless that lets folks order food from their favorite restaurants and have it delivered (even during late night).

Seamless is a hit in big cities such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Unfortunately, Seamless isn't available in Detroit — but that could change. Seamless has already partnered with more than 12,000 places, so eaters can order delivery or even pick up their own food. There's also an app for ordering on the go and deals and discounts for frequent users.

If you're ever in a hotel and trying to avoid room-service or getting lost in an unfamiliar area, Seamless could be for you. And if you wait a few months, who knows, maybe you can even order a single grape from your tablet. We're not that far away from that being reality.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



DRESS held a ribbon cutting recently at its new location at 550 Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth. Owner Lena Porter cut the ribbon and was joined by her husband Mike, friends, family and other members of the community. Porter was voted "Best Personal Stylist in Detroit" by CBS News.

After Hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its next after-hours event 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at E.G. Nick's, 500 Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth.

The event is designed as a night of networking with fellow chamber members. There will also be a cash bar available. Chamber officials believe E.G. Nick's "has a cozy atmosphere that will be conducive to a great evening of networking." Chamber after-hours events average between 60-100 attendees.

There is no fee to attend this event. RSVP by Oct. 21 to 734-453-1540 or email teri@plymouthmich.org

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the annual Consumer Expo 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage

the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Thomas Paden, president, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The Consumer Expo is held annually in October and features more than 50 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

The Consumer Expo is sponsored by the Showroom of Elegance and Jack Demmer Ford.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its next First Friday Club meeting at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

Chamber officials said the event 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 event is limited to once per quarter.

Admission to the event, sponsored by Showroom of Elegance, is free to chamber members. To make a reservation, call 734-453-4040.

Chamber events

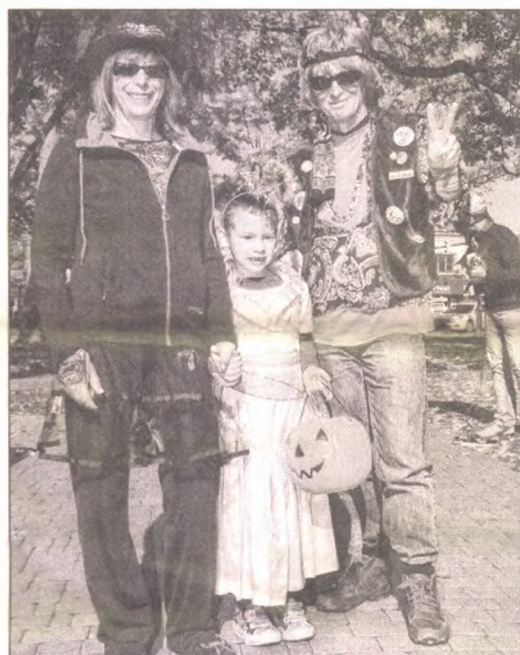
» Scarecrows in the Park are up along Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

» The Plymouth Farmers Market is still taking place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 26. Enjoy fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, mum plants, pumpkins and much more on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

» The 2013 Wicked Halloween Run is set for 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, featuring 10K, 5K Run/Walk and the Monster Mile. The race is sponsored by the Kona Running Co.

For more information and to register, go to www.wickedhalloweenrun.com.

» The Old Village Halloween Party runs from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, on Liberty Street in Old Village.



Trick or treat

Jayne and Tom Rossiter, of Northville, brought granddaughter Lilah-Kai Harper to Pumpkin Palooza and they'll get another chance when Pumpkin Palooza returns to downtown Plymouth from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. Downtown streets will be closed off for games, contests, activities, entertainment and a Haunted Alley. The event will feature age-based costume contests and even a pet costume contest. For more information, visit www.plymouthmich.org/events.html BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

New JAG

Tully Rinckey PLLC has added Army Reservist JAG attorney Tim MacArthur to its military law practice group. MacArthur becomes the ninth member of the group and, with 11 years as a JAG attorney, he brings a wealth of military law experience with him.



MacArthur

MacArthur's JAG career has taken him to many different places, including deputy staff judge advocate for Joint Task Force-Guantanamo at the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As part of JTF-GTMO, he served as staff judge advocate in the absence of the SJA, worked on JTF-GTMO policies and procedures, oversaw legal aspects of detention operations and supervised daily operations of the largest deployed Joint Staff Judge Advocate Office in the U.S. armed forces.

MacArthur, a Plymouth native, received his juris doctorate from Michigan State University/Detroit College of Law in 2001. He received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Madonna University in 1998. Currently he is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve JAG Corps.

Grand re-opening

Comfort Inn Plymouth hosts a grand reopening 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the hotel's location at 40455 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The event is designed to show representatives of businesses with travel into the Plymouth-Canton-Livonia area the newly renovated hotel.

There is no admission cost. RSVP by Oct. 21 to corporate sales manager Lois Offerman at 734-455-8100 or email lois@trussdevelopmentllc.com.

Ashtin moves

Plymouth-based JB Ashtin Group, Inc., has announced the following personnel moves:

» Lori Bainbridge has been promoted to vice president, Strategy & Innovation. Bainbridge will use her 20-year experience in global pharmaceutical marketing and deep understanding of the future needs of our customers to manage new business development process from concept identification to final release. She will also cultivate a broad range information sources to identify market needs and technology trends that provide insights into new business service solutions.

» Autumn Coy is the new senior director, Client Services. Coy, a former manager in the department, will be respon-

sible for cultivating and maintaining key stakeholder relationships while managing the day-to-day operations of JB Ashtin's Client Services team.

» Shelly Asiala, Pharm.D., has been promoted to senior scientific writer. Asiala has been a part of the company's Scientific Services team for a year. In her new position, she will continue to provide her in-depth knowledge of pharmaceutical and her medical writing expertise to JB Ashtin's clients to help them distill complex medical data and communicate their scientific and health care information with credibility, integrity, relevance and impact.

» Val Harmon is the new client services manager.

» Melissa VanLangen is the company's new office manager/accounting coordinator. She will deliver multiple levels of support to the JB Ashtin team in the company's efforts to deliver a high-quality service experience for its clients.

» Erika Brunner is the company's newest project coordinator. As a project coordinator for client speakers' bureaus, she'll assume the role of liaison between clients and their recruited speakers and will develop and execute program analytics plans to guide bureau decision-making in support of the strategic objectives of clients' brands.

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OUR VIEWS

TAG changes could present problems

District officials should proceed with caution

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators and Board of Education members considering major changes to the district's extraordinarily popular Talented and Gifted program are playing with fire.

The program has served the district well for some 30 years and proponents are among the most supportive, vocal and active parents in the district. TAG serves hundreds of students who pass the stringent qualification test and are moved from their home schools to one of three TAG homes - Dodson and Miller elementary schools in Canton and East Middle School in Plymouth Township.

The program, expanded just 18 months ago, is now facing changes announced rather clumsily at a committee meeting last week that could create financial problems for the district and political problems for board members who approve them.

Administrators are considering a change that would disband the units at the three magnet locations and have TAG students taught in general education classrooms. Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's new superintendent, apparently favors that method of teaching - espoused in a method developed by educational psychologist Joseph Renzulli.

But problems are almost certainly going to surface on several fronts if the district pushes such changes. Some of those problems began cropping up last week, when Dr. Carolyn Washington, the district's executive director of elementary education, announced at a meeting of the Advanced Learning Parents Advisory Committee that testing of third-graders for the 2014-15 TAG program wouldn't be held.

It was the first parents had heard of potential changes and it set off a firestorm of criticism that resulted in a roomful of anxious parents at last week's Board of Education meeting.

The reaction was so swift that, by the end of the week, the district had posted a message on its website that "criteria" for new students would be finalized by Dec. 31 so that incoming third-graders could be included next year.

The communication of the potential changes was handled so badly, district officials had to put an apology - and rightly so - on its website. Those kinds of communications issues can be expected, particularly with new people in the superintendent's office and the community relations office. The problem was recognized and addressed quickly, much to their credit.

Besides, that's not the biggest problem the district will face if it changes the magnet model of the TAG program. Administrators and board members sold parents on the TAG program as an attractive piece of the district's educational repertoire when they expanded it just 18 months ago. There are parents who brought their kids back from charter schools or other districts to take advantage of it (one estimate put it at 15 percent of last year's total TAG enrollment).

At more than \$7,100 per student, that's a lot of state foundation grant money at risk if administrators decide to drastically alter the program. Some TAG parents hinted at a mass exodus last week, making mention of both charter schools and a new TAG program being piloted in Wayne-Westland schools this year. That program is housed at Walker-Winter Elementary School, which is in Canton and is made up of a large percentage of Canton students.

Wayne-Westland is a schools-of-choice district and parents could opt for that model - or for charter schools - if Plymouth-Canton makes changes.

The political price for any changes could also be steep. There's a school board election in a little more than a year and TAG parents are among the most vocal in the district.

Board members having to run for election next year, while potential voters are having to rearrange their children's lives because of changes to the TAG program, could find themselves struggling for votes.

If the district's professional educators believe a new way of teaching TAG is necessary and would be beneficial to all students, then by all means they should take a look. There could be hidden benefits, perhaps to students who could be mentored by TAG students in their general education classrooms.

But administrators should also be mindful of the strain they could be putting on teachers forced to deal with a wide array of students, all of whom learn at different levels, all in the same classroom. It would be more difficult to meet everyone's needs, which should be of paramount importance here.

If there's a better way of teaching TAG students that would benefit all students, the district should study it. After all, "because we've always done it that way" isn't a reason to ignore possible upgrades. But there's another adage administrators should keep in mind, as well.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the 28-year prison sentence for former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Fine. I guess the judge knows."

Maria Holian
Plymouth



"Very deserved. ... He'll probably get out before."

Nancy Vaghy
Canton Township



"I'm happy. Not only did he steal from the city, but he further destroyed the image and the credibility."

Janet Adkins
Plymouth



"It's fair, a fair sentence based on what he did during his tenure."

Ashok Parikh
Plymouth Township

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAG changes

Parents of talented and gifted students (including me) received a blow from the Plymouth-Canton School District on Oct. 7. At a parent meeting, the district announced it would be "improving" the TAG program by eliminating it and sending the children to general education classes.

Addition by subtraction is sometimes possible. But closing a popular and successful program, considered one of the jewels of the district, makes no sense. Less than 24 hours after the announcement, the school board meeting was overflowing with parents showing their support for the TAG program and expressing their concerns.

School board members offered that changes have not yet been formally discussed or approved. However, no testing is planned for admitting students into the program for next year. Obviously, without students, there is no program.

It is prudent to consider new options that may offer improvements to the educational process for students. However, it is difficult to understand how the Plymouth-Canton district becomes more competitive with other districts or charter schools by not offering a talented and gifted program.

Some may assume these kids will be fine no matter where they are taught. These are bright kids and their giftedness offers opportunity for advanced learning, but they also have unique needs and challenges.

Failing to meet these needs can diminish their enthusiasm for learning and weaken the study skills and habits they will require later on in their academic careers. A great way to address these needs is through classroom interactions with peers who share their interests and aptitudes, facilitated by a teacher trained and experienced

in how gifted kids learn. This is a big factor in the TAG program's long-time success.

These are young kids who deserve to learn something new each day and look forward to going to a school that addresses their needs. This is an opportunity to move beyond the past divisiveness in district leadership and for the school board and administration to come together by listening to the parents of the impacted students.

My son has enthusiastically embraced the TAG program and I am impressed with its quality. The possibility of having to tell him that his program is being taken away from him is something I don't want to imagine.

He's an inquisitive boy and I know he'll ask "Why?"

I don't have an answer.

Steve Renaldi
Plymouth

Another GOP deception

As Oct. 17 approaches and the rhetoric from Republicans like Congressman Kerry Bentivolio amps up, make no mistake about it, raising the government debt ceiling is nothing like increasing the credit limit on a credit card. However, politicians like Bentivolio won't tell you that not raising the debt ceiling is exactly like someone refusing to pay the bill on a credit card account that one has made charges on.

Some of the charges that make up the U.S. debt were made recently, others were made years ago. Without a doubt, some of the debts in need of repayment today actually originated during the Bush era, since much of the debt the U.S. has incurred came as a result of doubling the national debt and quadrupling the annual deficit under Bush and the subsequent carryover of obligation to the current administration. The debt incurred funded two off-budget wars, Medicare Part D with no funding stream and unprece-

ded tax cuts for the wealthiest among us.

When Bentivolio and other Republicans attempt to employ the credit card analogy, the idea is to deceive and manipulate, much like when they try to convince us that the United States budget is like our own "kitchen table" budget situation. They demand we employ the so-called common sense axiom that we spend no more than we make. Similar to the claim that increasing the debt ceiling is something akin to a credit card spending spree, demanding that the government spend only what it takes in, just like all American families allegedly must do, is a line of bunk and hardly a tidbit of common sense when examined more closely.

If you have a mortgage on your home or use credit cards and don't pay the full balance monthly or use credit to purchase cars, appliances or any other high cost items, you actually spend more than you make. Use of credit by no means makes you an irresponsible spendthrift, no more than it is an indictment of our government, so long as the bills are paid on time.

The health of our economy essentially depends upon consumer ability to make credit purchases. The same holds true for the U.S. government and paying the bills on time necessitates periodically raising the debt ceiling, which actually authorizes debt repayment.

Since the United States has only been debt-free a total of less than 10 years in its entire 238-year history and since many citizens, especially conservatives, insist upon American Exceptionalism, apparently carrying debt not only doesn't seem to be a problem, it may well be part of that pathway to greatness that the U.S. is always allegedly treading upon.

Mitch Smith
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Michigan open for business

With the federal government shutdown in its second week, I'd like to remind residents that unlike our counterparts in D.C., lawmakers in Lansing are working hard to make sure that Michigan is still open for business.

While the standard in Washington continues to be working without a budget and continuing resolutions that are put off until the last possible moment, we here in Michigan have been working to produce balanced budgets. Not only that, but we are getting them done four months before the start of the new fiscal year and offering local governments and school districts greater stability in planning their own budgets for the coming year. This may seem incredibly early by Washington standards, but it is now the new normal in Michigan.

Washington should pay attention to what's happening in Michigan. They could learn a thing or two. Strong leadership in Michigan has led to difficult, but necessary, decisions being made. Decisions that, while initially unpopular, are helping our state rebound from a very severe economic downturn.

We have worked hard in Michigan to take a look at all of the problems preventing our economy from growing and have



John Walsh

taken steps to find the solutions. We've reduced our unfunded liabilities and created budgets that aren't balanced by using gimmicks, but that contain real solutions to very real problems.

Now, while Washington suffers from a complete lack of leadership, we are beginning to see the results from the tough decisions made by strong leadership in Michigan and what those results are providing for all residents of Michigan. Since 2010, we've reduced our unfunded liabilities by more than \$21 billion. Average home values have risen by more than \$20,000 in the past three years, while personal income is up more than \$2,500 in the same amount of time. And more than 200,000 jobs have been added in Michigan, helping us bring our unemployment down from double digits. All of this has been done while adding upward of \$580 million to our rainy day fund. We've reduced unnecessary and burdensome regulations, making life easier for everyone in Michigan. When problems arise, we've taken action and made the diffi-

cult decisions, delivering results to Michigan's hard-working taxpayers.

It wasn't long ago that Michigan was suffering from the same lack of leadership and inaction that is currently paralyzing our federal government. We've experienced two shutdowns in Michigan. I remember the shutdown of 2009 that took place during my first term in office. The change that has taken place since that time is incredible and provides a lesson for Washington. In order for things to change and in order to avoid further crises, our leaders in D.C. need to step up and provide actual leadership. Pointing fingers and laying the blame game didn't work in Michigan and it will continue to prevent the possibility of real solutions coming from our federal government.

By balancing the budget, reducing unfunded liabilities and not being afraid to make the difficult, but right, decision, Michigan has been able to overcome the lack of leadership that held us back before. Now, it's time for Washington to step up and show that there are strong leaders who are willing to do what it takes to make government work again.

John Walsh is speaker pro tempore of the Michigan House of Representatives.

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Craft show focuses on education

With the leaves rapidly changing colors and the days getting shorter, Delta Kappa Gamma is gearing up for its annual fall craft show, the yearly event that raises money to provide college scholarships for community students.

The 29th annual craft show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth. The event will feature more than 60 artisans.

Included will be hand-crafted soaps made of natural ingredients by Shari, vintage jewelry, buttons, keys and belts by Helga Henn, pottery by Beth Hazen and photography by Terry Odell, as well as seasonal decor and gourmet foods. Proceeds from the annual event help to provide scholarships to Plymouth-Canton students. Admission is \$2.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a professional, international honorary society of women who work in the field of education. Established in 1929, the society, whose Greek letters mean "key women educators," is made up of teachers, counselors, administrators and para-professionals, both retired and employed, who support the international society's mission statement of "promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

The Michigan state organization of Delta Kappa Gamma is called Alpha Iota. The local chapter is Gamma Gamma, a group of 34 women from Plymouth, Canton and neighboring commu-



Delta Kappa Gamma chapter members include (back, from left) Gerry Dugan, Sandy Baxter, Jan Kavulich, Alice Chrenko, Rachelle Benner, Debbie Cortellini, Nancy Navarre, Debbie Maloni, Mary McGrath, Barb Marshall, Sandy Downs, Linda Piggott, Jan Carney, Pam Morgan and Jan Migyanka; and (seated, from left) Anne Schlick, Jodi Ring, Liz VanWestenburg and Kay Koch.

nities. Members meet once a month during the school year, with a planned program and guest speaker followed by a business meeting.

Guest speakers have included physicians, the superintendent of education, district teachers and administrators, school board members, legislators and senators, authors, a chef, a district court judge and fellow members. Meetings are held at local restaurants, libraries and club houses.

According to chapter officials, DKG members work on various community projects and support charitable groups. Some philanthropic projects include First Step Shelter for women and children, the Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, the Plymouth Miracle League, the Clothing Bank, the high school choir and the Literacy Council. Members also provide school supplies each year to community children and provide scholarship money to Plymouth-Canton students who are pursuing a

career in education.

During the past 30 years, officials point out, the chapter has provided more than \$100,000 in scholarship money to more than 60 students. Currently eight students are receiving funds and attending Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Saginaw Valley State University and Hope College. Students interested in Delta Kappa Gamma scholarships should contact their high school counseling office.

This year's craft show will also offer a special drawing for several prizes: a hand-stitched Amish quilt, a quilt and picnic package, tickets to a 2014 Tigers game with parking pass and concession certificate, a golf package at Pheasant Run Golf Club, a golf package at Fox Hills Golf Club, a 932 Bed & Breakfast package and gift certificates to many restaurants in the Plymouth-Canton area.

Returning again this year is the American Association of University

Women, which features a book sale in collaboration with the craft show. Proceeds from the book sale will also help to fund scholarships for community students.

Delta Kappa Gamma has also honored Friends of Education, people within the community who have been supportive of excellence in education. Past recipients include Beth Stewart, Judge Ronald Lowe, Margaret Dunning, Officer Jamie Senkbeil, Dan LeBlond, Debra Madonna, Rod Jenkins, Sharon Belobraidich, Marilyn Tatterton, Joanne Hulce, Gene Overholt and Robert Zaetta. The chapter also recognizes Women of Distinction within the local organization. Gamma Gamma continues to achieve excellence in all its endeavors.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting, supporting local charities and making improvements in the school and community can contact Barb Marshall at 734-475-9743 or email WaldoRd2@aol.com.

Medicare enrollment period ends Dec. 7



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Seniors, it's that time of year to review Medicare D Prescription Drug Coverage. It is a once-a-year opportunity to change your prescription drug plan, if necessary.

The open enrollment period just started and ends Saturday, Dec. 7. Of course, like anything that deals with health care, the decision is not necessarily easy. But it is extremely important. The key is take your time, get the necessary facts and make the right decision for yourself. There's no one plan that's good for everyone. The key is which one is good for your individual situation.

It's important when comparing different plans that the drugs you need are on the plan's list. The drug list is referred to as a formulary. Not only do you have to make sure your drug is on the formulary, but you need to make sure that your dose and quantity also are covered.

A drug plan won't help pay the cost of a drug not on its formulary. If you are later prescribed a drug not on the formulary, it may be possible to talk to your doctor and he/she may be able to prescribe a different drug that works just as well.

If your drugs, quantity and dosage are on the formulary, make sure the pharmacy you use is listed as well. Unfortunately, some plans only work with certain pharmacies.

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The best place to start your search is the

Medicare Drug Finder (www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/). This is an excellent resource to help narrow your search.

Many people will select the least expensive plan, making the assumption that all plans are generally the same. This is not the case. Plans differ dramatically and cost, although an important element, is just one to consider when making a selection. You can have the least expensive plan, but if it doesn't cover the drugs that you need, then it's worthless.

In comparing plans, you may find that there is no one plan that covers all the medications you need. In those situations, I recommend focusing on the medications that cost the most when you factor in the quantity and dosage.

Also, keep in mind a plan that is good for you may not be good for your spouse. If you take different medications, you may need a different drug plan.

We all recognize the state of health care changes dramatically. You can't assume that what was good last year will work for you this year. It's almost like every year you have to start from scratch to find the best plan for you.

There is no one perfect plan. Narrow it down to a handful of different plans and then choose what's best. By doing it this way, no matter what plan you choose, it will work for you.

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

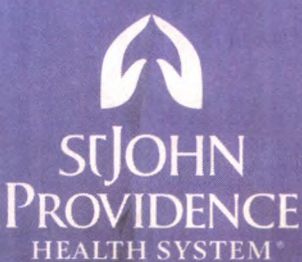
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Firefighter fundraiser

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 20, 1-3 p.m.
Location: The Rusty Nail, 43845 Ford Road in Canton
Details: The Rusty Nail and the Canton Fire Department sponsor a live and silent auction, along with a 50/50 raffle. Items available for auction include sports memorabilia, limited-edition beer mirrors and pictures that were located within the Rusty Nail. All proceeds will go to the Canton Fire Fighter Foundation, which aids local Canton families in crisis. The charity houses, clothes and feeds families in need of assistance following a tragic fire. Donations will also be accepted.

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Ply-

mouth
Details: Johnny Trudell and his Quartet - with Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tini on bass, Billy Cairo on drums and Chuck Shermataro on keyboard - will be featured. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

Daughters of Union Vets

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 Main in Plymouth
Details: Native American soldiers who fought in a Michigan regiment during the Civil War will be the focus of discussion at the annual District Meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1861-65). Guest speakers Michael Perez, com-



Final performances

Barefoot Productions presents "Murder by Poe" for the final three showings of its run at the Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Final performances take place at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19, with a final 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Oct. 20. All seats are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the box office at 734-560-1493 or visiting <http://www.justgobarefoot.com/>.

mander of the Anishnabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society, and Chris Czopek, Lansing historian and mem-

ber of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will give presentations about the little-known or forgotten 139

Native American men of Co. K, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. Perez, a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, is featured in the award-winning documentary *Road to Andersonville*. Czopek is the author of a recently released book *Who Was Who in Company K*.

Lions Club euchre

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth
Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts a euchre tournament featuring cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A \$20 registration is payable at the door. New this year is quarter cups, get euchred, pay quarter. Bring your quarters for the Got Euchred, cups-quarters will be available for purchase. Also, pizza, snacks and a cash bar. Money raised from the tournament will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in the community, including those who need assistance during the slow economy. The Canton Lions Club has 42 members and meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.
Contact: Preregister your first and last name by calling 734-358-4280 or emailing CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com by Oct. 30.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor. The counselor can help 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 pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.
Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Colbeck hours

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 18, 8-10 a.m.
Location: George's Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive in Northville.
Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, announced that October coffee hours have been scheduled for the 7th Senate District. District coffee hours provide residents with the opportunity to meet with the senator or a member of his staff to address issues related to state government. No appointment is necessary.
Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Heise coffee

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 18, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 20140 Haggerty, Northville.
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise sponsors coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.
Contact: Call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Grief to New Hope

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 22 through Dec. 10, 7-8:45 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is presenting an eight-week grief workshop this fall titled "From Grief to New Hope." The workshop, which is offered at no cost to participants and is open to anyone grieving after the death of a loved one, will be presented by New Hope's speaker team led by Executive Director Karen Laing. Each session will begin with an informational presentation about one aspect of grief, followed by small group participation guided by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.
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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

It's a keeper: Patriots oust Plymouth, 2-1

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

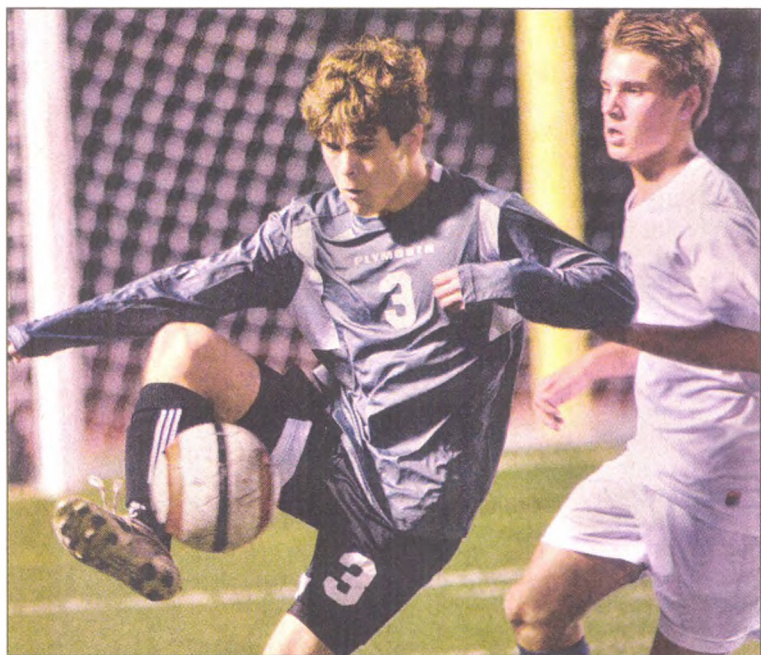
Livonia Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski proved to be the man in Tuesday's 2-1 Division 1 district boys soccer win over visiting Plymouth.

In hockey terms, it's called "standing on your head" and nobody could disagree as the senior made clutch save after clutch save to propel the 10-8-1 Patriots into Thursday's district semifinal against state-ranked Salem.

"I don't know, I just pulled it together, at least get it together, be calm and cool, and work my best," said Lewandowski, who finished with 11 saves. "It was a weight lifted off my shoulders. I felt great. I could have done anything. I wasn't worried. I felt calm and cool."

Franklin made both of their first-half goals by Bobby Mandrink and Nick Curtis stand up before Plymouth's Viet Nguyen made things interesting with a goal with only 25:49 left in the second half.

But Lewandowski stood tall making several clutch saves, including one when he denied the Wildcats on a two-on-one.



Plymouth's Nicholas Freda (No. 3) uses fancy footwork against Livonia Franklin's Zach Brokaw on Tuesday night. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"By far it was his best game all season," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The goal Viet (Nguyen) scored ... I mean we were laughing at it in the locker room afterwards. Spencer knew that was something he should have had, but by far it

was the most outstanding game he's played. The whole team is proud. He was the key savior in this game."

Mandrink's goal was unassisted with 17:29 left in the

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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Fast start lifts Rocks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's never a bad thing for a soccer team to come out firing on all cylinders.

At least for a while. Such was the case Tuesday night, as state-ranked Salem scored three early goals and hung on for a 3-1 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill in a Division 1 varsity boys soccer district quarterfinal.

Even so, Rocks' head coach Scott Duhl did not call it a flaw-

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Salem's David Schroeder (No. 18) gains a step on Churchill's Brian Cavicchio. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Blazo lifts MU golfers

The Madonna University women's golf team wrapped up the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference fall season with a pair of first-place finishes on Saturday at WHAC Jamboree Four held at Hawthorne Hills Country Club in Lima, OH. As a team, MU took first with a two-day total of 338-310-648, while freshman Natalie Blazo (Dearborn Divine Child) shot 77-76-153 to earn individual medalist honors for the first time in her career.

Rounding out the WHAC field were Indiana Tech (657), Siena Heights (682), Aquinas (687), Davenport (715), Lourdes (716), North-western (775) and Cornerstone (848).

And for her efforts, Blazo was named WHAC Golfer of the Week (Oct. 7-13). She is the first MU golfer to win the season.

Other MU finishers included Chelsea Colluar, fifth, 83-77-160; Ayla Bogie, tied for sixth, 91-74-165; Holly Laginess, 13th, 87-86-173; Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill), tied for 14th, 91-83-174; Becca Porter, tied for 20th, 96-85-181.

Blazers fall in playoffs

Birmingham Marian went to a shootout Friday to oust Livonia Ladywood, 2-1, in a Catholic League girls field hockey semifinal.

The Blazers struck first early in the second half as junior Kendall Romano tipped in a shot from senior Christina Meyer to give Ladywood a 1-0 lead.

Marian responded by turning up the pressure and mid-way through second half and tallied the equalizer to tie the match and force overtime. In the shootout, the Mustangs outscored Ladywood, 2-0.

Sophomore goalie Maddie Hass made seven saves during regular time, including three spectacular saves during the shootout for the Blazers (5-6-3).

Glo golf challenge

PGA professional Tami Bealert will stage a Glo Golf Putting Challenge and Fish Fry beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Green-side Tavern at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The format is two-person teams. Youths 13-and-up are encouraged to participate with an adult.

Included in the \$30 per person cost is a fish fry, glo ball, glo necklace and prizes. The registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 13 (limited to the first 24). Call 734-927-3265 to register.

You can also register for private putting lessons from noon to 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at Hickory Creek.

For more information, visit TrainWithTami.com or call 734-731-0238.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

'Cats, Rocks capture weekend invitationals

Harriers now gear up for KLAA Championship meet

Spearheaded by a second-place finish by senior Zane Berlanga, Plymouth's boys varsity cross country team finished first at Saturday's Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark in Ann Arbor.

The Wildcats tallied 48 points, to exceed runner-up Birmingham Seaholm (56) and Clarkston (third, 67 points).

Berlanga's time of 16 minutes, 36.10 seconds was good for second overall, only trailing medalist Dennis Mitchell's time of 16:22.20.

Not too far behind Berlanga were Plymouth teammates Matthew Pahl (sixth, 17:08.00), Liam Cardenas (10th, 17:14.80) and Mayur Patil (12th, 17:21.90).

Finishing 19th for the Wildcats was Jonny Dalton (17:33.50), followed by Blerim Mema (24th, 17:55.70) and Max Rogowski (26th, 17:57.60).

Plymouth, as well as Canton and Salem, will compete Thursday at the KLAA Championship meet at Huron Meadows.

Rocks prevail at TC

Salem's varsity boys cross country team continues to peak at the right time of the season, winning last weekend's Traverse City Invitational with 30 points.

The Rocks topped the 14-team field, with sophomore Chaz Jeffress fourth overall.

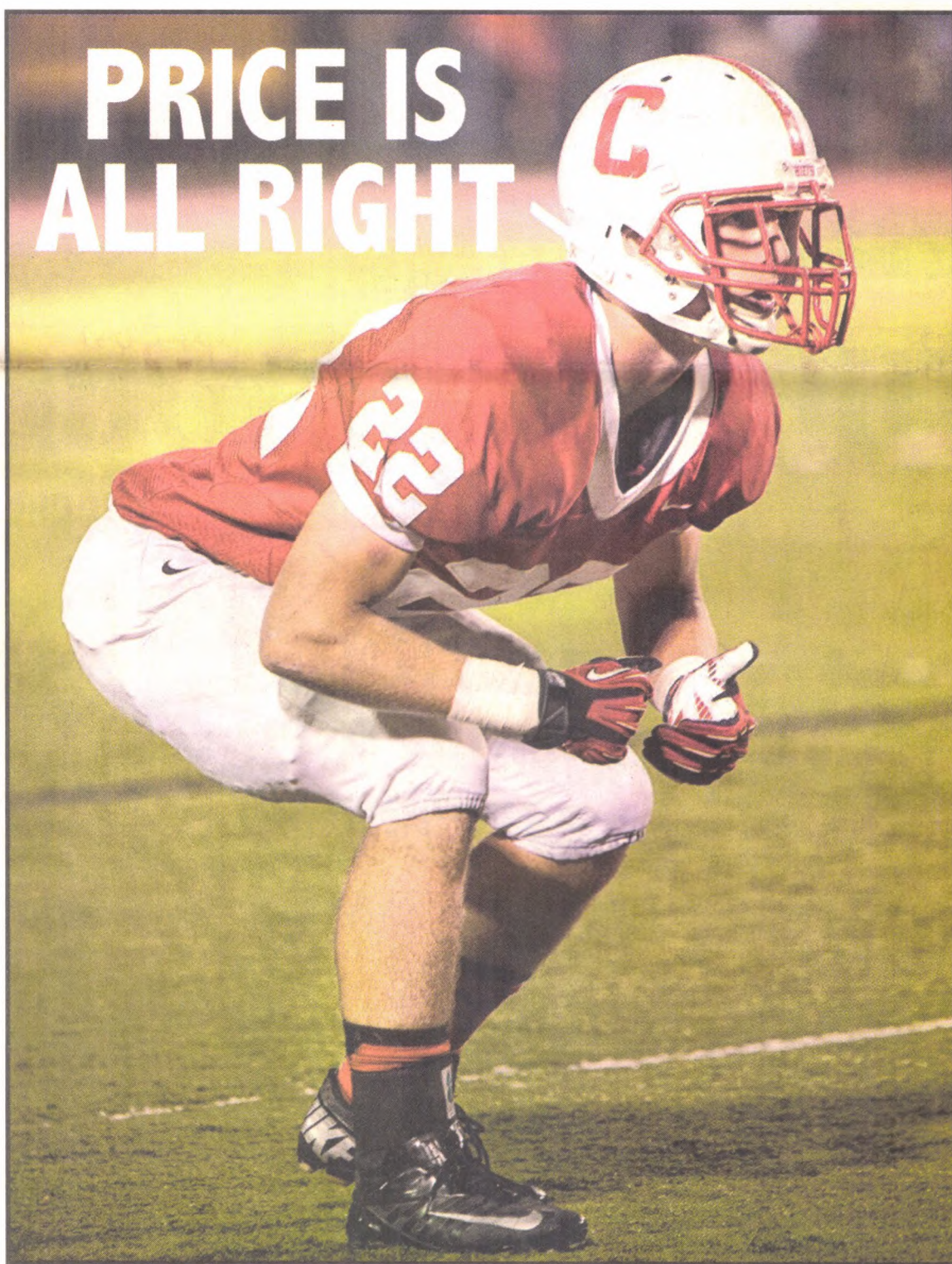
Jeffress had teammates right behind him in places 5-8: senior Brendan McCann, juniors Noah Engerer and Jason Rogers.

Placing 11th for the Rocks was junior Nabil Ahmed. Other Salem finishers included juniors Peter Sonnega, Patrick Casey, Paul Vander (16th, 19th, 24th, respectively) and freshman Alex Kroll (30th).

"We are rounding nicely into form for the final couple of weeks of our season and I am excited to see how we compete in the upcoming meets," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said. "The strength of our team is our pack and they did a great job of moving up during the second mile

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PREP FOOTBALL



Canton senior Westren Price is happy and ready for the next snap during a recent game. ANN ESPINOZA

Canton senior happy to do his part to help football team succeed

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

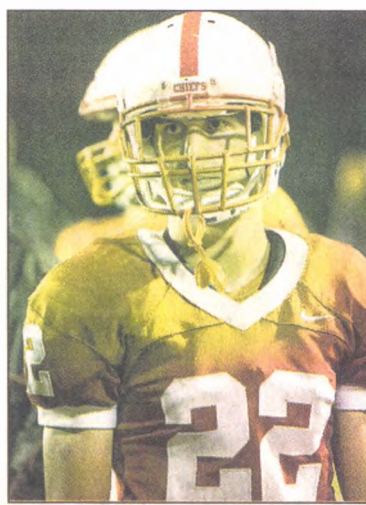
Westen Price epitomizes what Canton Football is all about.

The senior fullback and defensive back pulls the rope along with everybody else, doing whatever it takes to help the Chiefs succeed on the gridiron.

According to the speedy, versatile Price — who is one of the catalysts behind Canton's 7-0 record, good enough to clinch the KLAA South Division — it all starts at the top, with head coach Tim Baechler.

"It's basically to never quit," said Price about the Baechler blueprint. "Just do your 1/11th and everything. It's a refuse-to-lose attitude, basically.

"Every play, give everything you've got, no matter



Intensity is etched on the face of Canton senior football player Westren Price. ANN ESPINOZA

what."

Price is more than willing to do his part, especially if it helps the Chiefs move up the

"It is very refreshing to have a running back with the personality of an offensive lineman."

TIM BAECHLER,
Canton football coach

charts in the KLAA and Division 1 with the postseason looming.

He said it's gratifying the way the season is unfolding, particularly for the seniors who he said have put pressure on themselves to go out strong.

There is extra pressure on those players "because we kind of had a shaky season last season (6-4 record)" and they want to help the Chiefs continue to be one of the best pro-

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OHL HOCKEY

Whalers back on track with 4-2 win

The Plymouth Whalers struck for three unanswered goals in the second period to overcome a 1-0 Kitchener lead, and the Whalers went on to defeat the Rangers, 4-2, on Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers improve to 4-6-0-0. Kitchener has lost three straight and is now 3-4-0-0.

After Ryan MacInnis



Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, shown from a recent OHL game, rebounded from a loss with a strong performance Saturday against Kitchener. RENA LAVERTY

scored at 12:50 the first period for Kitchener, the Whalers came back on Victor Crus Rydberg's goal on the power play at 0:23 (second of the year), Gianluca Curcuruto's first of the year, short-handed at 4:02 and Zach Lorentz's goal at 13:05 (fourth of the year and

fourth in four games) to lead, 3-1 after forty minutes.

Kitchener's Matia Marcantuoni cut the Plymouth lead to 3-2 on the power play at 11:42 of the third period, but Carter Sandlak iced the game for the Whalers with an empty net goal at 19:46.

Kitchener outshot Plymouth, 39-26. Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic — pulled Friday night in Sault Ste. Marie in a 3-2 loss to the Greyhounds — rebounded with a strong performance tonight as the game's third star.

Plymouth is on the road all week, playing in North Bay on Thursday, Sudbury on Friday and Barrie on Saturday.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

P-C Steelers ground Comets in WSJFL sweep

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Steelers running back Lou "The Bull" Baechler spent more time in the end zone than the red zone Saturday night against the Westland Comets — and he was in the red zone a lot.

Baechler stamped for four touchdowns to lead the Steelers to an emphatic 64-38 victory to cap a perfect homecoming day for the hosts at Central Middle School. The Steelers improved to 6-0 in the Western Suburban Junior Football League heading into Saturday's final home game against Lincoln.

Leading Baechler to paydirt was the blocking of Seth Trozak, Dean Kaye, Thomas Noble and Danny Lanava. Defensively, the Steelers were paced by Nick Prevo, Chase Cunningham and Chase Every. Andrew Davis and Connor Engel both returned intercep-

tions for touchdowns while Nick Polydoros also picked off a pass.

In a showdown featuring a pair of 4-1 teams, the junior varsity Steelers upended the Comets, 22-15. The Steelers set the tone early when Ben Wright powered into the end zone from one yard out. Carson Miller's two-point conversion kick made it 8-0. Wright's TD was set up by a key third-down pass from Jake Cain to James Hanson.

With the game knotted at 8-all, the Steelers seized the lead for good on their initial third-quarter possession when Miller rumbled into the end zone from 1 yard out before adding his second two-point kick. Nick Downs, Luke Fisher and Hanson provided pivotal blocks on the drive.

Miller provided a 4-yard insurance TD in the fourth quarter. Defensively, the Steelers were spearheaded by strong efforts from Liam Radomski, Tyler Overai-

tis, Ben Bennett, Cooper Donline, Zach Sweet, Cain and Jason Perko.

Jack Vespaziani made the most of his three carries in the freshmen Steelers' 53-6 romp over the Comets. The speedy running back racked up 100 yards and two touchdowns to lead the winners' 370-yard rushing effort. Also making huge contributions were Brayden Willis (95 yards, one TD) and Garrett Geyer (93 yards, two TDs).

Other players who scored were Dylan DeSantis, Luke Janack, Nate Cain and Andrew Uhlian, while Andrew Iaquaniello and Aidan Tafelski hooked up for a 30-yard scoring pass. Offensive linemen Brendan Jankowski, Spencer Vos, Colin McAuliffe, Adam Nicholas and Nolan Mathew were stellar, as were defensive standouts Uhlian, Lucas Tafelski, DeSantis and Acelino Villarini. Willis and Vespaziani recovered Comet fumbles.

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Week 8	Emons	O'Meara	Smith	Wright
Last week	8-3	9-2	8-3	8-3
Overall	69-20	70-19	56-33	66-23
All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted				
Friday, Oct. 18				
Cesar Chavez (3-4) at Luth. West. (1-6), 3:45 p.m.	Luth. Westland	Chavez	Chavez	Chavez
Farmington (1-6, 1-5) at Harrison (6-1, 5-1)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
S. Lyon (5-2, 4-1) at Plymouth (5-2, 3-2)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Northville (6-1, 5-0) at Canton (7-0, 5-0)	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Thurston (4-3) at Goodrich (3-4)	Thurston	Thurston	Goodrich	Thurston
S. Lyon East (0-7, 0-5) at Wayne (0-7, 0-5)	East	East	Wayne	East
Crestwood (2-5) at RU (1-6)	Crestwood	Crestwood	RU	Crestwood
Garden City (3-4, 2-2) at Romulus (3-3, 1-3)	Romulus	Romulus	Garden City	Romulus
Novi (4-3, 3-2) at John Glenn (4-3, 3-2)	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	Novi
Stevenson (3-4, 2-3) at Churchill (2-5, 2-3)	Churchill	Churchill	Stevenson	Churchill
Salem (1-6, 1-4) at Franklin (3-4, 2-3)	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Annapolis (4-3, 2-2) at Clarenceville (7-0, 5-0)	C'ville	C'ville	C'ville	C'ville
Hazel Park (0-7, 0-6) at N. Farm. (4-3, 3-3)	N. Farm.	N. Farm.	N. Farm.	N. Farm.

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first half.

"As soon as we got that first goal we decided to drop another forward back and play with one forward," Rodopoulos said. "We had three in the mid (field), one being defensive, and just try and flood the middle. Our big key was the reaction time, not let them control the ball and not letting them figure out what they're going to do next. We just had to get in their face and it worked."

The Patriots also scored with 10:38 left in the half on Curtis' goal off a feed from Robert Jiga.

"They scored a couple of good goals," Plymouth coach Jeff Nescich said. "We had a lot of opportunities in the first half, but just didn't capitalize on them."

The Wildcats tried to apply more pressure in the second half and sent a series of dangerous floaters into the Franklin box off long free kicks.

"We definitely tried to defend their game," Rodopoulos said. "They like to go outside. They like to go through the middle. That's what caught us last time is their counters. They're real quick on the counters. We made sure we had guys back. We made sure we dropped an extra midfielder back.

"The man (Nguyen) has so much control on the ball. It was to see him back on the



Plymouth players Michael Blake (No. 19) and Jason Liguori (No. 15) converge on Livonia Franklin's Matt Freed during Tuesday's district soccer contest. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

field again. Other than that it was a 'Hail Mary.' We were hoping to get rid of it and we got rid of it."

But the Patriots' defense remained stingy and held the fort thanks to Lewandowski, who had faced the Wildcats in two previous meetings which resulted in a 0-0 tie and a 3-1 setback.

"You learn how they play, just how they move the ball

and how they shoot, when they shoot," Lewandowski said. "You're just able to catch on."

In the final five minutes, Mandrink rang a short free kick off the crossbar and Stephen Barczuk also just missed high for the Patriots, who tried to pad their lead.

Plymouth, meanwhile, ends its season at 6-12-1 overall.

"We've been up and down a little bit during the course of

the year," Nescich said. "We had a couple of really strong games and we had a couple of weak ones."

The Wildcats lose eight seniors to graduation.

"Vikas (Kannegant) and Viet (Nguyen) were both highly trained players and good leaders for us," Nescich said, "but I think all the seniors stepped up for us and played well for us this year."

ROCKS

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less performance, even though his team (12-2-6) advanced to play Livonia Franklin on Thursday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We talked about the importance of getting off to a good start, (and) we scored a couple of early goals," Duhl said. "But part of it was also a downfall late, because we became too relaxed and calm and thought the job was done."

"So I'm a little frustrated with the performance, happy with the way we came out the first half, but we need to be better if we think we're going to advance."

On target

Starting the ball rolling for Salem was senior Connor Cole, which came directly off a long throw.

Soon thereafter, senior Matt DeMoss beat Churchill senior goalkeeper Colton Robison on a perfectly placed shot to make it 2-0.

"(It) was just Brady Cole dribbling down the (left) line and he played a perfect ball in," DeMoss said. "A great ball near post and I was able to get a nice little touch on it to put it far post."

"So just great teamwork to get the ball up there."

Sophomore midfielder Max Kummer's marker opened up an insurmountable 3-0 half-time edge for the Rocks.

"For me, I thought the player of the game for us Max Kummer," Duhl said. "He



It's a footrace between Churchill's Tyler Piotrowski (left) and Salem's Connor Cole during Tuesday's district contest. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

scored the (third) goal, with a great little touch, and touches it with the outside of his foot and ripped it far post.

"Maybe one of the best goals we scored in terms of just finishing and from distance."

Seeing red

Livonia Churchill head coach Matt Grodzicki said it was tough for his team (11-8-1) to give up a couple quick goals, not to mention a red card against senior midfielder TJ Deyoung in the first half that cost the Chargers a key performer.

"I think it (the red card) was a lot of things, but it was a retaliation thing," Grodzicki said. "I don't know, I didn't see it. But I thought in that particular instance that it didn't merit a red card. A yellow

would have been enough."

With Deyoung out of the picture, however, it took a while for the Chargers to regroup. By that time, it was a three-goal deficit.

"We came out and won the second half ... but (Deyoung's ejection) was huge, especially against Salem," Grodzicki said. "You can't play a man down. And he takes all of our throw-ins, all our re-starts, he's kind of the engine in the middle."

"To our credit, a guy came off the bench, Brendan Dilloway, and stepped up and filled the void that we needed. I was proud of my guys in the second half."

Churchill nearly got on the board early in the second half following a giveaway by the Rocks in their end of the pitch.

But junior Daniel Jones' lengthy drive missed the right post.

The Chargers finally were rewarded a few minutes later for putting extra pressure on the Salem defense.

Senior Tyler Piotrowski booted a free kick from about 35 yards out that senior Brian Cavicchio neatly finished for the goal.

Cavicchio, perched near the left post, sent the ball inside the opposite corner past Salem senior goalkeeper Colton Hewett.

"We got to be better on free kicks," Duhl said. "The formula is to not give up goals on free kicks if you want to advance in the state playoffs."

Nice sendoff

With about 25 minutes remaining, Brady Cole was bumped in the 18-yard box, resulting in a Salem penalty kick.

Taking the kick was Connor Cole, but his low drive was smothered by the diving Robison — who made several spectacular stops.

Churchill could not garner any momentum out of that save, however. And with less than 10 minutes remaining, Grodzicki pulled Robison in favor of senior goalie James Hague Jr.

As Robison trotted to the sidelines, Chargers' fans gave him an ovation.

"Colt deserved that, he's our captain, he's our leader, the guy who's always in the back line," Grodzicki said. "He just deserved that standing O that he got, I just wanted to recognize him for all the work he's done."

MEN'S SOCCER

Cincinnati State slips by Ocelots

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team had its four-game winning streak snapped Sunday at home by No. 8-ranked Cincinnati State, 2-1, in overtime.

The loss leaves the Ocelots at 9-5 overall and 9-5 in NJCAA Region 12, while the first-place Surge improved to 12-1-2 overall and 11-1-1 in the region.

Kevin Walker's ninth goal of the season just two minutes into overtime proved to be the difference.

Bradley Gale, who assisted on the game-winning goal, tallied his 10th of the year in the 11th minute to stake the Surge to a 1-0 advantage, but Schoolcraft then tied it up in the 28th minute on Romario Georgis's unassisted goal, his 15th of the year.

MADONNA 1, ROCHESTER 1 (2 OTs): On Monday, host Rochester College (10-2-1) and Madonna University (5-5-2) battled to a draw in a non-conference match at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Ryan Williams' goal in the 13th minute off an assist from Yoni Soleyn-Gabrik gave MU a 1-0 lead, but Justin Kane's goal from Bryan Kane and Justin Seargeant in the 81st minute forced overtime.

MU goalkeeper Marcel Schmid made nine saves, while Rochester's Alex Brown made seven saves.

SCHOOLCRAFT 4, CUYAHOGA (OHIO) 1: On Saturday, Victor Ammons scored twice, while Romario Georgis, the NJCAA Men's Soccer Player of the Week, added his 14th to go along with an assist in a Schoolcraft College (9-4, 9-4) victory over visiting Cuyahoga Community College (1-16, 1-14).

Cuyahoga got its only goal in the 82nd minute when Richard Van Horne scored his seventh of the year.

Schoolcraft goalkeepers Ryan Tilkey (Livonia Franklin), who played the first 65:13, and Matthew Grove, who finished up, combined for three saves.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Schoolcraft wraps up berth

Samantha Jarrett's first goal of the season came at opportune time as the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team wrapped up an NJCAA Region 12 playoff berth Sunday with a 2-1 victory over visiting Cincinnati State.

Jarrett, a sophomore midfielder, broke a 1-1 tie in the 86th minute when she tallied the game-winner off an assist from Kelly McKay.

The first-place Lady Ocelots (12-1 overall, 11-1 in Region 12) took a 1-0 lead in the 19th minute on McKay's 13th goal of the season from Jessica Parry.

Cincinnati State (8-5, 6-5) tied it on Jacqueline Cain's third of the year from Brittani Abner in the 60th minute.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Tara Gessler made seven saves, while Kelsie Lee had nine stops for the Surge.

The Region 12 quarterfinals will be played at the highest seed Wednesday, Oct. 30 followed by the semifinals and finals, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 2-3 at Owens Technical CC (Ohio).

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grams around.

"There's always room for improvement," Price said. "I'm happy with what we've got so far."

His coach also is pretty happy to have Price in the fold.

"He is a quiet guy who just does his job," Baechler said. "It is very refreshing to have a running back with the personality of an offensive lineman."

Whatever it takes

Price — following the path of older brother Braden Price by being a standout player at Canton both in football and baseball — pointed to a couple of games that underscored that the 2013 team is on the right track.

"Driving down the field in a minute to score the winning touchdown (against Livonia Churchill) or against (Westland) John Glenn, when it was supposed to be a close game and we beat them up pretty good," he said, listing what he thought were this season's highlights so far.



Conferring during a recent game are Canton seniors (from left) Jake Boucher (No. 11) and Westen Price (No. 22). ANN ESPINOZA

Price stressed that the team isn't getting overconfident, even with such successes. Players know the benefits of putting all their energy into every play, every series, every game and not looking too far ahead.

"I think it humbled us," said Price, about the close call against Churchill. "We hadn't had a close game in a while."

And down the stretch and into the playoffs, it figures

every game will be just like it.

It also figures that Price will be in the mix, making a series of important defensive plays or busting through the D-line — finding a seam and turning a short gainer into a TD romp.

Yep, he's just doing his job.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Liggett tailback does in Warriors

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett's Thomas Jackson proved to be a major thorn in Lutheran High Westland's side in Saturday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference football game.

The 5-foot-10, 155-pound sophomore tailback scored three touchdowns, including a 98-yard kickoff return to start the game, leading the host Knights to a 42-20 MIAC victory over the Warriors.

"He (Jackson) had four carries over 20 yards, and when they needed a big play, he gave it to them," said Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse, whose team slipped to 1-6 overall and 1-4 in the MIAC.

The Knights led 7-0 after one quarter and increased their lead to 14-0 on Jackson's 33-yard second-quarter TD run.

The Warriors responded on Jacob Davenport's 1-yard run to cap a 12-play, 53-yard drive to cut the deficit to 14-7 at half-time (following P.J. Guse's extra point).

"We were down 14-7 and still felt pretty good about our-

selves," Paul Guse said.

After three straight holding calls and backed up on a third-and-32, the Warriors were forced to punt coming out of the third quarter.

And Liggett made the Warriors pay as quarterback Connor McCarron hit tight end Nick Gawel over the middle for a 71-yard TD pass.

But Lutheran Westland responded with a 14-play, 53-yard TD resulting in a 12-yard drive run by Davenport to trim the deficit to 20-14.

"And at that point we were still feeling pretty good about ourselves," the Lutheran Westland coach said.

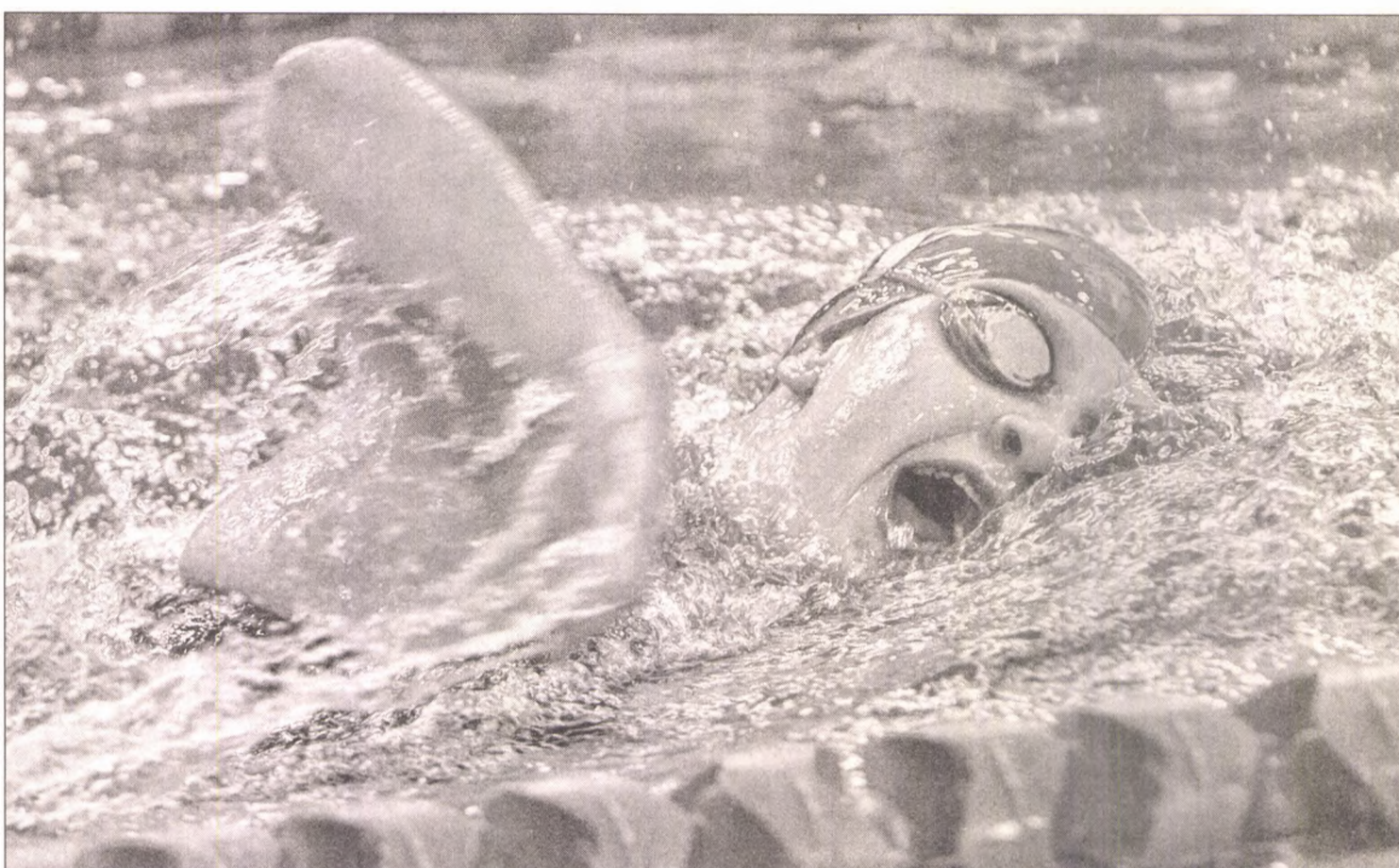
But in the final quarter, Liggett scored three straight TDs on 7 and 4 yards by Jackson, along with a 25-yard run by Darryl Lewis to build a commanding 42-14 advantage.

The Warriors then scored in the final minute when freshman D.J. Niekels ran in from 38 yards to complete the scoring.

Liggett, which improved to 4-3 overall and 4-1 in the MIAC, had 294 total yards to Lutheran Westland's 222.

Jackson led all rushers with 170 yards on 17 carries.

MISCA SWIMMING & DIVING MEET



Canton's Claire Green, shown from a recent meet, won the 500 freestyle at the MISCA meet. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tankers make splash at MISCA meet

A number of girls swimmers from Canton, Plymouth and Salem enjoyed top 20 success at Saturday's MISCA meet at Bloomfield Hills High School.

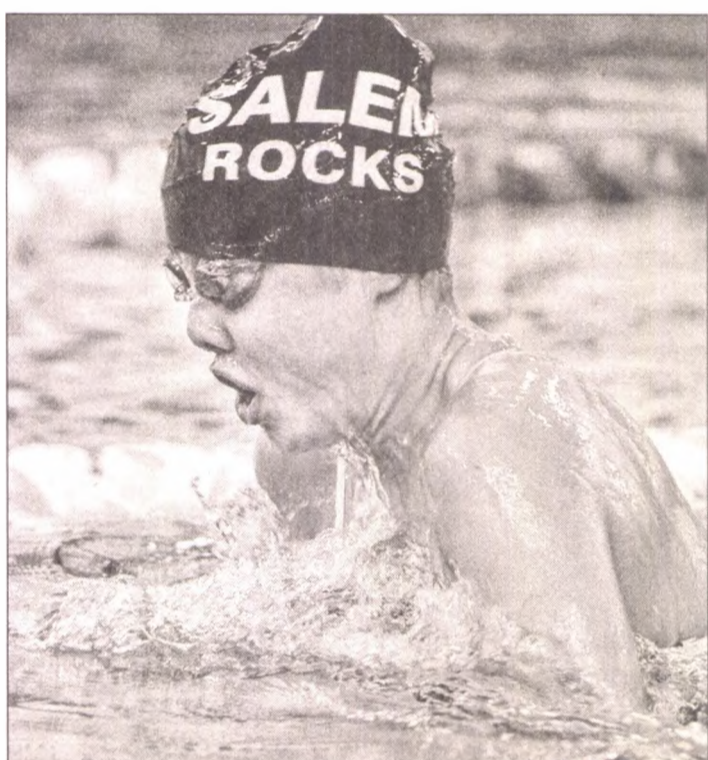
Undoubtedly the top event featuring local swimmers was the 500 freestyle, where Canton junior Claire Green and Plymouth senior Sarah Dombkowski finished 1-2, respectively.

Green eclipsed the field with a time of 5:04.62, finishing ahead of Dombkowski (5:07.11) and Zeeland's Rachel Hoeve (5:07.16).

Dombkowski and Green also were in a close battle in the 200 freestyle. Dombkowski's time of 1:56.07 was good for fifth place, edging sixth-place Green (1:56.56).

The only other P-CEP swimmer to finish first in an event was Salem's Linda Zhang, who won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:05 flat, followed by Hannah Jenkins of Canton (eighth, 1:08.55) and Katie Xu of Salem (14th, 1:09.87).

Linda Zhang also nearly won the 200 individual medley. Her time of 2:06.73 was good for second place behind Zeeland's Morgan Bullock



One of Salem's top performers at the MISCA meet, Katie Xu, is shown from earlier this season. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

(2:04.95). Also distinguishing themselves in the 200 IM were Plymouth's Alexa Earls (13th, 2:13.09), Salem's Stephanie Solterman (15th, 2:13.78) and

Salem's Xu (2:14.25). Almost a double winner was Salem's Lisa Zhang, who finished tied for fourth in the 50 freestyle (24.42) and third in the 100 butterfly (57.68).

Making the top 10 in the 100 backstroke was Salem freshman Molly Rowe, who finished with a time of 59.90. Not too far behind Rowe was Plymouth's Alexa Earls, whose 1:00.40 was good for 14th.

The Rocks also showed they are strong in relays, with third-place finishes in the 200 medley and 400 free relays.

Combining to finish with a time of 1:49.45 in the former were Solterman, Linda Zhang, Xu and Lisa Zhang.

In the 400 free relay, both Zhangs teamed up with Patricia Freitag and Julia Suriano to finish in 3:37.93.

Canton's combination of Emily Meier, Emily Hagan, Jenkins and Destinee Barmore-Hicks finished 13th in the 200 medley relay (1:54.69) while Plymouth's Allison Lennig, Caylin Waters, Earls and Dombkowski boasted a 15th-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:46.14).

The MISCA meet is considered a worthwhile gauge for swimmers and coaches as they progress toward earning MHSAA cuts.

SALEM 114, NOVI 72: Last Thursday at Salem, the Rocks prevailed in this KLAACentral Division varsity girls swimming and diving matchup. Earning state cuts for the Rocks were Lisa Zhang (50 free, 24.94), Linda Zhang (500 free, 5:14.33) and Katie Xu (100 back, 1:00.85).

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Chiefs make 'Senior Night' one to remember

Senior Night couldn't have been any better for Canton's varsity girls volleyball team Tuesday night.

That's because the Chiefs defeated visiting Westland John Glenn in straight sets (25-13, 25-13, 25-18) to capture the KLAACentral Division championship for the fourth time in school history.

Canton (24-6-1 overall, 9-1 in the KLAACentral South) went right to work against the Rockets, as soon as festivities honoring seniors Lauren Kahrs, Lauren Bedro, Chelsea Janice, Madison Kielty, Rachel Buzenberg and Sasha Cucuz concluded.

"After a dismal performance last week against (Livonia) Churchill, I am happy to see my team bounce back," Canton head coach Steve Johnson said. "Our seniors really stepped up and lead the

way tonight.

"They are a tough bunch, and I see that rubbing off on our nine juniors."

All six seniors made key contributions to the victory, with Kielty contributing 24 defensive digs, Janice chipping in with 24 assists and Buzenberg adding 14 helpers.

Cucuz (nine kills), Kahrs (nine digs) and Bedro (four blocks) all made their presences felt.

Also helping the cause were junior Hailey Diedrick (eight kills, 10 digs), junior Lauren Schornack (nine kills) and junior Courtney Kurkie (five kills).

Rocks victorious on Senior Night

Salem also posted a Senior Night win Tuesday, 25-23, 25-17, 25-21 over South Lyon

East.

"It was a great way to end with a victory in their last home game," Rocks head coach Amanda Nies said. "They played together and never let up."

Salem's quartet of seniors were instrumental to the win, which upped the Rocks record to 6-12 overall and 3-6 in the KLAACentral Division.

Nikki Manser tallied 26 digs and "really passed well tonight," Nies said.

Also solid were Nicole Jablonski (16 assists, three aces, five digs), Taylor Jaaska (six digs, 15 assists) and Kelly Whalen (six kills, two aces).

Other Salem players of note included sophomore Tess Ganich (12 digs, 16 kills) and junior Kate Leon (13 kills, three aces, seven digs).

Cats claw Wayne

In a KLAACentral South match Tuesday, host Plymouth (20-7-1, 6-4) came away with a 25-15, 27-25, 25-22 win over Wayne Memorial (5-28-5, 0-1).

Leaders for the Zebras included Danielle Robbins (eight kills, 10 digs, two aces); Karley Buford (seven kills, five blocks, five digs); and Deja Tamlin (eight kills, four blocks, seven digs).

"After the first set we decided to mix things up and start a whole new lineup because we have nothing to lose," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "So our sophomore setter Kaitlyn Lees took over setting and we moved Deja Tamlin to the outside. We came together and stepped up the competition for Plymouth."

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders win Big Guns Classic

The No. 4-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team captured its fifth tournament title of the season picking up a pair of victories Saturday at the Big Guns Classic in Joliet, Ill.

MU, now 30-0 overall, rebounded from a rough second set to down Trinity Christian (Ill.) in four, 25-21, 16-25, 25-22, 25-18, before sweeping host University of St. Francis (Ill.), 25-21, 25-11, 25-18, to go 4-0 on the weekend.

Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) and Stacey Catalano were the big guns in the victory over St. Francis with 16 and 14 kills, respectively.

Senior setter Evia Prieditis contributed 37 assist-to-kills and a team-best 12 digs, while Payton Maxheimer also had 10 digs.

Danielle Conrad and Brittany Showalter combined for 28 assists for St. Francis (19-8).

The 6-foot-3 Freeman finished with a career-high 20 kills, while Catalano, Kayla Vogel and Katie Breault added 10 apiece in the victory over Trinity.

Prieditis collected 48 assists, while Amanda Obrycki and Catalano led the defense with 21 and 12 digs, respectively.

Jessica Wiltjer and Lauren Macadlo had 11 and 10 kills, respectively, for Trinity (26-5).

After beating Viterbo (Wis.) 3-0 in Friday's opener, the Crusaders the downed Carroll College (Mont.) in straight sets, 25-21, 25-20, 25-19, as Freeman finished with 14 kills.

Other leaders for MU included Catalano (11 kills, 13 digs); Prieditis (43 assists, 15 digs); Obrycki (15 digs); Maxheimer (13 digs); and Breanna Geile (11 digs).

Elli Graf had 10 kills for Carroll (10-13).

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Huron Valley Lutheran soars to win

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran got 14 kills and seven aces from senior Lexus Medina en route to a 25-19, 25-13, 25-19 MIAC Blue Division girls volleyball triumph Tuesday at home over next-door neighbor Lutheran High Westland.

"Lutheran Westland's always a tough team to play and we had to play well to get this match tonight," said HVL coach Mike Dest, whose team improved to 20-7-3 overall and 5-4 in the division. "We've really been working hard on our defense."

Others leading the way for the Hawks were Madison Dest (nine kills, five aces), Dayna Schroeder (seven kills, three blocks), Anne St. John (30 assist-to-kills), Sarah Setian, (six kills, three blocks), Bethany Schaffer, (six digs), and Nikki Alcini, (five digs, three aces).

Meanwhile, the Warriors (8-14-3, 3-5) got five kills and 10 assists from Leah Refenes, along with 12 digs from Julia Yancy. Allie Lange and Emily Brown each added four kills.

"We played very poorly tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said, "and against a good team you can't afford to do that and expect to win. I thought HVL beat us in every phase of the game tonight."

On Saturday, Lutheran Westland went 1-2-1 in the Romulus Dig Pink Tournament.

The lone victory came against Belleville (25-15, 25-21) along with a split against Wayne Memorial (28-26, 25-27). The Warriors suffered losses to Dearborn (18-25, 18-25) and Westland John Glenn (17-25, 18-25).

Refenes had 23 kills, 21 assists and 13 digs on the day, while Lange finished with 14 kills and 15 digs.

Digs leaders included Sabrina Morrison (30), Yancy (24), Bethany Hoehne (23) and Madison Conley (19).

RUNNERS

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yesterday."

Chiefs 3rd at River Rat Invite

Canton finished third out of 13 teams at Saturday's River Rat Invitational with 110 points, trailing Saline (47) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (51).

In fourth place was Wayne Memorial, with 132 points, followed by Ann Arbor Huron (144).

Spearheading the Chiefs was Evan Dunklee, seventh overall with a time of 16:31.9. That enabled Dunklee to tie for the fourth fastest time in Canton boys cross country history.

In 17th for the Chiefs was Ammar Chishti (17:11.2), and Billy Toth 24th (17:21.9).

Other Canton finishers



Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team celebrates after winning Saturday's Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard invitational.

included Evan Childs (40th, 17:35.7), Mike Roberts (43rd,

17:39.3), Nick Socha (46th, 17:43.9), Sean Carey (75th,

18:07.0) and Tom Walkinshaw (85th, 18:24.9).

RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY MASS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Oct. 20
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Archbishop Allen Vigneron will serve at this 50th anniversary Mass. Dinner, entertainment and guest speaker also are planned at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$60

Contact: 734-425-5950

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore Men's Club serves an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Adults pay \$3; children, 2-10, pay \$1.50

Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 19

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Composer Paul Tiseo will perform his own music. The event is free and designed for all faiths and ages. Fellowship and refreshments following the performance. RSVP preferred, although last minute walk-ins welcome

Contact: 734-455-5910

DINNER, MARRIAGE TIPS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18

Location: School cafeteria at St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Leo Patalinghug, chef, author, parish priest and host of EWTN's "Grace Before Meals," will cook dinner and offer advice for strengthening marriage and family life. Cost is \$40 per couple, which includes dinner, dessert, and wine. Meatless and gluten-free options are available. Reservations required

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

MASS OF ANOINTING

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The annual Mass is designed for Catholics who are in need of physical, mental, or spiritual healing. Those planning to attend should register with the church office

Contact: 734-261-5331

PUMPKINS

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-dusk, Oct. 19-31

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The church is selling pumpkins from Blake Farms in Armada. Half of all proceeds benefit the Livonia Cares Assistance Program, which offers

help to the poor and vulnerable in Livonia

Contact: 734-464-0211

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Includes a silent auction. Dinner prices are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 4-11 and free for children, 3 and under

Contact: 734-427-3660

TRUNK 'N TREAT

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26

Details: Children can trick or treat from car trunk to trunk for goodies and paint and take home a pumpkin for \$1. Youngsters, 5-8, also can make crafts. Baked goods will be sold and free coffee, cider and hot chocolate will be served

Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23

Location: Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Youngsters wear costumes and trick or treat from car trunk to trunk in the church parking lot

Contact: 248-474-6170

NOVEMBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help three local charities

Contact: 734-422-6038

CONCERT

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: Laurie Berkner will bring her "The You & Me Tour" to the congregation.

Contact: 248-357-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 2

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: "Beyond the Honeymoon," a marriage conference focused on the practical and spiritual aspects of Christian marriage and family life. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Reservations are required

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200 or 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

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KALINOWSKI, ALEXANDRA T.

Age 81, passed away October 11, 2013. She was born on June 2, 1932 in Poland to the late Jan and Veronika (Kurzym) Rudnicka. Alexandra was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved music, and enjoyed the outdoors, taking walks and noticing the trees and all the nature around her. She loved animals, especially her loving cat Boris. She was an excellent host. Alexandra was selfless, and always put others needs before her own. She was known for her cheesecake and cherry pie. She worked at the Clinique counter in Hudson's at Westland Mall for 23 years prior to her retirement in 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband, George in 2013. George and Alexandra would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on October 16, the day of her funeral Mass. Alexandra is survived by her loving children: Mark (Patrice), Annie, Thomas, and Susan (Chuck) Dziadzio. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Christopher (Ana), Brittany, Christine, Michael, Nick, Ava, Melody (Tony), and Paul Overley; great-grandchildren: Chris Jr., Marcos, Elijah, and Selah and her two nieces: Christine (daughter Carrie) and Barbara (Patrick); cousins: Jim (Jeannie) Kurzym, George (Cindy) Kurzym, and Henry (Kateri) Kurzym. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Roman in 1941 and her grandson, Ricky in 1990. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 15 from 4:00p.m.-9:00p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



HANSON, DALE SVEN

Passed away on September 29, 2013, from surgical complications. He would have been 75 years old on November 10th. With Dale when he died were his devoted wife Elizabeth (Libby) Dickinson and his son Dr. Tim Hanson. Dale was a resident of Sanibel Island, Florida, and he spent portions of the summer in Bay Harbor, Michigan and St. Paul, Minnesota, which was his home state until retirement. Dale lived a vital, adventurous, and fun life, right up until his death. A former Commodore of the Captiva Island Yacht Club, he was a lifelong and passionate boater. In recent years, Dale and Libby discovered touring by motor coach throughout the United States. Most of all, however, Dale found special joy in being a husband, father and grandfather and in his many friendships. Dale was a graduate of Albert Lea High School in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and was recently awarded its Distinguished Alumni award. In 1960, he was graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota with a B.A. in Economics. Dale served with the Minnesota Army National Guard from 1962 through 1968, completing his service as a First Lieutenant. For over 25 years, Dale was employed by US Bank and its predecessors. He was President and a director of First National Bank of St. Paul and later an Executive Vice President of First Bank System.

While with First Bank System, Dale became a director of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. When Dale retired from First Bank System, he joined C.H. Robinson full-time as a Vice President of Finance. Dale retired from C.H. Robinson in 2000. Dale was active in corporate, civic, and charitable boards throughout his life, most notably: Edwards Mfg. Co. (a family business in Albert Lea), Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul United Way, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, St. Paul Council of Arts and Sciences, Twin Cities Public Television, Somerset Country Club, Captiva Island Yacht Club, The Sanctuary Golf Club, and BIG Arts. He also was appointed by St. Paul Mayor George Latimer to chair the St. Paul Riverfront Development Corporation. Dale and Libby loved their life together on Sanibel Island and supported the arts, marine research and education, and the preservation of the natural beauty and wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva islands. Dale is survived by his wife Libby; his brother Kim Hanson and wife Alice Demo Hanson; his son Tom (Tucker) Hanson, wife Beth Kubik, and children Lizzy, Ben and Caroline; his son Tim Hanson, wife Mimi, and children Tea and Lars; step-daughter Debbi D. Kelly, husband John, and children Jack and Julia; and his first wife Joan Benton Hanson. In memory of the life of Dale Hanson, donations may be made to the Hanson Ethics Fellowship at Carleton College, One North College Street, Northfield, Minnesota 55057. Dale and Libby were founders of this program, which recently was described by the President of Carleton as "a special, distinctive, and important feature of Carleton's profile ... [and] something rare and valuable." Celebrations of Dale's life will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 10, 2013, at Chapel by the Sea on Captiva Island, Florida and in the spring of 2014 (date to be announced) at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

MOORE, ROBERT EDWARD

Born February 18, 1932 in Detroit. Passed away October 13, 2013 in Ann Arbor. Survived by wife, Elizabeth; children, Michael (Kerry) Moore and Debra (Jack) Stewart; brothers, Gordon and George Moore; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. Bob was employed with Ford Motor Company Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne. He was a proud member of the United Auto Workers Local 900. Cremation has taken place through Southern Michigan Services in Livonia, Michigan. His remains will be inurned at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Friends may gather from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the UAW Local 900, 38200 Michigan Avenue in Wayne, Michigan. Memorials for those who desire are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort, share a photo, or make a donation, by visiting www.merklefs.com and then selecting the Online Tributes page.

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10 a.m. - Noon
Civic Senior Center Lobby
15218 Farmington Rd.

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10 a.m. - Noon
Fire Station #1
42975 Grand River Ave.

Redford:

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Marquee - 5145 Beech Daly Rd.
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Garden City:

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Garden City High School
6500 Middlebelt Rd.

Milford:

10 a.m. - Noon
Milford Fire Department
325 W. Huron St.

Plymouth:

9 a.m. - Noon
Farmers Market - In front
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KNOW THE REASONING BEHIND YOUR SEASONING

Salt may be the original seasoning, but its current uses and applications can be as varied as the variety of salts that are available, leaving many in the kitchen wondering which is the best salt to use for various purposes. Fortunately, you don't need to be a gourmet chef to use salts in ideal ways to help unlock the full flavor of your favorite dish.

No matter what salts you love most, always keep several types on hand and try to use each for its ideal purpose.

SEA SALT: As its name suggests, water is harvested directly from the sea and allowed to evaporate until only salt remains. All-purpose sea salt can be measured like table salt and used in your favorite recipe. The smaller crystals of fine sea salt blend easily into dishes, helping to unlock the flavor of food. A sprinkle of coarse sea salt is ideal for finishing vegetable dishes and desserts.

KOSHER SALT: The compact crystals of coarse kosher salt adhere well to food and dissolve slowly, imparting a well-rounded flavor. That makes it great for brining meat, rimming margarita glasses, roasting, barbecuing, marinating and making rubs. Its flakes are much bigger than table salt, and chefs like that it can be easily pinched for measuring. So, why is it called kosher? It originally received its name because of its role in the process of making meats kosher, but it has many more uses.

TABLE SALT: This go-to kitchen staple is a must for baking because the uniform crystals allow for precise measurements. Its crystals are also fine, making it perfect for filling salt shakers, spreading evenly over food and unlocking the flavors of your favorite meals and desserts.

Once you become familiar with the distinctive sizes, flakes and flavors of various salts, you will quickly become an expert at pairing each with your favorite dishes. Coarse sea salt provides the perfect finish for Sea Salt Caramel Brownies, while a fine sea salt seasons side dishes, such as One Pot Easy Cheesy Vegetables & Rice. So, fill your pantry with several different kinds and start sprinkling away. Visit www.MortonSalt.com for recipes and more information about various types of salt.

— Courtesy of Family Features

ONE-POT EASY CHEESY VEGETABLES & RICE

- 1 ½ tablespoons vegetable or canola oil
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 cup extra-long grain rice (15 minute variety)
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add remaining ingredients, except for cheese. Bring to boil for 1 minute. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 10 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Add cheese and stir until melted and serve immediately.



ROASTED PARMESAN CRISPED POTATOES

- 1 (24-ounce) package frozen potato wedges, skins on
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon Morton Coarse Kosher Salt
- Nonstick cooking spray
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup crushed croutons (about 1/2 cup croutons)

Place frozen potatoes in a large self-sealing plastic bag. Combine oil, garlic, paprika and kosher salt. Drizzle over potato wedges. Seal bag and shake to coat potatoes. Lightly grease a 15- by 10- by 1-inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Arrange potatoes in single layer in prepared pan. Bake potatoes according to package directions, turning once. In a separate bowl combine cheese and croutons. Sprinkle over potatoes, continue to bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes to crisp topping. To maintain crisp texture, serve potatoes in a single layer.

SEA SALT CARAMEL BROWNIES

- 1 package fudge brownie mix
- Eggs
- Vegetable oil
- Water
- 20 pieces individually wrapped caramels
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon coarse sea salt

Heat oven and prepare brownie mix per on-pack directions. Place brownie mix in 8-inch by 8-inch baking pan and set aside. Place unwrapped caramels and milk in microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high for 1 minute, then 10-second intervals until the caramels are easily whisked. Whisk caramel sauce until caramel mixture is smooth and thoroughly combined. Drizzle caramel sauce on top of brownie batter. Bake brownie batter per package directions. Remove brownies from oven. Sprinkle coarse sea salt over brownies. Cool brownies before cutting.



WHITE FISH WITH CRISP GARLIC CRUST OVER SAUTEED SPINACH

- 4 fresh whitefish fillets (1-½ pounds)
- ½ cup olive or vegetable oil, divided
- Juice of 1-½ whole lemons, cut in half and divided
- 1-½ teaspoons Morton Coarse Kosher Salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 8 garlic cloves, minced and divided
- 1 cup dried plain bread crumbs
- 1 pound fresh spinach, washed, stems removed

Place fish in oven proof shallow baking dish. Brush each fillet with 1 tablespoon oil. Squeeze juice from one fresh lemon over fillets. Season with ½ teaspoon kosher salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 1 hour. Meanwhile, heat 2 tablespoons oil in medium skillet. Add bread crumbs and 4 cloves minced garlic; cook and stir until crumbs are light golden brown. Season with ½ teaspoon kosher salt. Cover and reserve until needed. Drain fish fillets of any marinade; discard marinade. Top each fillet evenly with garlic crumb crust. **Cooking:** Bake fish at 350° F. for 20 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. In large skillet, sauté remaining 4 minced garlic cloves in remaining 2 tablespoons oil until garlic is soft and aromatic. Add spinach; cook and stir until spinach is wilted. Season spinach with remaining fresh lemon juice and ½ teaspoon kosher salt. Serve fish immediately on bed of sauteed spinach.



Development has begun on Pinnacle, the Mocer Development community which will be the site of the 2014 Homearama luxury homes tour. Shown at the site (left to right) are Dave Pawlaczyc and Dominic J. Mocer of Mocer Development, Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, Terry Gonsler, Oakland Township supervisor, and Tim Berger, Oakland Township building director.

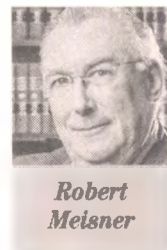
Food, drinks can boost turnout

Q: We have a problem with apathy at our annual meetings and I am wondering if you have any suggestions with respect to getting people to attend?

A: Over the years of representing hundreds of community associations, I have often tongue-and-cheek suggested that the way to get people at an annual meeting of the association is to either levy an additional assessment or have the meeting at an open bar. Frankly, sometimes that works, but other incentives such as a lottery or offering freebies such as soft drinks, hamburgers, etc. may induce people to come, as well as the age old attestation that it is in the best interests of the association and you as a homeowner if you participate in the democratic process of electing the leaders of your association.

Q: My association has a no dogs policy, do you think that violates the Federal Fair Housing Act?

A: No, it is perfectly permissible to have a no dogs policy, but if there is a disabled person, the association may well have to make an exception. It is my understanding that HUD is increasing its surveillance of condominium associations who do not allow persons with disabilities to have dogs. Obviously the person seeking an exception has to establish their disability and provide reasonable medical testimony to that effect. This is going to be a hot issue in the future and you should consult with your knowledgeable community association attorney regarding this matter.



Robert Meisner

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Homearama for 2014 features upscale homes

Homearama at Pinnacle in Oakland Township is a single site showcase of new homes built especially for public display by members of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. There will be six to eight luxury homes open to the public.

Pinnacle in Oakland Township is on the north side of Silverbell Road, east of Adams and adjacent to The Wyndgate Golf & Country Club. For a preview of the community, visit www.2014Homearama.com.

Monthly media events will begin at the site with a groundbreaking this fall. The media preview of the site is set for Aug. 27, 2014, the Charity Preview that evening.

The homes will be open to the public Aug. 29 through Sept. 14, 2014, with hours to be announced. On-site and advance ticket sales will be available.

Mocer Development, Dominic J. Mocer, is the developer. Builders are: Cranbrook Homes, Sebastian Lombardo; MJC Companies, Michael Chirco; Mocer, Frank Mocer (two homes); and Artega Homes, Brian Szlitter and Vito Terracciano.

Each home will be designed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by top local professionals. Homes will feature amenities, the latest technology and energy-saving features.

Organizers point out that new home construction spurs productivity, cre-

ates jobs for millions of Americans and generates revenues for all levels of government.

The estimated one-year impact of building 81 luxury, single-family homes includes: \$5.1 million in local income; \$5.3 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments; and 787 local jobs.

After that first year, new homes continue to contribute local income, government revenue and local jobs, they add. The ongoing benefits also include the effect of increased property taxes, based on the difference between the value of new land and the value of completed housing on a finished lot.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 10-14, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BIRMINGHAM

1711 Bowers St	\$226,000
1725 E 14 Mile Rd Unit D	\$50,000
1435 Hazel St	\$245,000
770 Henley St	\$419,000
1533 Holland St	\$465,000
1947 Holland St	\$329,000
885 N Old Woodward Ave # 16	\$181,000
1050 Norfolk St	\$340,000
1946 Stanley Blvd	\$262,000
1027 Suffield Ave	\$596,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

238 Marlborough Dr	\$138,000
932 Adams Castle Dr	\$462,000
145 Canterbury Rd	\$975,000
2033 Eagle Pointe	\$190,000
1897 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$270,000
1760 S Hill Blvd	\$141,000
1735 Tiverton Rd	\$132,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2695 Bloomfield Crossing	\$513,000
1207 Club Dr	\$1,025,000

2360 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$260,000
620 Fox River Dr	\$187,000
3175 Morningview Ter	\$575,000
420 Roanoke Dr	\$313,000
3590 Roland Dr	\$740,000
1555 Tannahill Ln	\$120,000
2470 Wildbrook Run	\$316,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

635 Annapolis St	\$106,000
1955 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
3977 Loch Bend Dr	\$418,000
2355 Palmetto	\$40,000
1992 Portlock Ave	\$145,000

FARMINGTON

33808 Glenview Ct	\$176,000
32015 Valley View St	\$190,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

28839 Bannockburn St	\$204,000
37642 Burton Dr	\$234,000
30051 Club House Ln	\$208,000
31030 Evergreen Ct	\$325,000
30555 Fox Club Dr	\$355,000
29320 Geraldine Ct	\$170,000
29739 Monterey Cir	\$127,000
29866 Mullane Dr	\$205,000
32116 Staman Cir	\$113,000
27689 W Echo Vly Unit 103	\$65,000

FRANKLIN

26427 Westmeath St	\$245,000
16970 Buckingham Ave	\$212,000

MILFORD

735 E Huron St	\$238,000
1110 Riverstone Cir	\$254,000
4291 W Highland Rd	\$101,000

NORTHVILLE

1258 Charleston Ct	\$160,000
38755 Cheshire Dr	\$270,000
20834 E Glen Haven Cir	\$68,000
956 Grace St	\$405,000
21546 Holmbury Rd	\$505,000
43633 Serenity Dr	\$514,000
37977 Tralee Trl	\$151,000
20995 Westfarm Ln	\$233,000

NOVI

41765 Chesterfield Ct	\$535,000
41390 Clinton Dr	\$128,000
28376 Clymer Dr	\$116,000
50641 Drakes Bay Dr	\$850,000
50792 Glades Ct E	\$50,000
24010 Greening Dr	\$320,000
44759 Huntington Dr	\$230,000
30913 Jasper Rdg	\$117,000
30132 Lanford Dr	\$303,000
109 Maude Lea St	\$97,000
40584 Mill Road Ct E	\$217,000
24910 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$395,000
39482 Westminster Cir	\$285,000
42583 Whitman Way	\$260,000

SOUTH LYON

58670 Castle Ct	\$383,000
1177 Fountain View Cir	\$105,000
59141 Peters Barn Dr	\$81,000

24823 Purlin Ct	\$95,000
22250 Quail Run Cir Unit 1	\$147,000

61860 Richfield St	\$165,000
23548 Spy Glass HI N	\$361,000
23651 Spy Glass HI N	\$363,000
838 Talon Ct	\$200,000
403 W Lake St	\$75,000
783 Westhills Dr	\$285,000

SOUTHFIELD

19685 Coral Gables St	\$45,000
23071 Coventry Woods Ln	\$148,000
26339 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$44,000
17332 Gateway Cir	\$90,000
15933 Goldwin Pl	\$105,000
24550 Lafayette Cir	\$130,000
16253 Mayfair Dr	\$70,000
27689 Shagbark Dr	\$65,000
20400 Westhaven Ave	\$44,000

WHITE LAKE

9870 Cedar Island Rd	\$180,000
396 Dakota Ln	\$170,000
239 Horizon Rd	\$95,000
10030 Lakeside Dr	\$188,000
601 Overlook St	\$52,000
8935 Sandycrest Dr	\$230,000
890 Sunnybeach Blvd	\$173,000
8863 Sussex St	\$172,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 1-5, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

50098 Black Horse Ln	\$365,000
7799 Capri Dr	\$240,000
7850 Charrington Dr	\$180,000
7506 Claremont St	\$206,000
50290 Colonial St	\$290,000
39793 Coronation Rd	\$162,000
259 Country Club Ln	\$320,000
39782 Deepwood St	\$170,000
2121 E Roundtable Dr	\$177,000
1690 Elmhurst St	\$110,000
6868 Foxcreek Dr	\$249,000
43657 Gatehouse Ct	\$239,000
45411 N Stonewood Rd	\$158,000
42270 Oakland Dr	\$246,000
2016 Oakview Dr	\$153,000
47703 Pavillon Rd	\$380,000
45663 Radnor Rd	\$260,000
41830 Ravenwood St	\$153,000

46842 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$195,000
2971 Stanton St	\$252,000
42487 White Hart Blvd	\$259,000
43583 Yorkville Dr	\$109,000

GARDEN CITY

1845 Arcola St	\$25,000
28844 Block St	\$36,000
31473 Brown St	\$140,000
30072 Cherry Hill Rd	\$88,000
6820 Lathers St	\$80,000
5860 Merriman Rd	\$74,000

LIVONIA

28508 Seven Mile Rd	\$54,000
35584 Ann Arbor Trl	\$168,000
32201 Balmoral Dr	\$270,000
8935 Brentwood St	\$118,000
14855 Brookfield St	\$164,000
29717 Buckingham St	\$145,000
9000 Denne St	\$109,000
9870 Doris St	\$136,000
15372 E Blue Skies Ct	\$246,000
19374 Ingram St	\$99,000
9565 Inkster Rd	\$107,000
9150 Lathers St	\$130,000
19908 Lathers St	\$125,000
17556 Laurel Dr	\$283,000

9848 Milburn St	\$135,000
19019 Myron St	\$125,000
37589 Newburgh Park Cir	\$218,000
37917 Parkhurst St	\$170,000
38508 Ross St	\$164,000
35550 Southampton St	\$230,000
15463 Susanna Cir	\$252,000
33820 Trillium Ct	\$250,000
9005 W Deborah Ct	\$120,000
19088 Wayne Rd	\$365,000
28505 Wentworth St	\$95,000

NORTHVILLE

42021 Banbury Ct	\$305,000
44921 Broadmoor Cir S	\$342,000
18514 Clairmont Cir E	\$1,275,000
16016 Morningside	\$142,000
17168 Willow Ridge Dr	\$560,000

PLYMOUTH

621 Ann St	\$220,000
11170 Bellwood Dr	\$225,000
14823 Dogwood Ct	\$295,000
13092 Glasgow Ct	\$485,000
47616 Katherine Ct	\$377,000
9275 Mayflower Dr	\$210,000
40712 Newport Dr	\$80,000
10778 Pinehurst Rd	\$310,000

46670 Rockledge Dr	\$275,000
48989 Tuscan Hills Dr	\$527,000

REDFORD

15890 Lennax	\$23,000
15987 Lexington	\$45,000
15584 Macarthur	\$27,000
11383 Nathaline	\$38,000
11447 Nathaline	\$50,000
23901 W Chicago	\$51,000
17008 Wakenden	\$81,000

WAYNE

32255 Michigan Ave	\$9,000
35125 Bakewell St	\$13,000
34238 Beechnut St	\$45,000
33434 Bentley Ct	\$36,000
37215 Booth Ave	\$80,000
289 Brookfield Dr	\$87,000
35718 Castlewood Ct	\$49,000
38536 Chestnut Ln	\$80,000
34936 College St	\$109,000
32146 Harvard Dr	\$33,000
33784 Lacrosse St	\$94,000
29670 Lacy Dr	\$95,000
32844 Mackenzie Dr	\$115,000
410 Marigold Cir	\$70,000
8170 St Johns Dr	\$192,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. 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. 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.

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RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

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.

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.

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Staff needed for young male. Novi area. Evenings 5-10pm. \$10/hr. 248-471-9168

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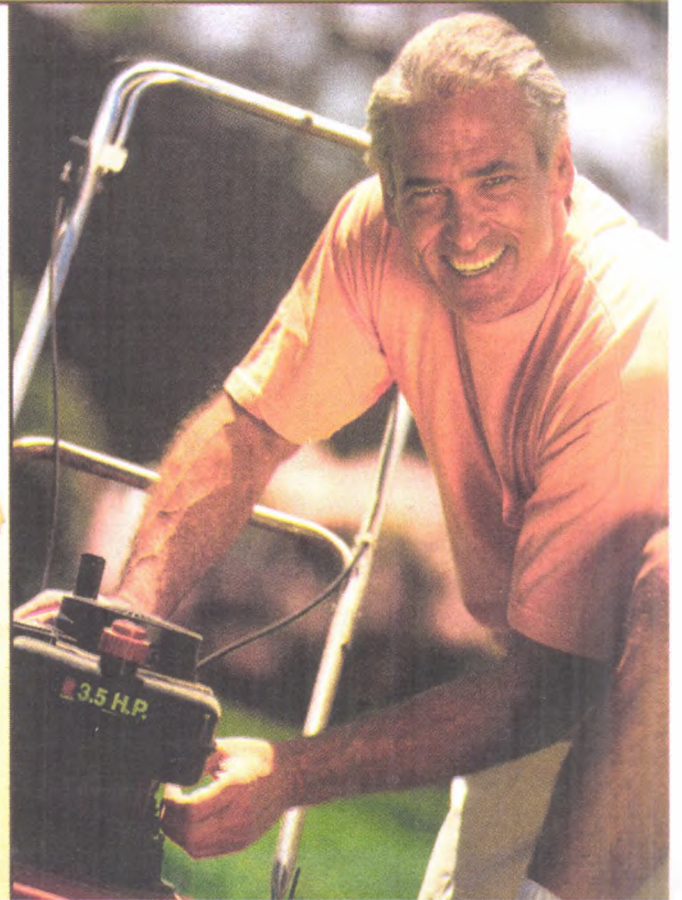
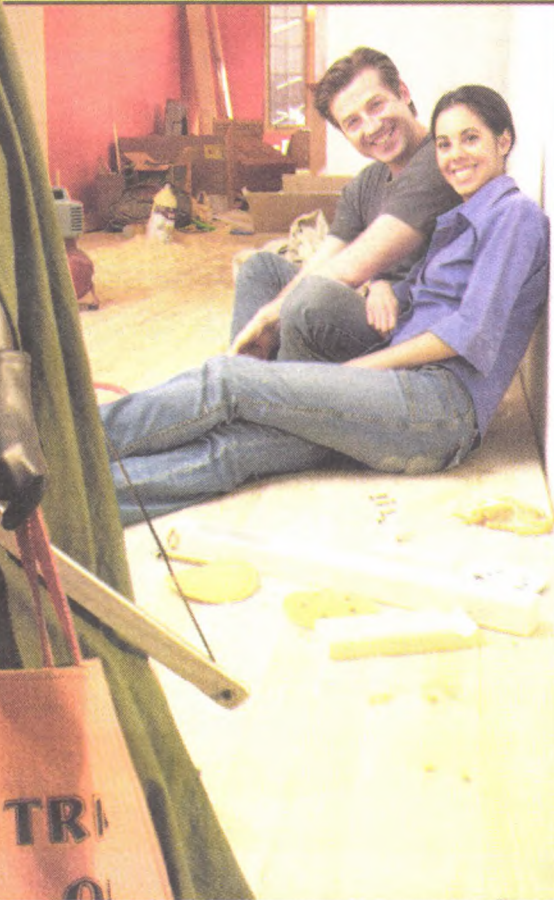
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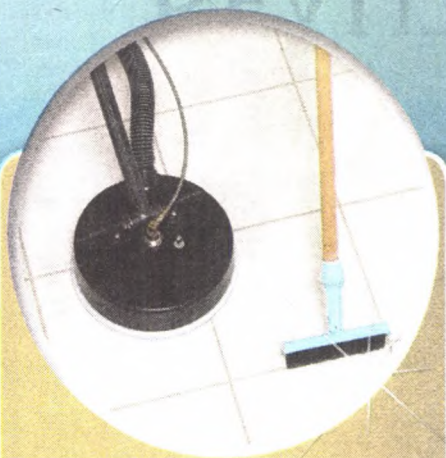
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SIMPLE WAYS TO INCREASE THE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF YOUR HOME

Everyone wants to save money these days and homeowners are no exception. To reduce the cost of monthly energy bills, many are taking on small, budget friendly, do-it-yourself projects that provide big savings down the road.

With a few simple tips, you can easily make a home comfortable regardless of the season, while also greatly reducing utility costs. In fact, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, homeowners can typically save up to 20 percent on heating and cooling costs or up to 10 percent of total energy costs, just by properly air sealing their homes and adding insulation.

Here are a few tips to get your home properly sealed so you can see the energy savings as soon as possible:

» Seal your ducts, both supply and return

In most homes, about 20 percent of the air moving through the duct system is lost because of poorly connected ducts, holes and leaks. Signs include rooms that are tough to cool or heat; ducts are located in an unfinished basement, garage or crawl area; or you have high-energy bills. The use of a sealant, such as the DAP 3.0 Window, Door, Trim & Side High Performance Sealant, is a



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» Inspect your roof

Be sure to give your roof a thorough inspection. Check for loose shingles that can lead to water damage and rot. Also, be sure to seal any gaps around gables, flashing and chimneys.

» Foam seal exterior wall penetrations

Check to see that all exterior wall penetrations, such as lights, doorbells, hose spigots and dryer vents, are properly sealed to ensure maximum energy

efficiency.

» Seal attic penetrations

Gaps around house fans, attic access doors, exhaust fans and light fixtures send warm air into your cold attic, so make sure these areas are sealed.

» Seal rim joists in the basement

If you have a basement, using an elastomeric sealant or foam sealant around the rim joist is one of the best ways to weather seal your home. A foam sealant, such as the DAPtex Plus Multi-Purpose Foam Sealant, will fill and seal any large cracks, gaps or voids. For more information, visit www.dap.com.

» Fill gaps between the basement and living spaces

This can be checked by going in the basement and looking up at where the bathtub is on the floor above. If you can see the bottom of the tub, you're paying good money just to condition the air on the bottom of your bathtub. Seal it up with foam board and a recommended foam board sealant.

Investing a little time and money on properly sealing your home now can mean a big return on your heating and cooling bills down the line.

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Q: With colder weather coming soon, do you have any helpful tips about cutting and stacking firewood?

A: Safety is important when cutting and stacking firewood. Not every chain saw user understands how to work safely outdoors. Conditions, especially when cold or wet, are often less than ideal. Cutting wood is heavy, strenuous work; chainsaws, like other power tools with exposed blades, can be hazardous if handled improperly.

There are ways to protect yourself when cutting and stacking firewood. Chain saws have been redesigned in recent years to incorporate protective devices, such as low-kickback cutting chains and inertial chain brake, and users should become familiar with these features before handling a saw. Never loan a chain saw to anyone unless they are familiar with it and have read the instruction book.

The best defense against injury is to always work carefully, without hurry or distraction, and to prepare for the job at hand. Good footing and support are generally better than low shoes or sneakers. Back supports should be worn when handling heavy objects or doing repetitive tasks, as when lifting and stacking wood.

Q: I have heard that protecting my new driveway is important, but I have no clue on how to do it. Can you make any suggestions?

A: Protecting your driveway is worthwhile, important and you can do it yourself inexpensively.

If you have a new or newer concrete driveway or walk, believe it or not, you're looking at some minor maintenance ahead of you.

Many people are unaware that rock salt can be harmful to concrete surfaces, especially new concrete, and you should avoid using salt or calcium chloride on concrete during its first winter.

But also you have to keep snow and from accumulating.

The Michigan Concrete Association recommends using sand for traction and applying a sealer every couple of years. You can purchase concrete or masonry sealers at most home and hardware stores, but they can be expensive.

Why are we talking about this now? Because this is the kind of project you should do before it gets too cold and snowy again. You'll probably need two coats of the sealer. It can be applied using a garden pump sprayer or a paint roller. Just make sure the surface is clean and dry.

Q: I purchased a house that has those electric wires on the roof to rid of ice dams. My questions are: how do they work, are they effective, are they safe and when should I use them?

A: To begin with, they are safe, if in good condition and not cracked, split or brittle. They also must be installed properly. That means the cables cannot be cut or altered. The wires also must never overlap or criss-cross. They also should be installed into a grounded receptacle that is G.F.C.I. protected.



Take your time with solid footing, when using a chainsaw for cutting firewood.

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They generally should only be used

when the outside temperature is between 15°F and 35°F. Below that temperature, they become ineffective.

They should be turned off at all other times and unplugged, disconnected or the circuit turned off at the end of the heating season. That way they can not inadvertently be turned on.

Do they work? For the most part, but they should not be used instead of proper insulation and ventilation. Remember, for the most part, the heat that you are paying for and the cold causing the ice dams. I've seen the deicing cables actually cause a secondary ice dam halfway up the roof.

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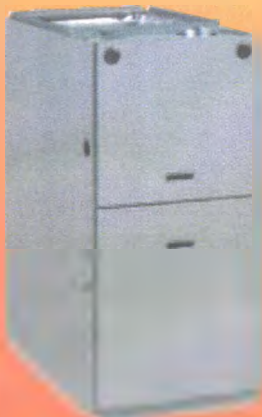
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The mill is located just a few miles south of Birmingham in sleepy Franklin Village. Tall trees, a winding stream and plenty of bees await visitors. But don't let the buzzing stop you from visiting "The Town That Time Forgot." Those insects simply can't ignore the sweetness in the air and they rarely do more than visit.

Autumn in Michigan is more than just cooler temperatures and color tours; it's also cider mills, pumpkin patches and fall festivals.

Here is a list of area events, cider mills and orchards to help you find the perfect way to celebrate the season.



Kim Mauney said she loves working at the Franklin Cider Mill, where apples sell fast.
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**Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill,
10685 Warren Road, Plymouth,
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Wagon rides through the orchard and a petting zoo make this cider mill and orchard a great place to visit with children. Cider, fresh-baked doughnuts and fresh-picked apples are available for purchase. Although not a u-pick apple orchard, a large u-pick pumpkin patch is open to the public throughout the fall.

**Donahoe Farms, 6055 Tower Road,
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By Pamela A. Zinkosky, Contributing Writer

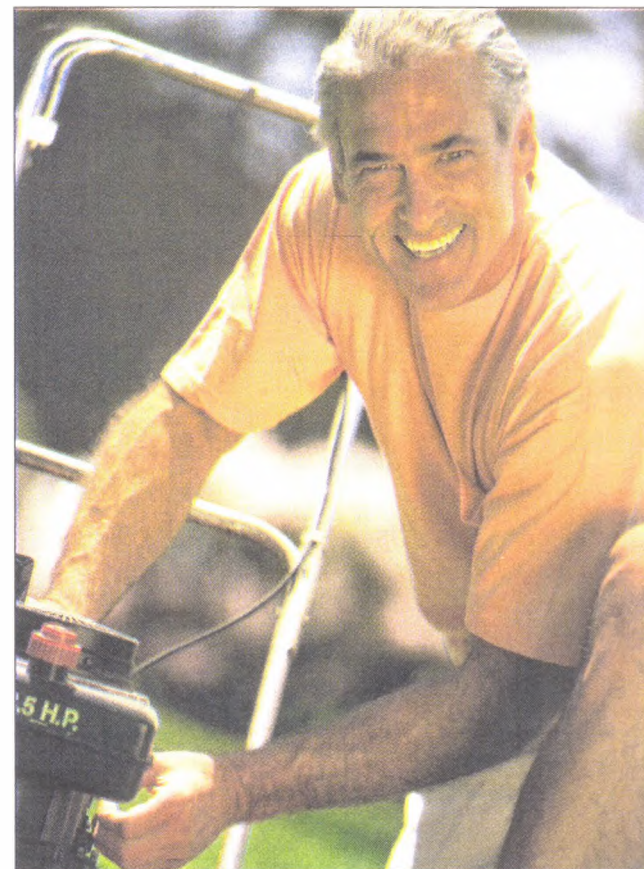
Like it or not, cold weather is coming, and that means it's time to put away spring and summer outdoor equipment. Most of us know to stash the lawn mower out of the elements, but taking the time to do a proper winterization can save on repairs in the long run. Here are a few tips from the experts on maximizing the life of your equipment.

Lawn equipment

Whether you ride a John Deere or walk behind a Toro, there are some steps you should take to avoid damaging your mower and having to spend valuable time and money on repairs come spring. John Murphy, owner of Commercial Lawnmower in Livonia, provided some easy tips on winterizing your mower.

"Your main thing is to get the gas out," Murphy said. Monitor how much gas you're adding toward the end of the season and keep only about a month's worth on hand, Murphy said. When you're ready to winterize, start the engine and let it run out of gas.

This is important because gas that sits too long loses its octane content, Murphy said. Octane is what makes the fuel burn evenly and efficiently, which is better for the engine.

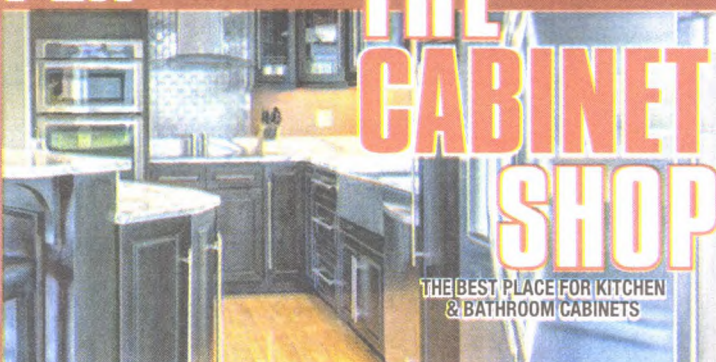


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Tips for a pet-friendly, family-friendly Halloween

With its sweet, spooky treats and devilishly cute costumes, Halloween is a fun night for the whole family to spend together, including the family pet. When everyone is prepared for a safe evening, you're guaranteed to have an exciting and memorable time.

Here are some ways to help your pet stay safe, well-behaved and well-dressed during the Halloween festivities:

Safety

Whether you and your pet are at home passing out treats or walking around the neighborhood, make a few preparations to keep your pet safe on the big night.

» **Walk safely:** While it's always best for an adult to hold the leash, there are also accessories to help keep a pet visible on dark fall nights. Reflective items, such as the Dog-E-Glow collars and leashes with LED lights, will help keep your pet safe. Plus, they feature bones, skulls and Halloween plaid deco-

ration, to keep your pet stylish.

» **Stock pet-friendly treats:** Establish rules so everyone is clear that candy and treats are harmful for pets. Stock up on safe, dog-friendly treats such as Blue Buffalo's Boo Bars or Greenie's Dental Chews. For more tips, visit your local PetSmart or www.PetSmart.com.

Behavior

Reviewing a few commands and behaviors beforehand will keep the night fun and stress-free for the whole family.

» **Create a calm environment:** Think about your pet's past behavior when guests come to the door. Is he nervous? Does he bark? Depending on his temperament, it may be a good idea to put him in his crate or another quiet place away from the door. An interactive toy may help keep him busy and having fun.

» **Practice basic commands:** Practice the basic commands of "sit," "stay"



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and "leave it," so he's ready for the ringing doorbell or knows to ignore a dropped piece of candy. To teach "leave it," you'll need a large biscuit and small, strong-smelling treats. Put your dog on

a leash and place the large biscuit out of reach. Allow him to attempt to get it, but do not allow him to actually put it in his mouth. When he stops trying to get it and turns away, tell him, "Good dog" and give him a small treat.

Costumes

When everyone in the family is getting in costume, don't leave your pet out of the fun. Dara Foster, a pet fashion stylist, author and TV personality, suggests getting everyone involved for family-themed fun.

» **Pair up with costumes:** Consider dressing up as Winnie the Pooh, your toddler as Piglet and your pet as Tigger or Eeyore. If your family is more the superhero bunch, there's always Batman and Robin or Superman and Captain America. Visit your local PetSmart store for other fun costumes from Martha Stewart Pets, Disney and Bret Michaels Pets Rock lines.

» **Dress up every pet:** Costumes aren't limited to cats or dogs, either. PetSmart now offers ghoulish Halloween costumes for guinea pigs, too.

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Prep work important *before painting*



Whether creating an accent wall or painting each wall within a room, painting is a relatively easy and inexpensive home-improvement project. Yet that doesn't mean painting does not require a little prep work before the project can begin.

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Painting a home's interior can give it a completely new look and feel. A fresh coat of paint can make a room feel more vibrant and up to date, creating a whole new attitude within the room without breaking the bank.

Whether creating an accent wall or painting each wall within a room, painting is a relatively easy and inexpensive home-improvement project. Yet that doesn't mean painting does not require a little prep work before the project can begin.

» **Address any holes or bumps on the wall.** Holes or cracks in the wall will need to be patched with spackle, which then must dry before the wall can be given a new coat of paint. In addition, sand down any bumps until the walls are smooth and free of any unsightly abnormalities.

» **Wash the walls.** Walls can get dirty and that dirt may or may not be masked by paint. Before adding a new coat of paint, wash the walls and inspect them for dust. Dust can collect on molding, especially in rooms that get little natural air. When dust has collected on molding and around doorways and trim, use a damp cloth to wipe it before adding any new paint.

» **Apply primer.** Primer can serve many functions, not the least of which is its role as a bonding agent between the wall and the top coat of paint. Primer can also help conceal dark colors, prevent stains and increase the life expectancy of the paint job you are about to undertake.


» **Prepare your paint.** Preparing the paint is a simple task, but one novice painters may not be aware of. When opening a new can of paint, stir the paint before using it. In addition, even if you don't plan to use a roller when painting, do not paint straight from the can, which can be heavier to hold than a small bowl, and a light bowl is less likely to be spilled than a potentially heavy can of paint. In addition, once paint has been removed from the can, replace the lid so dust and other impurities do not settle in the can.

» **Purchase painter's tape.** Painter's tape can be especially valuable to novice painters. Painter's tape makes it easier to paint smooth and clean paint lines, giving a room a more professional-looking coat of paint without the cost of hiring a professional painter.

Painting can be an inexpensive and fun way to upgrade a home's interior. Yet even though painting does not require the technical know-how of more large-scale home improvement projects, it still requires some prep work and attention to detail to ensure the job is done right.

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SIMPLE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CAN LEAVE YOUR HOUSE IN SPARKLING SHAPE FOR THOSE ANNUAL GATHERINGS

By Jill Halpin, Contributing Writer

If you are looking to spruce up your home for the holidays, now is a great time to those start home-improvement projects.

From painting and replacing old, worn carpets to remodeling kitchens and baths, thinking now about what you need to do to get everything in shape will help ensure your house is in shape for holiday entertaining.

"The weather is great in the fall – it's a perfect time to give your house a facelift," said Doug Frederick, owner of American Home Renovations, LLC in South Lyon.

With family and friends coming for the holidays, many homeowner start thinking about upgrades – both large and small, Frederick said.

Even the smallest, simplest projects can make a big difference in the appearance of your home. For instance, a new coat of paint can help create an entirely new look in your home.

"There's nothing a like a fresh coat of paint," Frederick said, "It's instant gratification."

Frederick recommends using contrasting paint colors in a room for a current, updated look.

After choosing a primary color, you can "go off the paint swatch and go up or down a shade or two on an opposing wall" to add some spice to a room, he said.

Replacing old carpet can also provide a good deal of "bang for your buck."

"If you replace dirty, worn off-white carpet with something fresh and colorful, it makes a huge difference," he said.

Despite a trend toward neutral hardwood flooring, carpet still remains popular and can add a splash of color and character to an otherwise bland room, helping to bring it current and add warmth with relative ease.

Today's carpet trends run the gamut from subdued grays and deep taupes to bright persimmon orange and deep jewel tones, but whatever the hue, new flooring can completely change the look.

"Brand new carpet can make a big impact," Frederick said.

Think carefully if you are looking to undertake a larger project such as remodeling a kitchen or bath,

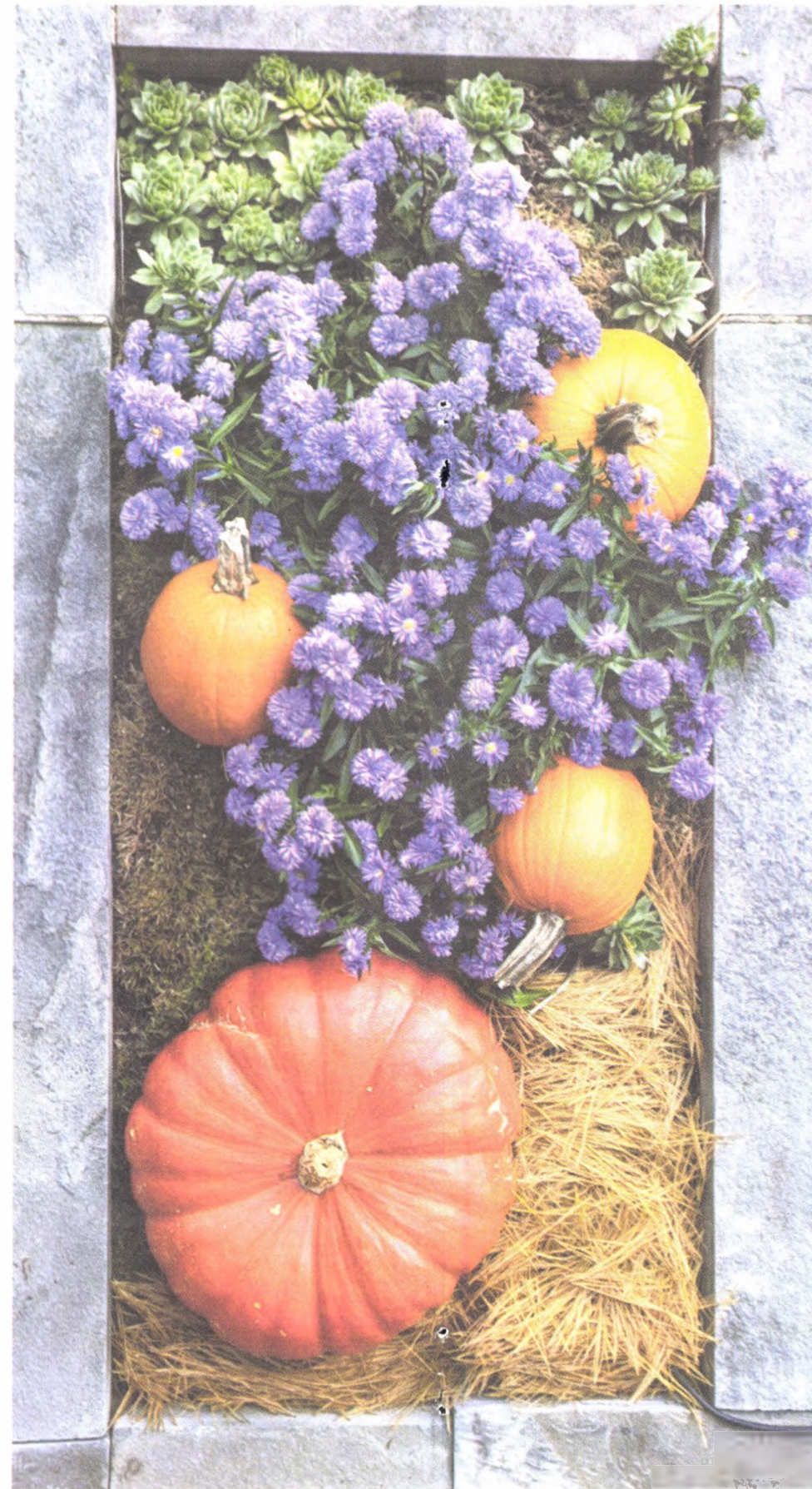
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Mixing different types of pumpkins and adding some unusual pops of color creates an eye-catching fall display.



▲ Dress up porches with planter groupings. Add ribbons, flameless candles and lights to set the scene.

◀ Embellished pumpkins make festive table centerpieces. The Vines Flower & Garden Shop in Farmington sells them for \$7 each.

CHANGE DÉCOR WITH THE SEASONS

By Pamela A. Zinkosky, Contributing Writer

Changing outdoor décor to fit the season is a great way to freshen your home's look. Fall and winter offer some great textures and colors to keep your home looking festive. Here are some suggestions from designers on ways to decorate outside your home for autumn into the winter holidays.

Light it up. Lighting is one of the best investments you can make for your home's outdoor decor. Many people enjoy using tiny white lights to accent bushes and doorways, as well as some of the more festive purple and orange lights for Halloween, plus red and green for the winter holidays.

Joane Slusky, ASID, of Juno Solutions,

LLC in Huntington Woods, suggests purchasing LED lights because of their long life and high efficiency. "They are available in two types," she said. "Cool LED bulbs produce a very blue light and are quite effective in creating an icy scene for wintertime. Warm LED bulbs are more aligned to moonlight."

Another suggestion is to use the

flame-less LED candles. "They provide a flickering light without the hazards of unattended candles and stay illuminated in wind and rain," Slusky said. "Three- or four-inch candles are best for outdoor settings. They are available with remote controls and timers."

Make a big impact. Many people put seasonal wreaths on their doors, but Lynda Charfoos, ASID, who owns Charfoos Design in Bloomfield Hills, had another suggestion: "Rather than decorating a door, I would much prefer urns

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cautions Tim Holton, owner of Royal Oak Kitchen and Bath and a certified kitchen designer with the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Those planning on entertaining and hosting holiday gatherings may want to consider waiting until the new year to start major tear-outs and renovations, he said.

According to Holton, even the best-planned projects can run into unforeseen road blocks, so be sure to consider those when making your decision.

"There are so many stresses and strains around the holidays," he said. "You need to ask yourself, 'Is this the time that I want to start a major remodel? Do I really want strangers coming in and out of my house while I am trying to prepare for Christmas or Hanukah?'"

"You may just want to put off those bigger projects until the first of the year," he added.

However, you do want things to be in good working order for the holidays. Horton advises acting now to address those nagging pro-

jects that could disrupt your festivities.

"Now is the time to fix leaky faucets or running toilets - and clean out those plumbing lines that tend to clog up. You don't want anything spoiling your party," he said.

If you do decide to hold off on major renovations, there are small, simple improvements that you can make that will have a major effect on your room.

"Although you want to stay away from stress, you still want everything to be nice, neat and tidy before your big party starts," Holton said.

Replacing interior doors and hardware - something that many homeowners overlook - can make a significant impact, Holton said.

Now is also a good time to replace countertops and backsplashes with modern finishes such as quartz, a touch that makes a dramatic difference in the appearance of your kitchen.

Changing light fixtures in your kitchen and your bath can dramatically change the mood and feel-and is relatively simple, he said.

In your bathroom, adding new faucets or even a new toilet, along with fresh linens, are simple im-

provements that can make your home look renewed.

Now is also the time to take a good look at your fireplaces, whether it's wood-burning or gas.

Wood-burning fireplaces should be cleaned or inspected once a year to help avoid chimney fires, said Craig Miller of Fireside Hearth and Home in Canton.

Miller also advises having your gas fireplace inspected as well "to make sure it is in good working condition for the upcoming season."

Homeowners looking to improve efficiency may want to consider adding a wood or gas insert in their fireplace to add more heat.

"You will draw more heat, the kind that allows you to turn your thermostat down, with a gas or wood insert," Miller said. "It is definitely something worth looking into."

Regardless of the project, if you are working with an outside contractor, be sure to take the time to check with the Better Business Bureau, Frederick said.

While it may add some extra time to your project, "Do your research and make sure you know who is coming into your home," he said, "you'll be glad that you did."

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in front of a door. It makes a much bigger and more impressive impact."

Charfoos suggested planting ornamental grasses in the urns. Since the grass will keep all winter long, you can decorate it according to the season, she said. For fall, add pumpkins and gourds in deep fall colors like oranges and purples, as well as those that have unusual shapes and textures. Then add winter greens for the holidays.

Another idea is to plant small bushes in the urns and add lighting to them for the holidays, Charfoos said. You can transplant the bush into your yard in the spring if you like.

Go natural. Fall is great time to forage dried wildflowers and grasses to use along with hay bales and other seasonal items, said Michele Hinds, owner of The Vines Flower & Garden Shop in Farmington. Hinds said she often enhances large mum planters with dried eucalyptus, cat-tails, preserved oak leaves and other natural items.

Another fun decorating idea: Use a wooden stake to stack pumpkins of different shapes and sizes, Hinds said. It makes a fun adornment for a porch or beside a light post.

Colleen Moscone, ASID, owner of In: Detail Interior Design in Milford, suggested using hollowed out pumpkins as festive planters for chry-

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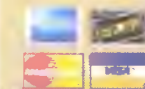
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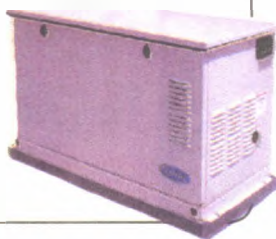
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santhemums and straw bales to create varying heights at an entry way.

"For tall entry ways, try placing straw bales vertically," she said. "Place mums or pumpkins on top. Flank the entry with dried corn stalks and accent the stalks with dried or silk leaves."

Think color. Choose seasonal colors that best match your home's color scheme, Moscone suggested. You can incorporate some trendy colors, like the latest tropical blues, grass greens, beet reds and sunset red-orange, to make things interesting, but don't go overboard, Slusky warned. "Remember the 80/20 rule," she said. "For best results, use 20 percent trendy colors and 80 percent traditionally safe colors."

For fall, those traditional colors are dark fall harvest colors and sunset colors, Slusky said: "Mums provide the best sunset colors. Many reds can withstand hard frosts."

Going into 2014, metal colors are trending, Slusky said: "Think pewter, lead and bronze for your outdoor containers. Copper is also a great planter color. It goes well with pumpkins and purple pansies and adds a bit of sparkle through the holidays."

Speaking of color, don't forget about paint. Julie Albanese, a decorative artist in Royal Oak, suggested painting gourds and pumpkins with silver and copper colored spray paint to add some visual impact.

Albanese also paints glass bulbs and other winter decor items to create a fresh look. "I reinvent my Christmas decorations every year," she said.

Festive tables

While outdoor decorations set the stage for your home, indoors is where guests spend the most time during chilly months. Here are some tips on making a big impact with your holiday table decor.

Layer. "Think of decorating your table as a layering process," Moscone said. First, choose table linens, looking to the colors in your room for inspiration, she said. Then choose a centerpiece. "Place accent pieces around your main centerpiece to add visual depth and interest," she said.

Next, choose some candles to complement your style and add ambient light, Moscone said. Finally, select dinnerware, starting with platters and dinner plates, and then move on to stemware and silverware.

Use color and texture. "Color and texture play an important role in the perfect Thanksgiving table," said Bethann Gerlach, ASID, an interior designer with Sharer Design Group in Plymouth. "From the rich gold tones found in the changing leaves to the unique bumps on the decorative gourds, a well-decorated fall table should be a mix of natural elements arranged in an interesting way."

Use the food. When you're hosting dinner, the most important thing should take center stage and that's the food. Charfoos said Thanksgiving table decorations at her house often consist of beautiful plates of food, garnished for the occasion. "There's a way to garnish plates and food," she said. "You don't necessarily have to use hard-core decorations."

Charfoos puts her Thanksgiving turkey on a huge platter and garnishes it with greenery and apples and that becomes the table's centerpiece. Other dishes like sweet potatoes with marshmallows can also add a

festive touch to the table, she said.

Go fresh. There's nothing like fresh flowers to bring a table to life and your local florist can provide some great arrangements. Hinds recommended long and low centerpieces – with or without candles, depending on your preference – when hosting a sit-down meal. Popular centerpiece elements include chrysanthemums, sunflowers, flowering cabbage, rose hips and hypericum berries, she said.

With blended families and the tendency toward informal gatherings, Hinds said many customers are hosting buffet-style meals, so taller centerpieces are in order. Either way, fresh centerpieces are an easy way to bring life to a table.

Get the basics and reuse. Invest in a few classic table decor items and you'll get plenty of mileage out of them. These include candle holders and candelabras, silverware and linens.

Gerlach's suggestion: "Two words – 'glass hurricane.' They come in a variety of shapes and sizes and offer endless decorating options, not to mention you can find them everywhere. Invest in them once and use them season after season."

Go informal. Think you need fine china or a table fit for 10 in order to pull off Thanksgiving dinner? Think again. "Formal dining rooms are becoming a thing of the past," Gerlach said. "The dining room is evolving into a more casual, family-friendly space. Instead of a buffet, homeowners are opting to repurpose an old dresser to take the place of the buffet. Also, homeowners are mismatching dining chairs to create more interest and provide a relaxed, comfortable feel."

Likewise, mismatched plates and linens can also create a festive feel for an informal table.



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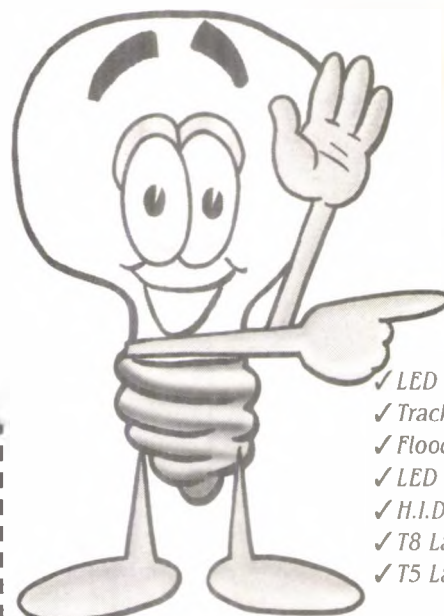
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Tips to keep your children safe from a hidden danger

Filled with mesmerizing trinkets and gadgets, your home is a new and exciting world for your small child to explore. But this new world can introduce serious and sometimes surprising safety issues that many parents do not realize are risks.

Hidden concerns

As your children happily toddle around your home, they may come in contact with unknown safety issues scattered throughout. One issue you may not have considered is coin lithium batteries, about the size of a nickel, which can be found around most homes in everyday items like remote controls, key-less entry devices for your car, sound-enabled books and a variety of health and fitness devices. Because many of these devices are not regulated as children's toys, the battery compartments often are very easy to open. Children are naturally drawn to these devices, as many include buttons that are fun to play with and push.

The danger of these batteries is very real. If a coin-sized lithium battery is swallowed by a small child, it can get caught in the esophagus. The battery can react with saliva and cause a chemical reaction that can lead to severe injuries in as little as two hours. Unfortunately, many parents do not know about the issue.

In fact, a recent survey showed 62 percent of parents reported being unaware of the risk associated with coin lithium batteries.

Spread the word

In an effort to help keep children safe, Energizer and the National Safety Council are working together to educate parents and caregivers on the steps they can take to help prevent these injuries.

"We know parents and caregivers are constantly thinking about their children's safety, but we want to bring awareness to an issue still unknown to many families," said Amy Heinzen, program manager of grants and strategic initiatives for the National Safety Council.

"Coin lithium battery safety needs to be top of mind and we hope parents will

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- » Electronic remote controls
- » Calculators
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- » Flame-less candles
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- » Electronic books
- » Electronic games

take the time to learn about the issue with these four simple steps to help children be safe."

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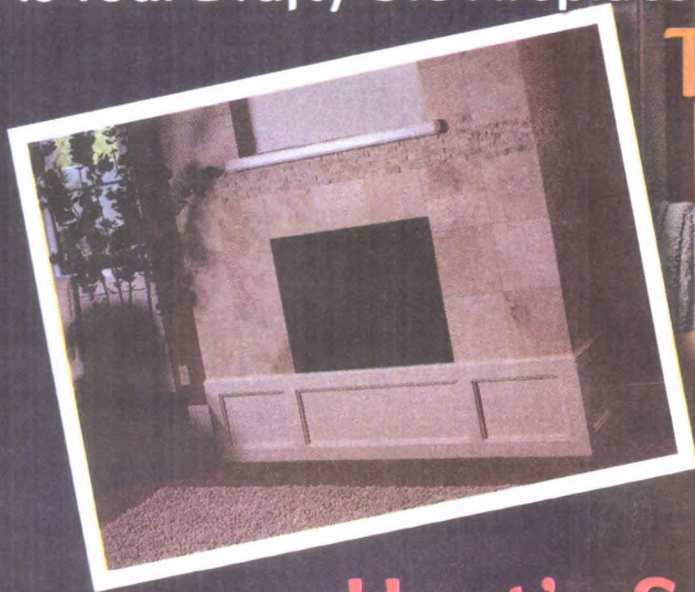
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"Today, fuel loses octane content after 35 to 40 days," he said.

There's an old school of thought on winterizing that says you should fill the tank with fuel and add a fuel stabilizer to it in order to keep it fresh, Murphy said. However, stabilizers last only 30 days and that won't get you through the winter, so this method is not recommended, he said.

Make sure all the gas is gone by priming the engine or putting the choke on, starting the engine again and running all the fuel out of the carburetor, Murphy said.

If you have an electric start mower, now's the time to remove the battery and bring it inside for storage, Murphy said.

Wait until the spring to change your oil, spark plugs, air cleaner and blade, Murphy said.

Finally, make sure you get your mower out of the elements and into a shed or garage. You can try covering it with a tarp, but Murphy doesn't recommend it. That makes it too easy for mice to get up into

the machine's housing and chew on wires, which could lead to costly repairs in the spring.

Sprinkler systems

If your home has a sprinkler system, you should winterize it by the end of October to avoid damage that can come from changes in temperature. It's a good idea to at least consult an expert, said Brian Amick, who owns Metro Automated Sprinklers of Livonia. But if you're a do-it-yourselfer, here are the main steps to take.

The main goal of winterizing a sprinkler system is to make sure all the water is out of the system. Otherwise, the pipes can crack, leading to costly repairs. "You have to be patient with winterization," Amick said. "A lot of times, it looks like the water is all drained, but it's not."

First, shut the water off to the sprinkler using the shutoff valve inside your home. Make sure at this stage that the water is completely off and that you don't have a leak in your shutoff valve, which can cause the pipes to crack.

The next step is to force compressed air through the system. A sprinkler company will have the right equipment for this job, but you can also do it yourself if you

have a powerful enough air compressor. The amount of pressure needed really depends on the flow rate of each zone in your sprinkler system.

What you'll need to do, Amick said, is open the valves in the ground for one of the sprinkler system's zones, either manually or using the controller if your system has one. Then attach the compressor to the blowout port and blow air through the system until the sprinkler heads are running on air only. Repeat the process for each zone, opening the valves and running the air through. Go back and repeat the process a second time for each zone to make sure all the water is out.

One important finishing step is to turn the backflow preventer valve – every system has one, Amick said – to a 45-degree angle to prevent any water from being trapped in the system. "The biggest mistake we see is homeowners don't put their valves at a 45-degree angle," Amick said. "We see a lot of cracked valves in the spring."

Of course, if you have any doubts or questions, contact your sprinkler company for more information.

STORING YOUR RAIN BARREL FOR THE WINTER SEASON

Rain barrels are popular methods of gathering rain water, which can then be used in various ways. Rain barrels are typically attached to a home's gutters and downspouts to collect water as it flows off of the roof. The collected water can be used for gardening, washing cars and watering the lawn.

Some water collection systems can be used for drinking water, but such products require specialized filtration and sanitizing systems.

While rain barrels can be effective in various climates, to prevent damage, water barrels may need to be stored in regions where freezing temperatures are common in the wintertime. When storing your rain barrel for the winter, consider the following tips.

» **Disconnect** the downspout from the rain barrel and reattach the gutter extension to funnel water away from the foundation of the house.

» **Make sure** the rain barrel is empty. Frozen water expands as it forms into ice and it can crack the rain barrel.

» **Flip the rain barrel** over so that it will not collect any rain or snow and store it in an out-of-the-way area outside. If you have enough room, you may want to store the barrel indoors in a garage, basement or storage shed.

» **Take in** any hoses so they do not freeze and crack from the cold weather.



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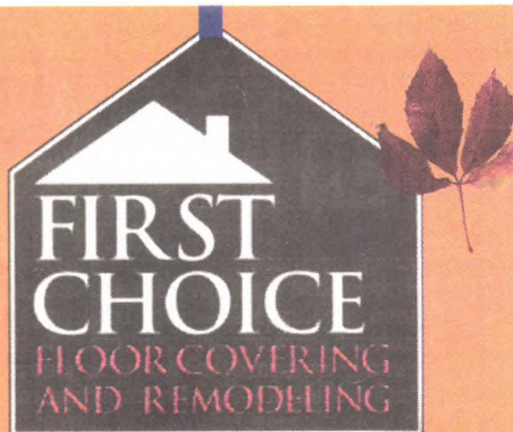
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Winterizing vehicles an important step for drivers

As fall gradually gives way to winter, vehicle owners often sigh at the thought of driving in winter weather or spending weekday mornings clearing their vehicles of ice before heading to the office. But manning the wheel through another snowstorm or whittling away another night's worth of ice from a car's windshield are not the only rites of passage motorists must endure as cold weather returns.

Winterizing a vehicle can improve vehicle performance during a time of year that, in many locales, can be especially harsh on automobiles. Low temperatures make for less than ideal conditions for engines to run, while potholes left behind by snow plows can damage a vehicle's wheels and may even result in flat tires and a damaged suspension system. In addition, salt used to improve traction on roadways can cause rust. Short of moving to a locale with mild winters, there's little drivers can do to protect their vehicles from harsh winter weather. But winterizing a vehicle can prevent some of the more common issues drivers may encounter when the temperatures dip below freezing.

» **Take time out for your tires.** Winter weather can limit traction, putting the safety of drivers and their passengers in jeopardy. When possible steer clear of roads where ice and black ice are known to form.

While such measures can greatly reduce your risk of being in an accident, you likely can't avoid driving entirely come the winter. Drivers who want improved traction from their tires throughout the winter can purchase winter tires for their vehicles. Such tires can more effectively handle roads that are covered in snow and ice than all-season tires. Another way to improve traction during the winter months is to constantly monitor tire pressure, which decreases more rapidly when the weather is cold. Properly inflated tires provide better traction and protect against damage that may occur when driving over potholes.

» **Consider a low-viscosity oil** in the winter. The owner's manual of your vehicle may recommend you use a lower viscosity motor oil to counter the dip in temperature that's synonymous with winter. When the temperatures outside fall, the oil inside your vehicle thickens and a thicker oil won't circulate through the engine as well. This can cause engine problems because the engine won't be adequately lubricated.



Keeping tools like a snow brush or ice scraper in the trunk of a vehicle is one way to ready a car for the winter months ahead.

A low-viscosity oil is naturally thinner, so it may improve lubrication throughout the winter. The vehicle owner's manual should recommend oils based on climate. If not, talk to your mechanic about changing from the oil you use throughout the year to a low-viscosity alternative during the winter.

» **Inspect your vehicle** before winter arrives. No one wants to be out on the road during the first snowstorm of the year only to discover certain components are not working properly. Belts and hoses, while durable, can be put through strenuous conditions during the winter months, so a close inspection of belts and hoses should be conducted in late fall. In addition, windshield wipers are especially important in winter, when snowfall can drastically impact visibility. You will want your wipers working at full capacity once the winter begins, so replace older wipers (shelf life for standard wipers is typically one year) and use a de-icing windshield washer fluid to maximize visibility.

» **Don't be caught off-guard.** Part of winterizing a vehicle is being prepared if the vehicle breaks down. Make sure you have extra washer fluid in your vehicle's trunk and don't forget to include an ice scraper, snow brush or even a snow shovel in the trunk as well. A snow shovel may be necessary if you need to dig your car out if it's been buried somewhere other than your driveway. Other items to carry in your trunk include a blanket, a change of clothes, an extra hat, an extra pair of gloves, some nonperishable food and a few bottles of water.

Winter can be especially harsh on automobiles. But drivers can take several preventive steps to ensure their vehicle is safe and sound on the roads this winter.



Remove countertop stains by adding a little hydrogen peroxide to water and a few small drops of ammonia and scrub with a soft cloth.

Simple **tips** for easy kitchen **cleanup**

From rushed morning breakfasts to hurried dinners, the kitchen is often the busiest room in the home.

But with all of this activity comes a world of messes. For busy moms, cleaning up spills and splatters can be a job in itself, especially when kids are involved. From installing kitchen features that make it easier for kids to help clean up, to easy ways to keep pans bright, these tips offer simple solutions for a range of kitchen mishaps and messes.

» **Line the refrigerator:** Hardened mustard or sticky soda spills can be hard to remove from inside the refrigerator. For quick clean up, line the drawers with plastic place mats. When a mess happens, just pull out the mat, scrub it off and place it back in. As a bonus, these mats often come in fun colors or patterns to help jazz up kitchen decor.

» **Let the kids help clean:** Many kitchen and bath manufacturers, such as Pfister, offer faucets with flexible, pull down spouts for kids to help clean and rinse dishes after dinner. Just be sure to invest in a sturdy step stool to keep your little helpers safe while they're at work. For more information, visit www.pfisterfaucets.com.

» **Clean with baking soda:** Back splashes and tile flooring can be cleaned in a breeze with a simple solution made from things you may already own. Just mix a half cup of baking soda into a two-gallon bucket of water and scrub those splatters away.

» **Brighten brass and copper:** To

clean up tarnish on pots and pans made with brass or copper, use a small amount of ketchup on a soft cloth and rub. Once the tarnish is gone, rinse with warm water and towel dry.

» **Outfit with smudge-free features:** With all the upkeep required in a kitchen, cleaning buildup on the faucet can be a bothersome task. The new smudge-free Slate finish from Pfister retains its shine after being handled, even after little hands. Plus, its warm, gray metallic color blends perfectly with other finishes.

» **Remove countertop stains:** Kids love their juice with breakfast just like mom loves her coffee, but little spills happen. To remove such stains, simply add a little hydrogen peroxide to water and a few small drops of ammonia and scrub with a soft cloth.

With a few simple tools, you'll be able to keep your kitchen squeaky clean so it can continue to be the favorite hang-out for the entire family.

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Healthy home entertaining

Make mealtime memorable with lean, flavorful lamb

When hosting your next get together, share a great meal that offers a variety of foods that are both delicious and good for you.

Nutrition is often overlooked when planning menus, even though a recent U.S. survey showed 81 percent of grocery shoppers report putting at least “some” or “a lot” of effort into better eating.

According to Janice Bissex, a registered dietitian, one way to have enjoyable healthy meals is increasing variety at the table by including unique foods, such as lean lamb.

“When it comes to healthy entertaining, it’s important to serve a diverse array of foods,” Bissex said, “and flavorful, tender lamb is a nutrient-rich protein source that’s as easy to prepare as other meats.”

Here are a few reasons why lamb is the perfect protein to

add to the menu:

» **Lean.** On average, a three-ounce serving of lean lamb has only 170 calories. Lean cuts include the leg, loin and rack.

» **Omega-3s.** Lamb can contribute to your daily intake of the essential omega-3 fatty acid alpha-linolenic (ALA). A three-ounce serving of lean lamb provides about the same amount of omega-3s found in a one-tablespoon serving of olive oil.

» **Nutrient-rich.** Lamb is naturally nutrient rich and, on average, is an excellent source of protein, vitamin B12, niacin, zinc and selenium and a good source of iron and riboflavin.

For more tips and tasty lamb recipes for healthy home entertaining, visit www.leanonlamb.com and www.pinterest.com/leanonlamb.

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SWEET & SOUR LAMB MEATBALLS

Yield: 8 appetizer servings (4 meatballs per serving)

Recipe provided by Janice Bissex, registered dietitian

- 1 pound lean ground leg of lamb
- ¼ cup panko bread crumbs
- ½ medium red bell pepper, finely diced (about ½ cup)
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 3 scallions, white part only, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ cup hoisin sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- 3 scallions, green part only, sliced into thin rings
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line large baking sheet with foil, lightly oil or coat with nonstick cooking spray and set aside. Combine lamb, panko, bell pepper, egg, scallion whites, soy sauce, ginger and pepper in large bowl and mix until ingredients are just combined. Shape meat mixture into 32 balls. Place on prepared baking sheet and cook until lightly browned, about 12 minutes. Meanwhile, whisk the hoisin sauce, honey, vinegar and ginger together in large bowl until well combined. When meatballs come out of

oven, add them to bowl and toss gently to combine. Place meatballs on serving platter with toothpicks and sprinkle with scallion greens and sesame seeds. Note: Serve meatball appetizers with small cubes of fresh pineapple. Meatballs can also be served over whole wheat egg noodles with a side of sauteed vegetables, such as red bell pepper, snow peas and cauliflower. Nutrition information per serving: 180 calories, 10 g fat (4 g saturated fat), 16 g protein, 7 g carbohydrate, 1 g dietary fiber, 270 mg sodium, 20% vitamin C.



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"Halloween is the one time of the year that you can take your decorating skills to the dark side," said Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton. "From finishing pumpkin cookies with ghoulish grins to creating creepy cakes decorated like graveyard skulls, it's the perfect holiday to have some fun in the kitchen."

Try these tips from the Wilton test kitchen for tasty and terrifying treats:

» **Creepy Cupcakes:** Transform traditional cupcakes into other worldly creations by decorating with eyeballs, spider webs or candy corn. Set up a decorating table during your Halloween party and let kids make their own creepy creations.

» **Trick the Treat:** Swap out the standard packaged treats for homemade sweets. Wrap cookies, pumpkin cake pops and lollipops in decorative party bags for a fearfully fun take-home treat.

» **Mummy Wrap:** Dress up your Halloween treats with themed baking cups. Pumpkins, mummies and ghosts are an

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instant way to give your party extra personality.

» **Stack the Skulls:** Turn the crouque-en-bouche, a popular French dessert, on its head by replacing cream puffs with mini-skeleton skulls. To increase the scare factor, mix in bone-shaped cookies and antique the treats with Candy Melts candy and Color Mist food color spray.

Try these recipes for Pumpkin Cake Pops and Graveyard Crouque-en-Bouche for a spook-tacular Halloween party. For more unique decorating ideas and recipes, visit www.wilton.com.

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HAPPILY HAUNTED LOLLIPOPS

Each lollipop serves 1

White, Light and Dark Cocoa, Yellow, Black and Limited Edition Pumpkin Spice or Orange Candy Melts Candy

11.75 inch lollipop sticks

Melt Candy Melts candy as needed following package instructions. Pipe or brush details of Candy Corn/Pumpkin Lollipop Mold with melted candy; chill in refrigerator 5-10 minutes or until set. Fill candy mold cavities with contrasting melted candy. Place lollipop stick into mold, rotating the stick so it is completely covered with melted candy. Chill in refrigerator 10-15 minutes or until set. Remove from candy mold.

NOTE: For simpler preparation, lollipops can be molded using a single candy variety.

TOWER OF HORROR TREATS

Skull Cakes

Makes 8 skulls

4 cups all-purpose flour
2½ cups granulated sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
Pinch ground nutmeg
1½ cups vegetable oil
4 eggs
2 cups applesauce
Butter cream icing

Preheat oven to 325°F. Prepare Dimensions Mini Skull Pan with vegetable spray. In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cloves and nutmeg. In small bowl, whisk together oil, eggs and applesauce. Add to dry ingredients, stirring until well combined. Fill each cavity about ¾ full with ½ cup batter. Reserve remaining batter.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 15 minutes. Remove to cooling grid and cool. Bake remaining batter as above. To assemble, cut domes off of

fronts and backs of skulls and sandwich with butter cream icing.

Cookie Bones

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1½ cups granulated sugar
1 egg
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon almond extract (optional)
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray Bones Cookie Pan cavities with vegetable spray. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer at medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg and extracts; mix well. Combine flour and salt; add to butter mixture. Beat until well blended. Press into prepared pan cavities, filling ¾ full. Bake 9-10 minutes or until light brown around edges. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn pan over; lightly tap pan to remove cookies. Cool on cooling grid.

To decorate and assemble:

Yellow candy color from Primary Candy Color Set, optional
3 (12-ounce) bags White Candy

Melts Candy, melted
1 (12-ounce) bag Black Candy Melts Candy, melted
Large Candy Eyeballs
Brown Color Dust, optional

Place assembled cakes and cookies on cooling grid positioned over cookie sheet. If desired, add yellow candy color to melted white candy; pour over cakes and cookies until well coated. Chill 10 to 15 minutes or until set. Repeat if needed.

Using disposable decorating bag, pipe melted black candy face details on skull cakes; chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set. Attach candy eyeballs to skulls with dots of melted candy. If desired, brush Color Dust highlights on candy-covered bones and skulls. Using melted white candy, secure four decorated skull cakes to cake base or platter, hold until set; insert decorated bone cookies between cakes. Add second row of skulls, positioning between the skulls below and securing with melted candy; hold until set. Add bone cookies between skulls. Secure final skull to top of tower with melted candy; hold until set. Arrange remaining bone cookies around base.

JOLLY JACK-O-LANTERN COOKIES

Makes about 2 dozen cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1½ cups granulated sugar
1 egg
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon almond extract (optional)
2½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
Light Green, Black, Red and Orange Sparkle Gel

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray Easy Decorate Pumpkin Cookie Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer at medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg and extracts; mix well. Combine flour and salt; add to butter mixture. Beat until well blended. Press dough into cavities, filling ¾ full. Bake 10-12 minutes or until light brown around edges. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn pan over; lightly tap pan to remove cookies. Cool completely on cooling grid.

Decorate cooled cookies with Sparkle Gel, using light green for stem; black for eyes, mouths and mustaches; red for tongue; and orange for remaining pumpkin areas. Let set, about ½ hour.

SPIRITED PUMPKIN CAKE POPS

Each pop serves 1

1 package (15.5 to 18.25 ounces) yellow cake mix
Water, eggs and oil to prepare mix
Orange, Black and White Candy Melts Candy
Black/White Colored Lollipop Sticks
Candy Eyeballs

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare 12-cavity Silicone Petite Pumpkin Mold with vegetable pan spray. Prepare cake mix following package instructions; fill silicone mold cavities ¾ full with cake batter. Bake 8-12 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from mold and cool completely.

Melt orange Candy Melts candy following package instructions. Dip lollipop sticks in melted candy; insert into bottom of cakes. Using spatula or butter knife, spread melted candy onto backs of cakes; chill in refrigerator 5-10 minutes or until set. Place cooled cakes on cooling grid positioned over cookie sheet, candy side down; spoon or pipe melted candy over cakes until well coated. Chill in refrigerator 10-15 minutes or until set. Repeat if desired. Melt black Candy Melts candy in disposable decorating bag; cut small hole in tip of bag and pipe mouth, nose and eyebrows on pumpkins. If desired, pipe melted white candy teeth. Attach candy eyeballs with dots of melted candy.

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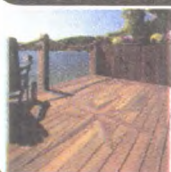
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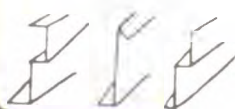
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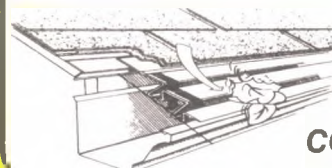
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