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Parents, staff react to boundary plan

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

After releasing details of the district's boundary steering committee's recommendations on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools website Friday and anticipating heavy parent reaction, the district's Board of Education decided to move Tuesday's scheduled meeting to the much larger Discovery Middle School auditorium.

Good move. Dozens of Allen Elementary School parents, teachers and

staffers, including retired Principal Marcia Moore and a Dragon (the school's mascot), were among the throng that turned out to implore board members not to close their school after the 2014-15 school vear.

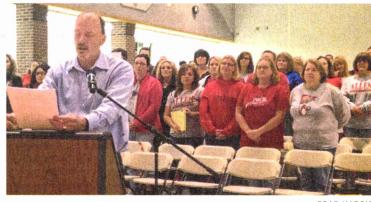
Allen and Gallimore elementaries (along with the Tanger Center) were recommended for closure by the committee, although Gallimore would be re-purposed to hold the district's Talented and Gifted and Infant, Preschool and Toddler programs. Allen students will be spread between Farrand, Hulsing and Eriksson elementaries, while Gallimore students will go to Miller, Dodson, Isbister and Tonda.

It's the first massive redistricting the district has seen since 1994.

Concerned parents

Predictably, the recommendation didn't sit well with Allen stakeholders. After extolling the academic achievements of the school's students. parent Mike Fisher, speaking

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Former Allen Elementary School PTO President Mike Fisher spoke on behalf of concerned parents about Plymouth-Canton's plan for redistricting.

State Senate candidates offer contrasting views

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

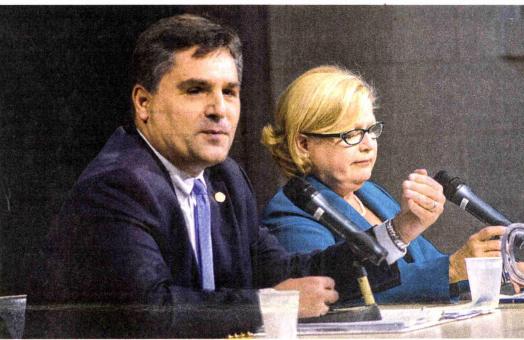
andidates in the Michigan Senate 7th District race offered contrasting views Monday on issues ranging from health care to job creation to improving the state's roads.

Incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, faced challenger Dian Slavens, a Democratic House of Representatives member from Canton, during a League of Women Voters-sponsored forum Monday at the Livonia Civic Center Library. A crowd of about 75 people, many clearly supporting one candidate or the other, attend-

Slavens, who is termlimited in the state House, tried to paint Colbeck as an "obstructionist" with extreme views whose "parti-san posturing" has hurt the state, citing his opposition in 2013 to giving an expansion of Medicaid, offered under the Affordable Care Act, immediate effect. The move cost the state millions in federal Medicaid money, she said.

"My opponent is out of touch," Slavens said.

Colbeck defended his record, saying the ACA erodes local control and escalates health care costs, and made a case for fiscal conservatism and what he said should be a broad public discussion of Michigan's



BILL BRESLER LSTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and challenger Rep. Dian Slavens square off for the League of Women Voters forum, held at the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium.

spending priorities.

He touted his alternative plan for Medicaid expansion in the state, which he calls patient-centered care, saying it could cut Michigan's \$12 billion annual Medicaid budget by 60 percent.

"I think that's a great place to start," Colbeck said.

Colbeck also blamed ACA Michigan's Medicaid expansion, called Healthy Michigan, for siphoning money from the state's budget for mental health care, bringing boos from parts of the audience. Moderator Roberta Young asked the crowd to refrain from showing partisanship.

Slavens praised Healthy Michigan - which, generally speaking, allows uninsured people with incomes of up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level to enroll in Medicaid – saying it has provided health insurance for 400,000 people in the state.

More than 30 questions were asked during the forum, which lasted nearly 90 minutes. The event was

recorded on video that will be available on the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County website, www.lwvnww.org.

Schools

Colbeck pushed back on the claim by many Democrats that Republican Gov. Rick Snyder and a Republican-controlled Legislature cut \$1 billion from K-12 education. He said the budget has actually gone up. The budget has gone from

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Township seeks tax renewals

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials are planning to seek the voters' renewal of two public safety taxes that provide more than half the township's property tax revenue.

Both taxes, one currently at 1.6348 mills and the other at 0.5631 mills, expire at the end of 2015 and officials say they want to have approvals in place in order to collect the taxes in 2016. The renewals were discussed Tuesday at a Board of Trustees study session.

'We don't feel there's a need, at this point, to ask for any increases," Supervisor Richard Reaume said.

Combined, the taxes amount to 2.1979 mills, or nearly \$2.20 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value. The owners of a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 now pay \$219.19 under the taxes. The township currently levies a total of 4 mills, or \$4 for every \$1,000 of taxable value.

Both taxes up for renewal provide funding for the Plymouth Township Police Department and the Plymouth Community Fire Department and currently raise more than \$3.7 million annually.

20-year plans

The board, which will vote Tuesday, Oct. 21, on whether to place the tax-renewal questions on the ballot for an election next February, is looking at 20-year renewal proposals. The 1.6348-mill tax was last renewed for 10 years in 2005, while the 0.5631-mill tax was a new tax that was approved by

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Runners plan for 'Wicked' time in Plymouth

'When I was a young runner,

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Olympic middle-distance runner Nicole Sifuentes is going to be in costume later this month for the Wicked Halloween Run.

But there's no disguising her desire to give back to the running community and inspire young runners, whom she'll lead in the Monster Mile, one of the running events planned for the fourth annual Wicked,

which is Sunday, Oct. 26, in Plymouth.

I really looked up to the older ones," said Sifuentes, who ran the women's 1,500 meters for Canada in the 2012 Olympics in London and was a bronze medalist in the 1,500 at this year's World Championship in Sopot, Poland. "I think that got me excited to continue in the sport."

Sifuentes, who lives in Plymouth Township, is a profes-

sional runner who trains locally and was a track and cross country star at the University of Michigan, from which she graduated in 2009 with a degree in civil engineering. Her next big running goal is getting to the finals in the 1,500 at next year's World Championship in Beijing.

"I want to see how good I can be. I want to be one of the very best," said Sifuentes, who is

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF **PHOTOGRAPHER** Olympic runner **Nicole Sifuentes** and Alan Whitehead. president of Kona Running Co., are bringing another Wicked Halloween Run to Plymouth later this month. The run will begin and end in Kellogg



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halloweenrun.com. Prices

vary by event and are set to

go up after Friday, Oct. 24.

See the website for details.

Extras: New this year are

chance for ambitious run-

ners to do both the 5K and

the Wicked Double, a

the 10K, and a shuttle

service for participants

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from Calgary.

Sifuentes is married to fellow U-M civil engineering graduate Antonio Sifuentes, who is studying for his master's in business administration at U-M's Ross School of Business. They live close to Hines Park. where she often runs.

"I am out there almost every single day of my life," she said.

She's on board for this year's Wicked Halloween Run, which has 10-kilometer, five-kilometer and one-mile events that begin and end at downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. There's even a new

DETAILS

What: Plymouth's fourth annual Wicked Halloween

When: Sunday, Oct. 26. On-site registration begins at 6:45 a.m. and events are held throughout the morning. The 5K and 10K starts are each held in three waves to accommodate several thousand participants.

Where: Tents are set up in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park and the races

"Wicked Double" for those who want to enter both the 5K and the 10K.

Running party

The Wicked will also offer refreshments, live music and dance (to Michael Jackson's Thrillkilometer and one-mile (the Wicked Mile) running and walking events, live entertainment, refreshments, a costume contest and awards. Former Olympic runner Nicole Sifuentes of Plymouth Township will lead the Wicked Mile. Costume contest evaluation will be 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the canopy tent. How: Register at

er) performances and a

attracted 5,200 runners

and walkers in all events

year, due to competition

and Whitehead expects

about 900 fewer this

from the increasing

Last October's Wicked

costume contest.

begin and end there.

Why: Five-kilometer, 10-

from the parking lot of the ACH plant on Sheldon number of churches and

other organizations that sponsor races.

"There are just so many choices out there," Whitehead said.

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Costume contest at the Wicked

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

This year's Wicked Halloween Run in Plymouth, on Sunday, Oct. 26, will include a costume contest judged by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Three top winners will be chosen in each of the following divisions:

» Individual: Costumes for only one person

» Partner costume: Costumes with two people.

» Group costume: Three or more people dressing in a single theme.

The costume evalua-

tion time will be 7:15-8:45 a.m. at the canopy tent in Kellogg Park. Awards will be at 9:45 a.m. on the main stage near the starting line.

Contestants must be registered participants and complete a race event in costume to be eligible for prizes. Groups and pairs must come to the judging table together to be eligible and must have a team captain and a team name. Contestants must have a race number visible to be eligible and should keep race bib numbers for winner announcements. Winners must be at the awards ceremony to

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\$11.1 billion in 2012, Snyder's first budget, to a planned \$12.1 billion next year, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency.

'The numbers in the education budget don't lie," Colbeck said.

Slavens, while not endorsing the claim of a \$1 billion cut, questioned whether enough money was making it into public school classrooms.

She said she'd favor a

cap on the number of charter schools and was critical of publicly funded online schools, called cyber schools, saying they take money from traditional public schools while having lower overhead costs. Charters, she said, need to be held

"We really need to make sure we're putting dollars back in public schools," Slavens said.

more accountable to the

public.

Colbeck said he wouldn't support a cap on the number of charters.

"Since when do edu-

crats in Lansing know more about where to send your kids to school than you do?" he said.

Pension tax

Slavens criticized Colbeck over the controversial tax on pensions, which she opposed, noting Colbeck had voted it out of committee in 2011, even though he later voted against it on the Senate floor.

Colbeck countered that he was "one of the more outspoken critics" of the tax, which was proposed by Snyder, and said his opposition resulted in it being cut from a \$900 million tax to a \$300 million tax.

"My committee vote had nothing consequential to do" with the pension tax, he said.

Road repair

Slavens said measures like increased penalties for overweight trucks, diverting part of the state's use tax to roads and the expansion of road construction warranties should be adopted to improve the condition of Michigan's roads.

She also criticized the Senate for failing to take action on a comprehensive plan to raise more roads revenue.

"We're being told we did nothing, but we actually did quite a bit in the Senate," Colbeck said, citing measures that were adopted.

Colbeck said he was against raising taxes to pay for road repairs, saying money could be found by examining other appropriations, cutting expenses and looking at alternative revenue sources.

The candidates also said that campaign contributors don't have any special sway with them.

receive their prizes.

Colbeck said he made it clear to lobbyists when he started his term that he's going to vote his conscience and not be swayed by special interests.

"It's a different tone." he said.

"I don't owe anybody anything for giving me \$5 or \$100," Slavens said.

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for a group representing Allen's Parent-Teacher Organization, recalled a quote from Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen, who said in an Oct. 12 Observer story "the assignment of who goes to school where is pivotal and fundamental to the schools and to the community.'

"We may not be able to express with graphs and percentages why the Allen community epitomizes (Meissen's) statement ... we just know they do," said Fisher, a Plymouth Township resident and former Allen PTO president. "We hope we have provided you with enough information to reinforce why Allen should be welcoming new Dragons for many years to come.' Fisher questioned

the committee used:

» Declining enrollment - Fisher said the district's own data shows Allen is one of four schools with a projected increase in enrollment over the next two years.

» Cost per pupil – Fisher contends the higher cost is due to Allen's more tenured teachers. He also said the cost is lower than six other schools.

» Size - The committee said Allen is in the bottom third in square footage; Fisher said the school has more than enough space to accommodate the recommended 500-student levels for which the district is aiming.

The process

While audience members were concerned with the idea of closing schools, many also questioned the district's process and communication of its recommendation.

CHANGING BOUNDARIES

The public will get at least two more chances to express views about the work of Plymouth-Canton boundary steering committee.

Administration officials are conducting two community forums on the boundary changes, announced Friday on the district's website and presented Tuesday to the Board of Education.

The first forum takes place today (Thursday) and the other is Thursday, Oct. 30. Both forums take place at 7 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, in Canton.

tee work, the recommendation was placed on the district's website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us) late Friday afternoon.

With the first opportunity for public comment not coming until Tuesday evening, that wasn't enough time to satisfy

"I applaud the administration on the work it is doing. ... My concern and frustration is with the process," said Patrick Kehoe, who has two children in the district. "It's crucial the administration do a better job communicating and validating its information."

TAX

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Board members also

voters in 2005 for a 10-

discussed Tuesday a

nearly \$13.87 million

general fund budget

proposal for the next

over \$100,000, or less than 1 percent, from the

amended general fund

budget for the current

Reaume said the bud-

fiscal year, which begins

in January. That's up just

year period.

fiscal year.

Not everyone in the audience was there to complain, however. Several people spoke about the difficulty of the work and, though their children might be affected by the boundary shift, wanted to thank the administration for the ef-

Beverly Shornhorst, whose daughter is a student at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth Township, said the school would be happy to get students from Allen.

"We are very much in support of what you have proposed," Shornhorst said. "We'd be honored to get students and families from Allen.'

If approved by the board, the changes, effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year, will leave the district with 13 elementary schools, all with adjusted boundaries. The committee is expected to present its recommendations for middle school boundaries at the board's Oct. 27 meeting.

The Board of Education is expected to vote on the final boundary recommendations at its Nov. 11 meeting.

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recently granted or

reached through collective bargaining.

Public safety would

get the greatest share of

the general fund, nearly

\$8.89 million. That's over

\$3.9 million for the police

department, \$1.16 million

for emergency dispatch

and more than \$3.8 mil-

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Consumer Expo set to draw hundreds in Canton

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Hundreds of visitors are expected to attend an event showcasing nearly 60 Canton businesses, all under one roof.

A crowd of 500-600 people is anticipated for Consumer Expo, a Canton Chamber of Commerce event featuring companies such as local jewelers, banking institutions, florists, fitness and nutrition centers, home-improvement companies, schools, auto dealerships, insurance agencies, apartment complexes and philan-

thropic organizations such as the Canton Community Foundation.

It's free and happens 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, where visitors also can sample food from nine local eateries as the chamber rolls out its annual event to boost the Canton business community.

"We want the residents to know of the great businesses that are housed right here in the Canton community, chamber President Thomas Paden said. "We use this as our platform

to highlight local businesses. You really don't have to leave Canton, because we have everything you need right here. We want residents to know that.

Canton resident Genevieve Winkel last year called Consumer Expo "almost like trick-ortreating for adults" as she collected free items such as a tote bag, a white rose, candy and cookies - all while nibbling on a mini-sandwich served by Bailey's Pub &

Selling merchandise at Consumer Expo isn't the goal. Rather, Paden



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Visitors mill about during a previous Consumer Expo. The annual event, sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, is expected to draw 500-600 people.

said, the event is intended to give visitors a glimpse of Canton businesses in hopes customers will visit their shops, spend money and support

the local economy. The event also includes some 60 door prizes.

Free samples of food this year are offered by Bailey's, bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Fractured Prune Doughnuts, McDonald's, National Coney Island, Scrambler Marie's, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza and Twisted Rooster.

Major event sponsors are Jack Demmer Ford, Showroom of Elegance, Twisted Rooster and Sam's Club.

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Delta Kappa Gamma's craft show focuses on education

Another year has passed and Delta Kappa Gamma is ready for its 30th annual fall craft show, its biggest yearly event that raises money to provide college scholarships for community students pursuing careers in education.

The show runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon), in Plymouth. The event will feature more than 65 Michigan and local artisans, along with a used book sale sponsored by the American Association of University Women. Admission is \$2.

Included in the show will be unique items, including hand-crafted soaps of natural ingredients, one-of-a-kind vintage jewelry, novelty buttons, keys and belts, picture frames, pottery, gourmet foods, seasonal decor, hand painted scarves, unique pet supplies and more.

This year's craft show will also offer a "special" drawing every hour - a chance to win a surprise gift every hour.

There will also be a special drawing for a



Delta Kappa Gamma is getting ready for its 30th annual fall craft show, set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon), in Plymouth.

variety of prizes: A handstitched large queen/king quilt in the Poppy Seed Flower pattern; a round of golf, cart included, at Fox Hills Golf Course; another round of golf, cart included, at Pheasant Run Golf Club; a bed & breakfast package at 932 Penniman; a selection of famed Detroit Tigers memorabilia; a \$50 gift certificate from Focal Point; two \$25 gift certificates to Vanessa's Flowers; and a collection of gift certificates to

Plymouth-Canton area.

Returning again this year is the American Association of University Women, which features a used 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 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 paraprofessionals, 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, established 33 years ago, is Gamma Gamma, a group of 34 women from Plymouth, Canton and neighboring communities. Members meet the first Tuesday of each month during the school year. There is a business meeting followed by a planned program and guest speaker.

Guest speakers have come from various walks of life, including 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.

Delta Kappa Gamma 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, of course, scholarship money to Plymouth-Canton students who are pursuing a career in education.

During the past 33 years, Gamma Gamma has provided more than \$100,000 in scholarship money to more than 60 students. Currently, eight students are receiving funds and attending various Michigan universities. These grant-in-aid recipients are Kara Kavulich at MSU, Emily Weiner at MSU, Allison Raylean at EMU, Jillian Sommerville at Hope College, Stacey Jedele at Saginaw Valley State, Kayla Cotter at MSU, Meredith Rinke at Hope College and Kailey de-Weever at EMU

Students interested in Delta Kappa Gamma

scholarships should contact their high school counseling office.

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. It is through the hard work and dedication of these women that the annual craft show has been so successful in raising money for scholarships and helping young people to achieve their dreams.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting, supporting local charities or joining can contact Barb Marshall at 734-475-9743 or email WaldoRd2@aol.com.

New school district system helps public get answers to problems

many restaurants in the

With a number of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the district has launched an initiative to create proactive, two-way communication about the school and education issues most important to the public.

Plymouth-Canton's Let's Talk! platform gives parents, students, teachers and community members a 24/7 outlet to ask questions, offer praise or raise concerns.

Designed and administered by technology and communications firm K12 Insight, Let's Talk! is available on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools home page -

www.pccs.k12.mi.us and is accessible anytime, anywhere and from any device. Each submission is directed to the

appropriate staff memfor follow-up. People may leave their contact information to receive a direct response or can remain anonymous.

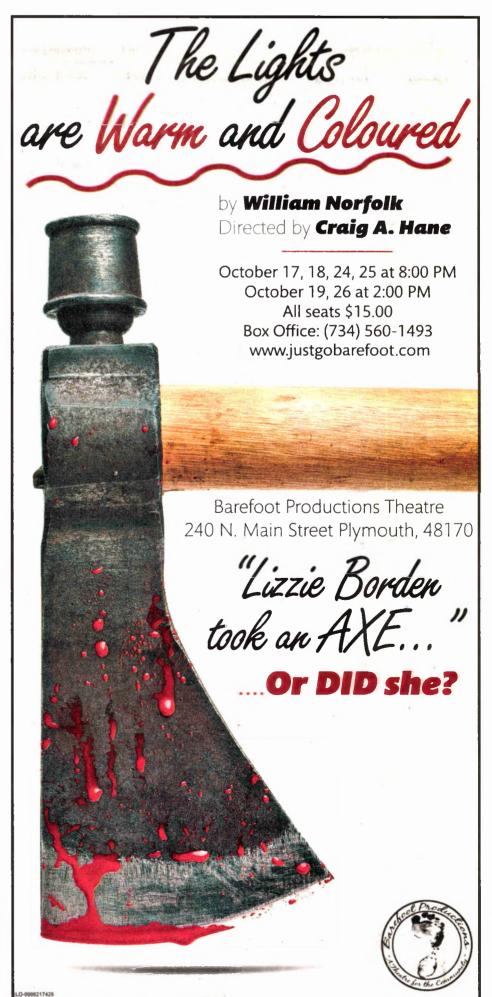
"Through Let's Talk!. it is our goal to make Plymouth-Canton Community Schools proactive instead of reactive when it comes to addressing the issues most important to the members of our community," Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen said. "We have a lot of exciting and positive challenges ahead of us and this tool will allow us to create a productive dialogue with our community."

With the interest spurred by the Board of Education's review of the boundary study committee's recommendations for changes in school boundaries and the operating status of some

schools, district officials public are "bound to have questions and comments" which they can submit through Let's Talk! to receive answers.

Let's Talk! can accept comments and questions for key district departments, such as human resources, communications, transportation, custodial maintenance and finance. Later this year, the district plans to expand Let's Talk! to include direct contact with school principals.

'Now anyone in our community can easily let us know exactly what's on his or her mind." Meissen said. "Through Let's Talk!, we can partner with the community to ensure we are delivering an innovative educational experience that propels every student to excellence."





Canton pushes state to roll back fireworks laws

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Bombarded by complaints about noise and potential fire hazards, Canton officials are pressuring state lawmakers to repeal legislation that, since 2011, has allowed more powerful fireworks such as Roman candles and bottle rockets in Michigan.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said his office received only sporadic complaints before the law changed, "but now hundreds of calls come in to us about this.'

The township board Tuesday adopted a resolution imploring the state to roll back fireworks laws. Officials also supported bills proposed by state Sen. Glenn Anderson. D-Westland, to douse the more powerful explosives.

LaJoy cited complaints in Canton and across the state from veterans suffering the effects of post traumatic stress disorder, residents whose pets are frightened and an increase in injuries to people and property.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin urged local residents who want new fireworks laws repealed to contact their state legislators and demand action.



Canton is pressuring the state to roll back fireworks laws amid widespread complaints from residents.

"Many voices are oftentimes the impetus to getting something done," she said.

Clerk Terry Bennett said damage from fireworks dropping on homes often isn't discovered until weeks or months later, when residents notice rain has leaked into their residences.

Anderson has proposed legislation changes, saying he and his wife are fed up with high-powered fireworks in their own neighborhood. He voted against expanding Michigan's range of legal fireworks in 2011.

Anderson has said his bill would "roll us back to exactly what we had before."

Lawmakers broadened the law to receive revenue that otherwise goes to neighboring states, but LaJoy said "all indications are the law has not lived up to its expectations."

Some officials say revenues have been partly offset by an uptick in costs to have police officers and firefighters investigate potentially dangerous situations.

Already, Canton has given approval to a partial clampdown to silence the boom of powerful fireworks by prohibiting their use except for three-day periods around national holidays, when state lawmakers blocked such restrictions.

However, Canton officials say the only real option to curbing the problem is to roll back the law.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Pistol, ammo confiscated

Canton police took a 42-yearold man into custody after finding a 9mm pistol in the trunk of his vehicle, nine rounds of ammunition and a small container of marijuana residue, a police report said.

Police noticed the Canton man's Volvo had a defective license plate light while on patrol near Ford and Haggerty. The car was stopped on westbound Ford near Morton Taylor shortly before 12:30 a.m. Oct. 8.

The man told police he was on his way home from a store. Police learned from a background check he had a misdemeanor warrant out of Wayne County and, in a separate incident, had been denied a concealed pistol license.

He told police he had a pistol in the trunk, but thought he had handled the pistol permit years ago. Police confiscated the weapon and nine rounds of ammunition with a magazine.

Stolen car crash

Two teens suspected of stealing a car in Canton were taken into custody by Detroit police after the vehicle, a 2002 Dodge Intrepid, crashed early Saturday morning in Harper Woods, a police report said.

The incident unfolded after Canton police went to The Crossings, an apartment complex near Joy and I-275, after a visitor from Auburn Hills reported his car was stolen between 10 p.m. Friday and 12:30 a.m. Saturday. The 23-year-old victim told police he noticed the car had been stolen when he returned to it to get a sleeping bag and pillow while visiting a friend.

Canton police received notification from Detroit authorities that the car had been found in Harper Woods, with the ignition punched in. The vehicle had struck a building at Hunts Club Drive and Harper.

Two suspects tried to flee from Detroit police, but were captured and taken into custody, a police report indicated. One of the teens arrested is from Canton, the other from

Detroit.

Stolen identity A 46-year-old Canton woman notified police after she became the victim of repeated incidents of identity theft in recent weeks, a police report said. Among her problems:

» PayPal, a service allowing online payments, notified her that two transactions totaling \$686 had been made from a credit card in her name for a hotel website and for an online payment to an insurance company. She had never activated a PayPal account.

» She received two letters from a bank stating it couldn't approve applications she had submitted to a home furnishings company, though she had never applied.

» She was twice notified she had been denied an increase in her credit limit, but, again, she had not sought the change.

Canton police gave the woman an identity theft packet. She already had made contact with the companies to try to resolve the problems.

Fireworks citation

A 31-year-old Canton man who fired a mortar firework during a backyard party was issued a citation by Canton police for illegal use of fireworks in violation of the township's ordinance, a police report said.

The incident happened shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday on Maben, northwest of Canton Center and Ford roads.

Police had gone to the neighborhood to investigate reports of possible gunshots or fireworks and noticed about 15 vehicles parked in the 45900 block of Maben. The resident told police he was having a bonfire party with friends for his brother's birthday and admitted he shot off one firework. He blamed other reports on someone else in the neighborhood.

Police issued a citation and the man has a court date in 35th District Court.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting arrest

A 29-year-old woman was arrested Oct. 3 in the shoplifting of personal care products and a dress from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, according to the Plymouth Township Police Department. The items had a value of \$54.46.

An officer was dispatched to the store around 5:30 p.m., a police report said, and was told the woman had been seen putting the merchandise in a purse and then paying for a small item before leaving the store. She was confronted by an employee and police were called.

Tires stolen

Tires and rims, valued at a total of \$1,000, were stolen earlier this month from a Ford Escape while it was parked at an apartment complex on Haggerty near Joy Road, police said.

The theft occurred between 10 p.m. Oct. 3 and 6 a.m. Oct. 4, a police report said. The Escape had been left sitting on landscaping

- By Matt Jachman





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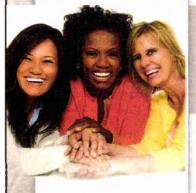


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Nov. 20: Pelvic Prolapse **Meadowbrook Country Club** 40941 W. 8 Mile Rd., Northville

> 5:45 p.m. - Check-in 6 p.m. - Presentation



WALK IN THE WOODS

Dates/Times: Sunday, Oct. 19 and 26, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Miller Woods (meet at entrance to woods on Powell Road, between Beck and Ridge), Plymouth Township

Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods for a fall tour of Miller Woods nature preserve. The walks are with tour guides, last about an hour, and are free. No dogs or strollers allowed in the woods.

Contact: For directions also at www.millerwoods.org or call 734-459-7666

FOLK SEASON

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 18, 7-9:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, **Plymouth**

Details: The BaseLine Folk Society continues its 10th season with featured artist Judy Insley & Almost Perfect (vocals, guitar, banjo, mandolin and upright bass). There are also 10 "openmic" performance slots available (sign up 6:15-6:45 p.m.). The host is singer-songwriter Tricia Lloyd. Contact: For more information email BaseLine President Scott Ludwig at sctludwig@aol.com or

call 734-453-0869. **PATHWAY TO HOUSING**

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 17, 7-10

Location: St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren, Canton **Details:** The Canton chapter of

St. Vincent DePaul hosts a fund raiser to raise money for its Pathway to Housing program. The wine-and-cheese tasting event features wine donated by Super Fine Wines & Liquor in Canton, which will also donate a portion of the wine sales to Pathway to Housing. The evening will feature a live and silent auction, for items including **Detroit Tigers autographed** items, signed baseball bats by Alex Avila and Miguel Cabrera and baseballs signed by Ian Kinsler, Torii Hunter and others. Silent auction items include a night's stay at the MGM Grand Casino with dinner for two at Wolfgang Puck's and \$100 spending money, a night's stay at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, gift certificates, jewelry

Contact: Call 734-455-5910 for more information

CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth **Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applica-

tions for its annual Juried Craft

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR



BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Barefoot show

Barefoot Productions presents "The Lights Are Warm and Coloured," a play by William Norfolk. This play is the re-enactment of the famous Lizzie Borden crime and trial. Show dates are 8 p.m. Oct. 17-18 and 24-25 and 2 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26. All seats are \$15. Tickets can be purchased by calling 734-560-1493 or visiting www.justgobarefoot.com and will also be available at the door. Barefoot Productions Theatre is located at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are eight feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at www.plymouth history.org/cm/dpl/downloads/ events/117/craft_show.pdf.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m

Location: Koppernick Tech Center (east of I-275 on Koppernick), Canton

Details: The Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women supports the community and promotes women's initiatives. Speakers include Rana Elmir, ACLU and Women's issues; Laura Callow from the Livonia Branch, updating on the ERA status in Michigan; and Liz Johnson, explaining the Jane Moehle Scholarship at Schoolcraft College.

Contact: For more information regarding meeting/membership, contact Karen Stemberger, membership VP, at karenkstemberger@gmail.com.

BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

Dates/Times: Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 20-21, 7-9 p.m. **Location:** Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth **Details:** Barefoot Productions announces auditions for The Desk Set, a comedy by William Marchant. Roles for eight women and six men. The role ages vary from mid-20s to mid-50s. There are several roles with limited speaking parts, just perfect for someone who wants to get their feet wet in the theater. The time is 1956. The characters all work in a busy Reference Department of a large radio and television broadcasting company. The Desk Set is the comedy that inspired the hit movie starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy.

Contact: For more information, call Craig at 734-276-9075. JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth-Ann Arbor

Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Details: Jazz @ The Elks features the Cliff Monear Trio, with

Barbara on vocals (in her first appearance at the Elks), Cliff Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Jim Ryan on drums. Cost is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit

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Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 19, 4

Location: First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth presents tenor Lonnie Reed in a recital that will include works by Handel, Schumann and spirituals. Reed is pursuing a master's degree in vocal performance at the University of Michigan. Prior to the concert and at the intermission, students from the Music@First Fine Arts Academy, which is part of the music ministry at First United Methodist Church, will perform. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the Music@First scholarship fund and the CROP Walk.

Contact: Call Marcia Van Oyen at 734-453-5280 or email marcia@pfumc.org

AAUW BOOK SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, 4441 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth The Plymouth-Canton AAUW hosts a book sale as part of the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show. Admission \$2. The purpose of the American Association of University Women is to advance equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Proceeds will benefit the Ply mouth-Canton Branch scholarship fund. The group is now collecting gently used fiction and non-fiction books, children and adults. (Please no encyclopedias, textbooks or damaged books)

Contact: To donate books contact Becky Copenhaver at 734-981-6023 or bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or Shirley Zaetta at 734-455-6366 or szaetta@wowway.com.

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Firefighter Chris Haller assists Tyler Marshall in aiming the stream of water toward the target.

Fans flock to fire department displays

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

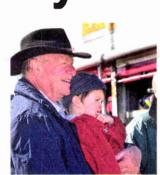
Residents got to climb on the equipment, see firefighters in action and munch on hot dogs and Plymouth Community Fire Department held its first fire station open

house in years. The five-hour event was at Station No. 1 on Haggerty, near township hall, and attracted a crowd estimated at between 500 and 600 people, fire Capt. Dan Phillips told Board of Trustees members Tuesday evening. The event was scheduled to mark National Fire Prevention

Phillips, who is based at Station No. 1, is in line to become the department's next chief after the expected retirement of Chief Mark Wendel in December.

"I think it was a success," Phillips said of the open house. "Weather was petty darn good. Hopefully, we can do

better next year." Visitors got to see the



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Richard Cohen and great-grandson Jackson Maclean watch the demonstrations.

landing of a medical rescue helicopter and a demonstration of how the Jaws of Life are used to free a crash victim from a mangled car. They also saw a demonstration of a fire extinguisher and saw how to smother a stove fire with baking soda.

Children got to go through a "smoke house." borrowed from Canton Township, to learn how to stay low in a smoky room and escape a fire.

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Three-year-old Jacob Carney meets Sparky. Dad Louis Carney is a Canton firefighter. Mom Stephanie Carney pushes 14-month-old Emily.



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Nancy Jowsey (left) and Lia De Biasi were volunteers for the open house.

How do you stop an oven fire? One way is with a dry chemical fire extinguisher.

Equity group to host school board candidate forum

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

The Beloved Community, a group made up of local citizens working together to eliminate racial unrest and bridge racial and cultural divides within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is giving voters another chance to meet the candidates for the district's Board of Education.

Beloved Community hosts a candidate forum 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Tonda Elementary School, 46501

Warren, in Canton. Six of the eight candidates for three board seats - Don Turner, Kim Crouch, Mike Siegrist, Kate Borninski, Amy Fava and Drex Morton have agreed to partici-

Candidates Estelle Oliansky and Tom Kelly declined, citing previous

commitments. Mike Pare and Denise Zander, both familiar faces to the school community from their work with various committees, will moderate the candidate forum and will allow questions from the audience.

While the forum will not focus solely on racial and cultural issues, they will be part of the discussion.

"Issues of equity aren't usually something school board candidates face, so it will be interesting," said Beloved Community member Loren Khogali of Plymouth. "We recognize the majority of work we have to do is through the



BRAD KADRICH

Six of eight candidates for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will take part in a candidate forum Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Tonda Elementary School in Canton.

community. A lot of it is going to be education and this is a good place to

Beloved Community was formed by Khogali and seven other Ply-

mouth and Canton residents to "foster and nurture the principles that are the core of Dr. Martin Luther King's Beloved Community."

Complaints about

racial incidents around the Plymouth-Canton district prompted reports from both the ACLU and the Office of Civil Rights and had the Board of Education considering

district-wide anti-discrimination procedures and an equity plan, "Pledge and Promise," designed to ensure all students will be prepared to succeed.

Former Plymouth-Canton administrator George Belvitch believes all kids aren't learning the way they should. Beloved Community was formed to help in that

"Data indicates kids of color aren't learning the way they should," said Belvitch, who helped form the area's first PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) chapter. "We're looking for ways to help all kids be successful."

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Area firefighters get crucial training

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

James Prieskorn looked Tuesday morning onto his former home at 20446 Hubbard, just south of Eight Mile, and noticed fire crews had torn up some of his handiwork from years

"Now they're breaking my cement," he said with a laugh. "I just poured

Prieskorn was at the home he and his family lived at for more than 25 years Tuesday to observe the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue team complete some training. Composed of firefighters from several western Wayne County communities, as well as Novi and Farmington Hills, the home was the site of a mock disaster Tuesday that saw a car drive into the front living room with the floors collapsing into the basement, leaving

potential victims at risk. Shadd Whitehead, the Livonia fire chief and a special operations chief for USAR, said the opportunity to train at a home such as that is a great opportunity. Using a home that is still in good shape for training exercises does not come often, he said, something that the Livonia Fire Department and the Western Wayne USAR crew had taken advantage of.

Sold to McLaren

The home was sold earlier this year to McLaren Performance Technologies as a part of a new development at the facility on Eight Mile, a decision that came with several area residents protesting the development and asking the city to deny the expansion.

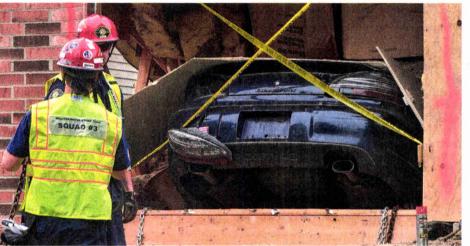
"It was really great of McLaren to offer up the house for training for the fire department the last two weeks ... we were doing firefighter survival training and rapid intervention training," Whitehead said. "This week, right before the house is ready to come down, McLaren has been open and offered us the house to the Western Wayne USAR team."

Some setup for the scenario began earlier in the week, with crews spending the day Tuesday at the site. The home



Although only the north side of the house has collapsed, the south side is supported to avoid a domino-effect collapse.

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aware," he said: "Without

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was crucial to him.

The scenario is that a car has smashed into a home, causing a partial collapse.

was expected to be demolished by Wednesday.

Redford Township Fire Department Lt. Dennis Lappin said he was impressed with the setup constructed for the 36 individuals training Tuesday.

He said there was quite a bit of prep work needed to be done to secure entry into the home to search for potential victims, which includes shoring up the roof to make sure it does not collapse on rescue crews, sawing and installing wooden supports along the home.

It's a process many in the general public may typically picture as something firefighters do, Lappin said.

"You've got to take care of all the potential hazards before we go in," he said. "This is a lot going on, so this is quite the scenario they built for us."

Home of former police officer, firefighter

Prieskorn, a former auxiliary police officer for Wayne and former part-time firefighter in Farmington Hills who now lives in Pinckney, said he approached the department about trying to offer the home as a training location after he decided to sell the home to McLaren.

Garden City Fire Department Capt. Derek LaPerriere said using a home is great practice for future applications. USAR has responded to calls that require shoring, such as the 2010 Frank's Furniture explosion in Wayne, and any extra practice, especially on a wide range of materials, is useful.

"That was multi-faceted," he said. "There were a lot of different building materials."

While the home does contain a lot of memories of raising his family, Prieskorn said with his perspective from public safety, asking McLaren to have the home be

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The braces must be securely attached to the home.



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Safety course

Fighting Spirit Personal Safety, LLC, hosts a personal protection course designed to heighten awareness and teach prevention, riskreduction and avoidance to help women build confidence in their ability to use options to stay

The course takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, at Fighting Spirit Personal Safety, 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth.

Owner Tanya Panizzo of Plymouth started the business in her effort to "radically change and improve women's lives, one person at a time." In five years, Panizzo has reached some 1,500 children and more than 500 women, young and

Having a strong desire to create change in her community, she created her company so that people would have answers.

"When I would ask someone where do you go for self-defense, empowerment and personal safety training, people would just look at me and not have an answer," Panizzo said.

The cost of the twoday class is \$150 per student. Fore more information, call 734-904-1864 or log on to www.fightingspiritsafety.com.

More space

Kennedy Nemier Agency has expanded its operations by adding on another 400 square feet of office space and a new marketing director and commercial producer, according to the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Lisa Kennedy and



FIGHTING SPIRIT PERSONAL SAFETY

Fighting Spirit Personal Safety owner Tanya Panizzo offers a two-day safety course Oct. 25-26.

Karen Nemier teamed up to form the agency in 2008. Both had many years of experience, each previously owning their own agency. Since the merging of minds, the agency continues to be on the move, now in its second location in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, the Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency can be reached at 734-454-4058 or online at www.kennedynemier-.com.

Grand opening

Britt's Bow Wow Boutique & Spa holds its grand opening Saturday, Oct. 18.

Britt's is located in Westchester Mall on Forest, in downtown Plymouth. Cake and ice cream will be provided by Three Dog Bakery.

Better Made fundraiser

For the sixth consecutive year, Better Made Snack Foods will donate partial proceeds on sales of its family and value-size packages of Better Made Potato Chips and 99-cent pork rinds throughout October to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute as part of the annual Breast Cancer

Awareness Month Pro-

gram. The funds will be used to do further research to find a cure for breast cancer.

"This year is our sixth annual Better Made Snack Foods Breast Cancer Awareness Program, which continues to be a huge success each year, and our company is proud to be participating," said Mike Esseltine, vice president of sales for Better Made Snack Foods. "The support we receive from major supermarkets and independent stores throughout Michigan, allowing us to place pink displays in support of this event, is tremendous. It is a great feeling to see everyone put a big effort into such a worthwhile cause, allowing us to make a donation in the fight against cancer. The spirit and heart of many people throughout this great state always shows up in the results of this pro-

Participating stores include Busch's Fresh Foods, Hiller's, Kroger, Meijer, Target, Kmart, Walgreen's and Spartan.

For more information, visit www.bettermadesnackfoods.com. You may also follow Better Made on Facebook and Twitter.



SKYNAR BOOKKEEPING

Skynar Bookkeeping owners Cheryl (center) and Tom Skynar with administrative assistant/bookkeeper Samantha Krall at Skynar's new digs, located at 9397 Haggerty in Plymouth.

Growth prompts bookkeeper's move to Plymouth

After 25 years working in the bookkeeping profession for other firms, Cheryl Skynar decided it was time to

open her own business. After developing a well-thought-out business plan, Skynar founded Skynar Bookkeeping Services in 2002 from her home office in Canton. The business grew so she and her husband Tom moved Sept. 17 to their new 1,130-squarefoot office at 9397 Hag-

gerty in Plymouth. To celebrate the new office, Skynar Bookkeeping will host a fun open house and ribboncutting with dignitaries 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29. The open house will feature crisp apple cider, harvest doughnuts and fresh Michigan apples, plus door prizes and giveaways.

Because of a desire to work together full time, Cheryl and Tom developed a five-year business plan that would have Tom retire from his engineering manager job at Gil-Mar Manufacturing to come work with her. However, because of strong growth, it only took two years and Tom left Gil-Mar on April 1, to become Skynar's account manager. As the business grew, Cheryl also hired Samantha Krall as an administrative assistant/bookkeeper.

They joined the Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce and have also kept their membership in the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The business services the tri-county area, yet has clients as far away as Toledo, Howell, South Haven and Washington, D.C. Tom predicts a 68-percent increase in revenues

over 2013 figures. "We provide a myriad of bookkeeping services," Cheryl Skynar said. "We are Quick-Books ProAdvisors. Tom is certified in Quick-Books Desktop Pro and Premier and QuickBooks Online. I am certified in all of the products QuickBooks offers, including Pro, Premier, Enterprise, POS, QB Mac and QB Online. In addition, I am also Advanced Certified, which is the highest level of certification for a Quick-Books ProAdvisor. Only a handful of bookkeepers have achieved this level of distinction as an Advanced Certified ProAdvisor."

While Cheryl oversees all aspects of business and also works with clients performing fullservice bookkeeping and training of all QB products, Tom handles account management and business development, project management and OB Online Bookkeeping. Krall serves as a parttime administrative assistant and QB Desk-

top Bookkeeping.
"Our typical clients are small business owners with less than 50 employees," Cheryl said. "Many of our clients are in the service industry, but we also have clients in the manufacturing and retail world. We offer 'QuickBooks Set Up, Clean Up, and Keep Up', which is our slogan. This means we offer everything from the initial setting up of a QB file, reviewing and cleaning up data and monthly bookkeeping services. We also offer training for clients on how to use QB.'

After a quarter-century at Gil-Mar, Tom admitted leaving the company was "very hard."

"The owner of Gil-Mar thought of me as one of his sons," Tom said. "I looked at him as another father figure. I have learned everything about business from watching this man for years. More importantly, I saw how to treat people right. Business is more than dollars and cents, it is also about the relationships you build. He was a great mentor. Working with Cheryl full time has been a dream of ours and a real blessing."

For more information about Skynar Bookkeeping Services, LLC, call 734-335-7702, visit www.skynarbookkeeping.com or find it on Facebook.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

After hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Chamber After Hours event set for 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Post Local Bistro.

Chamber officials said the event will be a "great night with fantastic food and networking with fellow members." There will be a cash bar available. The event takes place in the restaurant bar and the eatery's heated, covered patio in the back, that will be conducive to a great evening of

networking.
The Post Local Bistro is located at 844 Penniman Ave., in downtown Plymouth. There is no fee to attend this event.

Gala auction

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 25th annual Dinner and Gala Auction takes place 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Laurel Manor, located on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Chamber officials anticipate a crowd of more than 400 people and already have more than 350 auction items committed.

Tickets for the night



CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Grand opening

A ribbon-cutting was held Thursday, Oct. 9, by Animal Friends Veterinary Hospital to announce its grand opening. Animal Friends Veterinary Hospital is located at 45271 Cherry Hill in Canton. Family members, customers, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.

are \$75, which include dinner, open bar, dancing and great live, silent and raffle auctions. There are still sponsorships available to give your company a higher profile at the event and they include tickets to attend. Pay before Oct. 17 and receive \$10 worth of complimentary raffle auction tickets.

Chamber officials are also still seeking auction donations for the event. The auction is supported by hundreds of companies throughout the area

by providing items, gift certificates, services or cash donations to purchase raffle items.

To make donations or buy tickets, contact the chamber at 734-453-1540.

Voting guide

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has created a voters guide on its website to help people in the community get information for the Nov. 4 election.

To see the chamber's voters guide, go to www.plymouthmich.org.



Fundraiser planned for South Lyon woman fighting cancer

By Diane Gale Andreassi

Staff Writer

Olivia Hawley started her chemotherapy treatments the same week she walked across the stage to receive her South Lyon East High school diploma

two years ago. One month earlier, during a time that should have been filled with college plans and starting a new chapter in her life, Olivia was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma. She missed her first semester in college to endure four cycles of chemotherapy treatment.

Finally, she had good news in October 2012. Olivia's doctors said she was was in remission. She began piece her life back together - she got a new job, started a new relationship and was in college. Everything seemed to running smoothly until earlier this year, when the cancer roller-coaster ride kicked into full gear.

Olivia started having pain in her side, according to her mother Julie. In May, doctors mistakenly thought Olivia merely had scar tissue and they told her family not to worry. A couple of weeks later, however, Olivia started having severe back pain.

Bad news

"The oncologist called and was concerned,' Julie said.

A few weeks ago Olivia, now 20, had three biopsies and a tumor in her thigh removed. Doctors said the cancer is back and that she has stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma. It was also confirmed the cancer was in her bone marrow and a

transplant is needed. This time around, Olivia's treatment is aggressive with a regimen of five days of chemotherapy, followed by rest at home for two weeks before another five-day hospital admission and therapy. This will continue until Olivia is in remission and strong enough to undergo the bone marrow transplant.



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Olivia Hawley (left) has stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma. Friends of mom Julie Hawley have jumped in to help out, including starting a GoFundMe campaign and a Nov. 1 fundraiser in

"She's very emotional, but very strong," her mother said. "She helps the rest of us. But this time is more difficult, it's a lot scarier."

Julie, who worked at Pediatric Associates in Plymouth, had to quit her job to care for Olivia and her other three children, Savannah, 18, Craig, 14, and Joshua, 10. Olivia also had to quit her job.

During these toughest times, a legion of friends and some strangers are trying to make life a little easier for the family. Julie's friend since third grade, Amy Wess, started a GoFundMe account about two weeks ago and more than \$6,100 was raised.

"I feel so bad there is nothing I can do," said Wess, a Canton resident who has been by Julie's side during life's good and bad times. Olivia's illness, however, has made her feel helpless.

Desperate to help

"I was looking for something to make it easier for them during the process," Wess said.
"I thought if I could find a way to make money, she won't have to worry about the little things anything that can help make things easier so she doesn't have other stresses besides Olivia right now."

Wess isn't alone. Even a friend Julie hasn't seen since high school rallied to the cause and launched a fundraiser that she dubbed Love for Olivia.

KellyAnn Castrodale, a marketing specialist who connected with Julie on Facebook a couple of years ago, decided to raise money in the way she knows best - staging events.

Love for Olivia is scheduled for 4 p.m. to midnight Nov. 1 at Rockstarz Karaoke Bar and Grill in Garden City (33729 Ford Road). Tickets are \$7 at the door. Six bands are booked, T-shirts will be sold and raffles will run throughout the evening. Julie's sister, Jodi Hull, is also hosting the event.

Castrodale said she wanted to help because Julie is "a beautiful, giving woman and always has been." Julie graduated in 1989 from John Glenn High School in Westland and the response from alumni has been overwhelming, said Castrodale, who moved to Canton before she could graduate with her friends at John Glenn.

The Hawley family has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity.

"I honestly don't have words to even convey the gratitude and thanks,' Julie said. "It's extremely overwhelming to see that so many good people are out there with big hearts, who are kind and caring. It's left all of us speechless. I wish there was a way to show how thankful we are."

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Scams against grandparents hit home for columnist

've written many times about scams targeting grandparents. The other day, one of these scam artists targeted my parents. Thankfully, they did not fall for it. However, many seniors do. That is why it is so important for seniors to keep up

their guard. The scam that my parents were subject to went like this: My mom received a call, supposedly from one of her grandchildren. The grandchild's name showed up on the caller ID and basically sounded like their granddaughter. She said that there was an emergency and that she needed \$3,000 immediately and wanted my mom to wire transfer her the money. The caller also said

that it was important that my mother not tell anyone about the situation, particularly her parents. My mom started to question the caller and, as soon as my mother said that she thinks something didn't sound right, the caller hung up.

Unfortunately, too many grandparents, in their willingness to help a grandchild, fall for this type of scam and transfer the money.

In fact, this scam has been growing in popularity and more grandparents are falling for it.



You would think that this type of scam would be easy to unravel because most grandparents would be able to recognize their grandchild's voice on the phone. However, with technology, it's not unusual for voices sometimes to be garbled, leading to some confu-

My mom, who talks to her grandchild all the time, was fooled and did think it was her grandchild. The bottom line is, when a grandchild calls you claiming it's an emergency and asking for money without talking to their parents, a red flag ought to go up.

The reason scam artists target seniors is because they know that they're easy prey. After all, what grandparent doesn't want to help their grandchild? Grandparents and, in fact, all seniors have to recognize that these scam artists are after them. Before they transfer money, they have to proceed with caution.

Also, if you discover that you have been subject to a scam, report it to the police. Most seniors

do nothing because they are embarrassed. However, don't be silent and don't be embarrassed. The people perpetuating these scams are professionals. They are good at what they do and, unfortunately, they are successful. The only way to shut them down is for people to be proactive and report it to the authorities.

The crooks may not caught - unfortunately. too many of them are doing this from abroad. However, by reporting the crime, there is a chance the authorities can shut the scam down. The more it is publicized, fewer people will fall for

Scams have always been part of life. However, that doesn't mean that we have to accept it. By keeping our guard up and being proactive, we can protect ourselves.

I hope all seniors would follow my mom's lesson and, if something doesn't sound right, it requires further investigation.

Good luck.

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OUR VIEW

Pagan the best choice in state House 21st District race

Voters in the base of both the Republican and Democratic parties have plenty to like about their candidates in the race for the 21st District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Vying to replace term-limited Democrat Dian Slavens are Republican newcomer Carol Ann Fausone and Democrat challenger Kristy Pagan. The two Canton residents are each seeking elective office for the first time. The seat serves Canton, Van Buren and Belleville.

While both candidates walk the party line pretty finely, we recommend Kristy Pagan for the open seat. Pagan, associate director of development for Wayne State University Law School, has articulated a stronger argument on issues such as public education and social issues such as women's health and equality.

Pagan's stance on education sets her apart from Fausone. Pagan wants the cap on charter schools, for instance, to be restored; Fausone supports having no cap. They each stick to their claims

about Gov. Rick Snyder's handling of education funding, Pagan repeating the Democrats' claim the governor has cut \$1 billion from education and Fausone saying public education Pagan funding has never been higher.

Fausone would have supported the abortion insurance rider pushed through; Pagan would repeal it. Pagan supports same-sex marriage; Fausone says marriage is "between a man and a woman," but supports benefits to samesex partners. Fausone supports right to work and Pagan, whose family is a big believer in unions, pledges to work to repeal it.

They're both a little vague on finance issues. Pagan would close corporate tax loopholes and reduce tax breaks for the wealthy to pay for things like repealing the pension tax and restoring the Earned Income Tax Credit, although the math isn't clear.

Fausone wants to look at the budget to find potential waste and review the state's spending and purchasing practices. She calls raising any kind of taxes a "last resort" to fix the state's roads. Considering the condition of the roads and the desperate need for a long-term solution, Fausone's position is a little light on detail.

Pagan would add a yearly-use fee for alternative-fuel vehicles and shift the sales tax revenue generated from gas purchases from the general fund to the transportation fund. She would then maintain general fund revenue by "reducing tax breaks to large corporations and the very wealthy," while ensuring what our residents pay at the pump is directed toward fixing our

Their backgrounds are as diverse as their positions. Pagan grew up in Canton, graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools, got her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University then earned a master's degree from George Washington University. She worked for

several years for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, helping the senator craft positions on issues such as higher educa-

Fausone, meanwhile, earned a bachelor's in nursing from the University of Michigan and has gotten master's degrees in administration and in nursing from Madonna University. She spent 36 years serving her country, becoming the first female brigadier general in Michigan Air National Guard history. She's still a very strong voice for veterans, with her company The Veteran Advocate, LLC. She's a passionate speaker on veterans affairs and, as a nurse for some 40 years, on health issues. She would undoubtedly be a strong voice for her positions, should she be elected.

However, we believe Pagan's much stronger stance on charter school regulation and her willingness to attack some of the back-door legislation right to work and the abortion insurance rider, for instance - make Kristy Pagan the better choice for the 21st District.

OUR VIEW

Donate pennies to make a difference Oct. 25

Sonia Helisek, 91, received her first and only doll as a child from the Detroit Goodfellows.

Helisek told that story at last year's Pennies from Heaven event in Livonia. She was there, she said, because she wanted to give back.

Pennies from Heaven is a partnership between O&E Media Inc. and local Goodfellows organizations, held annually on Make a Difference Day – the largest day of volunteering in the United States.

This year's event takes place Saturday, Oct. 25.

Representatives of the Canton Goodfellows and the Canton Observer will be on hand from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton, to accept donations of pennies, other spare change or additional donations

Representatives of the Plymouth Goodfellows and the Plymouth Observwill be at the Plymouth Farmers Market, out in front of the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, from 9 a.m. to noon.

We encourage residents to stop by one or both places, have a doughnut and some cider and make a donation.

Your contributions will ensure no child goes without a Christmas. Last year, the Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows donated food and gifts to hundreds of needy children and their fam-O&E Media is also partnering that

day with the Goodfellows in Redford, Livonia, Garden City, Farmington and Novi. The goal is to top last year's total collection of about \$9,000.

Help Make A Difference by donating to Pennies from Heaven. Your contribution may provide a little girl with her first and only doll.



The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will be out again Oct. 25 for Make a Difference Day, collecting pennies and other donations to make sure no child goes without a Christmas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'C-B-S' for schools

Remember when we were kids in school and we were taught how to remember the names of our Great Lakes using the acronym H-O-M-E-S (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior)?

In the same way, please remember this acronym, C-B-S, as you consider who to vote for Nov. 4 for the Plymouth-Canton school board Kim Crouch, Kate Borninski and Michael Siegrist.

C - Vote to keep Kim Crouch on the board. She is the current board secretary, chair of the policy committee and involved mother of three students in the

B - Kate Borninski is a very involved parent of two students and one graduate of P-CCS. She regularly attends board meetings and is extremely knowledgeable of all the issues.

S – Michael Siegrist is a graduate of P-CCS and the University of Michigan. At the League of Women Voters forum, he showed an in-depth knowledge of all the issues facing public education in Plymouth-Canton as well a strong desire to serve the people of this district.

Remember to vote C-B-S Nov. 4 - Crouch, Borninski and Siegrist.

Bill Kollias Plymouth

Forward thinkers

Our community deserves good, moral school board candidates who realize the most important asset to the community is our children, versus how much the daily market value is

Brad Kadrich,

Susan Rosiek,

Executive Editor

Community Editor

on their property.

These candidates should solidly speak to how they would represent all the children in this diverse community, rather than a select few. Good school board candidates realize that proactively forming partnerships with corporations and granting agencies would continue great educational programs that support good teachers and staff versus those who believe in aggressively slashing budgets, outsourcing busing and janitorial services and cutting teachers and administrators.

The candidates that fit this bill are Kim Crouch, Kate Borninski and Michael Siegrist.

Kim Crouch is a lawver and currently serves on the board as the secretary. She is collaborative, well-reasoned, brings a different perspective, is student focused and has an unflappable determination to keep the focus on students. Since she has been on the board, she has pushed the board to move toward a new era of excellence and has been a vigorous advocate for maximizing academic achievement for all students.

Kate Borninski brings years of involvement to the board and community. She is informed on the issues and has been an active officer on many school committees and activities, as well as having much experience in finance and budgeting. Kate has lived and worked with many diverse cultures and has a unique understanding of our communities diversity. Kate is also the only one in the race with an educational background.

Grace Perry,

Director of

Advertising

Michael Siegrist brings a fresh perspective as to what 21st century learners need and has been involved in this community through the Canton library board, Kiwanis and Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation. He also grew up in the community, attending P-CCS through graduation, and promotes a positive position.

Vote for candidates who know how to form lasting strategic partnerships, create an inclusive, positive educational vision for our children's education and move us forward into the 21st century.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak Canton

Supports Pagan

As a woman living in Canton. I know there is only one candidate for state representative who cares about me, my health and my future. That candidate is Kristy Pagan.

Kristy has long been a vocal supporter of women's health issues and firmly believes that a woman's decisions about her health should remain between her and her doctor, without the interference of politicians.

A recent television ad from Kristy's opponent claims that the opponent feels healthcare should remain between a woman and her doctor. Why then, does her opponent support the "Rape Insurance" law, which puts politics between a woman and a potentially lifesaving procedure?

Why then does her opponent support the recent Supreme Court decision in the Hobby Lobby case, which held that employers can restrict their employees' access to birth control? Someone who says one thing on television and another in person is not one I can trust to represent this community.

Another issue of concern to me is Equal Pay for Equal Work. In Michigan, women make 77 cents for every dollar men make for doing the same job. Kristy Pagan knows we cannot accept the status quo and will fight to increase workplace transparency in order to eliminate this pay gap. Kristy has experience using policy to make change from working for a strong women's rights advocate: her former boss and mentor, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabe-

Nov. 4, I will be supporting a candidate who I know will represent our community's values in Lansing and will be casting my vote for Kristy Pagan.

Ashley Bernath

Keep Crouch

We need to keep Kim Crouch on the Plymouth-Canton school board Nov. 4.

For the past two years, Kim Crouch has served on the P-CCS Board of Education and currently is the board secretary and chair of the policy committee. Kim has more than 15 years of experience advocating and creating opportunities for our youth. She is the founder of the Stomp Out Bullying program and the Foster A Dream Youth Conference.

Kim is an attorney who has 17 years of business experience in the private sector. She will continue to make the tough decisions, but always in the best interest of the children of Plymouth and Canton.

As the mother of three boys, attending Canton High School, Pioneer Middle School and Tonda Elementary, respectively, Kim Crouch has an in-depth knowledge of all the important issues that are relevant to the Plymouth-Canton school district. One of her highest priorities is the academic achievement of each student.

We ask for your vote Nov. 4 for Kim Crouch. She has a unique perspective that will complement the current school board members.

John C. Stewart Plymouth Martha A. Trafford Canton

Vote for Colbeck

Our son was the victim of a large cyber-bully attack at

Northville High School. A bogus Twitter account was set up using his name - 4,685 followers (students from other districts followed account) and 148 tweets. I cannot even begin to put into words the hurt and devastation this caused our family.

During the process, we found loopholes in the law, as well as injustice against the victim. For change to happen, we must stand up and demand change. We contacted various public officials and politicians. Sen. Patrick Colbeck listened to our story and agreed changes need to be made.

He spent quite a bit of time with us and with our son. He is working on a new policy regarding bullying and cyberbullying in Michigan schools. From the very beginning, we feel that Sen. Colbeck truly cares about his constituents, as well as the entire state of Michigan. He is accessible and truly listens to his constituents, even those not old enough to vote.

It is refreshing to find a politician who is straightforward, honest and one who is not afraid to say "this is wrong, we must fix it." He is the real deal and we are lucky to have Sen. Colbeck represent our district. My family will vote for Sen. Colbeck.

> Matt and Susie McKillop Northville

Supports Slavens

I couldn't agree more with Mr. Huddleston's letter Oct. 2. Mr. Colbeck is a tea-party individual

His committee votes showed his "true" agenda. He knew if he voted the pension tax through to the full Senate (from committee), it would pass and he and six other Republican senators could then vote "no" and "hopefully" save their political (behinds), as they had enough votes (including the tiebreaker Lt. Gov. Calley).

It's not going to work. Support Dian Slavens.

> **Tom Kelly** Plymouth

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Livonia:

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

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PKs spell 'W' for victorious Chiefs

Rocks force OT with clutch goal by Kummer, but Chiefs prevail 2-1 in penalty kicks

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Jay Krebs probably didn't think he'd have the chance to be a hero twice in one week for Canton's varsity boys soccer

But there was the senior goalkeeper, involved in another round of penalty kicks, this time Monday night against Salem in the Class A district quarterfinal at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Just one week earlier, Krebs' acrobatics were crucial BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS Wayne Memorial. Salem's final

to the Chiefs' victory over Livonia Stevenson in the KLAA Kensington Conference title

This time, he had to dive to his left to knock away a hard low drive off the foot of Salem sophomore midfielder Michael Schwartz in the third of five PK rounds.

That turned out to be the difference in Canton's 2-1 victory, upping the Chiefs' record to 18-0-3 entering Wednesday's district semifinal against

record dipped to 7-10-2 with the loss.

"I missed the first one and I had to rally myself up and make the next save," Krebs said. "When they walk up, I like to look at the first thing they (shooters) look at, like an unconscious-like flick at what corner it is.

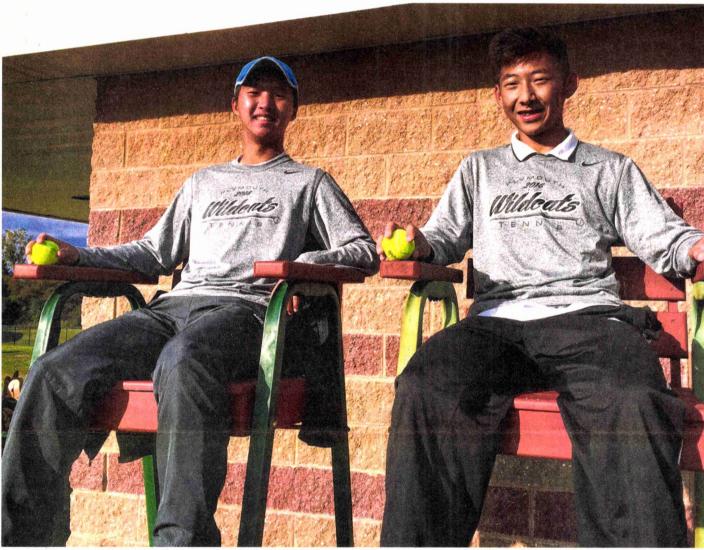
'He looked right at the corner and I went to that corner. Looks like it was the right choice."

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Vying for a 50/50 ball during Monday's district game are Salem's Max Kummer (left) and Canton's Sam Belcher.

BOYS TENNIS



PLYMOUTH TENNIS

Plymouth tennis players Charlie Hou (left) and Jordan Lu sparked the 2014 Wildcats with supreme court ability and leadership.

THESE 'CATS MAKE THEIR STRINGS SING

Smart, talented Plymouth tennis duo impress with skill, leadership

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Off the tennis court, Charlie Hou and Jordan Lu are as smart as they come.

Both Plymouth High School students have top-ofthe-charts grade-point averages and ACT scores, with Hou attaining a perfect 36 and Lu a 35.

They also are as sharp as

they come on the tennis court and with leadership skills, attributes that they parlayed during the justconcluded 2014 varsity boys tennis season for the Wild-

What the co-captains brought to the table was much more than the ability to smack tennis balls and successfully track down rivals' best attempts to

sneak shots past them.

"You're talking about the upper top 1 percent in the nation academically," Plymouth head coach Tom Kimball said, justifiably over the moon at how Lu and Hou performed and led. "But they're both humble kids and they're just committed to working hard in anything they do.

"Fortunately for me,

tennis is their hobby and they put as much effort into that as they do to anything else that they're involved in. It's paid off. They're a couple of the best players that the school's had."

Raising the bar

Kimball said all season that this was the best team

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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Wildcats rally to edge Pats

Two goals by Huxtable in second half enable Plymouth to advance

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

After spotting Livonia Franklin a goal in the first half of Monday's Division 1 boys soccer district opener, Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich urged his players to quickly ramp things up.

The Wildcats heeded that message, scoring three unanswered goals en route to a 3-1 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium.

With the win, Plymouth (13-4-3) was scheduled to face Livonia Churchill in a semifinal Wednesday, while No. 2-ranked Canton — fresh off a 2-1 win over Salem in PKs — was set to play Wayne Memorial in the other semifinal.

The winners will square off at 5:30 p.m. Friday for the district championship.

"We really played at their (Patriots') pace the first half and played way too relaxed," Neschich said. "And they're a good team, worked hard and really put a lot of pressure on us. They had a really good year and Vic (Rodopoulos) did a good job with the Franklin

Getting Plymouth back on track was junior Jayden Huxtable, who teamed up with sophomore Van Nguyen for the Wildcats' first goal.

"It was a nicely placed long ball in behind their defense and Jay just ran on to it, beat the keeper," Neschich said.

Huxtable scored his second goal of the half not long afterward, after forcing a Franklin turnover.

Capping Plymouth's scoring was junior Mike Blake who "had a nice effort and beat the goalie short side late in the game to give us the cushion."

Playing well in goal for the Wildcats was senior James Gibbs.

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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Eagles mercy Warriors in first-round district contest

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

What transpired on the field and above it were in sync Tuesday afternoon at Plymouth Christian Academy.

As the rain kept pouring down, the Eagles kept pouring on the offense — bursting out to an 8-1 halftime lead over Lutheran Westland and wrapping up a 9-1 mercy-rule victory barely 100 seconds into the second half.

With the lopsided Division 4 boys soccer victory, coupled with Westland Huron Valley's 6-2 victory over Taylor Preparatory, PCA (13-4-1) will face the Hawks at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the second round.

Thursday's winner advances to the final at noon Saturday at Plymouth Christian.

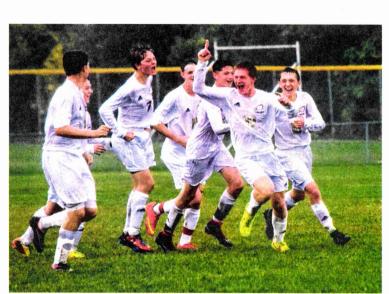
Tallying the clinching goal was senior defender Torre Crown, who also scored earlier

in the game for his first goals of the season.

The big gun for PCA, as he has been throughout his fouryear career, was senior forward Lucas Albrecht. He tallied three goals to increase his school record career total to 45.

It was Albrecht's corner kick that Crown headed in for PCA's ninth and final goal of the day.

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Plymouth Christian's Torre Crown (No. 10) leads his team's celebration after scoring the goal that clinched the Eagles' 9-1 mercy win Tuesday over Lutheran Westland.

SCHOOLCRAFT MEN'S SOCCER

VICTORY IS SAVED

Huge last-second stop by Hernandez sparks Ocelots to win, share of MCCAA

By Tim Smith

Andres Hernandez battled for more than 89 minutes Sunday afternoon to help his Schoolcraft College team defeat Ancilla College with a chance to snag at least a share of the MCCAA men's soccer championship.

And with mere seconds remaining, with the Ocelots hanging on to a 1-0 lead, the talented goalkeeper did what he had been doing all day and then some.

Hernandez uncoiled his body to somehow deflect a dangerous shot taken with about 10 seconds remaining by Dayle Robertson. Thanks to his 10th save of the game, the ball flew over the crossbar, the Ocelots and their fans exhaled and Schoolcraft wrapped up the victory.

All in a game's work, as far as Hernandez is concerned.

"It was really unexpected," Hernandez said. "There was confusion in the middle of the box, too many people. Somehow, he got a shot off. I honestly was not planning on saving that, just reflex.

"But I'm glad I saved it and I'm glad we won this game, because we needed this game to win MCCAA. We're really happy with that, all of us, not just me."

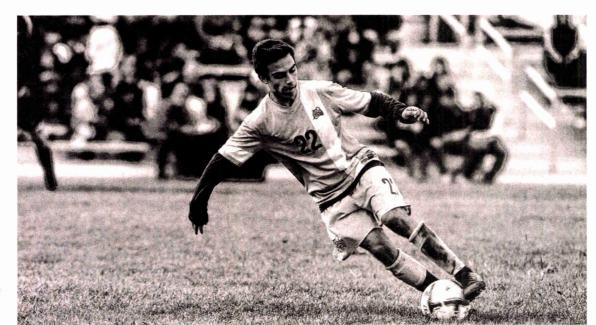
That save protected the 1-0 lead that Schoolcraft had nursed since the fourth minute of the contest, when Victor Contreras scored off an assist from Costa Wells.

With the win, the Ocelots improved to 12-1-0 overall, 11-1-0 in Region XII and 6-1-0 in the conference.

Ancilla, winner of the 2013 MCCAA crown, dropped to 14-3-0, 12-3-0 and 6-2-0.

Schoolcraft officially

Staff Writer



Dribbling the ball during a recent game is Schoolcraft's Costa Wells (No. 22). He assisted on Sunday's lone goal against Ancilla.

clinched a share of the title with 18 points, but the Ocelots will need a win or tie Oct. 25 against Lake Michigan (1 p.m. at Schoolcraft) for the outright championship.

Veteran Schoolcraft head coach Rick Larson was effusive in his worthy praise of Hernandez.

"Andres Hernandez is an absolutely fantastic goalkeeper; he played incredible today," Larson said. "His ability to manage a game is unlike any goalkeeper I've ever had here. He is really coming in to his own. He's a very confident individual.

"The team is starting to really, really believe in what he can do back there and trust in the things he does. When he tells them to do something, they do it. And when he's called upon, like he was with 12 seconds to go, he comes up good."

Larson added that the save potentially did more than ensuring a regulation win. Ancilla might have been able to take any momentum gleaned from a tying goal and sneak away from Livonia with an overtime victory.

"You never want to be giv-

ing up momentum going into overtime, you want to be taking the momentum," Larson said. "But I'm confident in the things our back line can do. When it comes time for Andres to perform, he does it.

On the line

Larson's squad overcame injuries (concussions sustained by goalie Colton Robison of Livonia Churchill and defender Brandon Schulz of Farmington) as well as the physical, chippy play of Sunday's opponent.

"Very (physical), today was for something," Larson said. "Today was for the MCCAA championship, which Ancilla won last year.'

Had Ancilla won the game, that would have kept the Ocelots from potentially capturing their eighth conference title in Larson's nine years at the

"The interesting thing is people ask me, 'Why do you take such a deep roster?' But one of the things we try to do is recruit ... so we can deal with the things we had to deal with today," Larson said. "We had to deal with two concussions, players being out.

"And then potentially Jon (Quintana) couldn't have went back in the game based on having an inch and a half gash above his eye.'

Throughout the second half, the Ocelots battled after numerous 50/50 balls, with defenders Adam Antosh (Troy) and Nick Dykman tough to

Then with about 30 seconds left in regulation, David Diaz tried to cut in from the right side of the Schoolcraft 18-yard box, only to be greeted by Dykman for the timely clear.

Schoolcraft has other fish to fry besides going for the conference title. In the region, the Ocelots trail Ancilla by three points with three games in

According to MCCAA information director Tod Hess, "As long as Schoolcraft does not lose another game, they will be the No. 1 seed in the region tournament on Nov. 1-2. Cincinnati still lurks in the region standings. They are two points behind and have three to play."

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COLLEGE SOCCER

MU women post 5-0 victory over Marygrove

Ashley Parent scored a pair of goals, while Jennifer Jurcak contributed a goal and assist Saturday as the Madonna University women's soccer team rolled to a 5-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win at Marygrove College.

Parent tallied her fourth and fifth goals of the season as the Crusaders improved to 7-5 overall and 2-3 in the WHAC.

MU's Jessica Witt scored what proved to be the gamewinner, her fourth of the Jurcak season, at

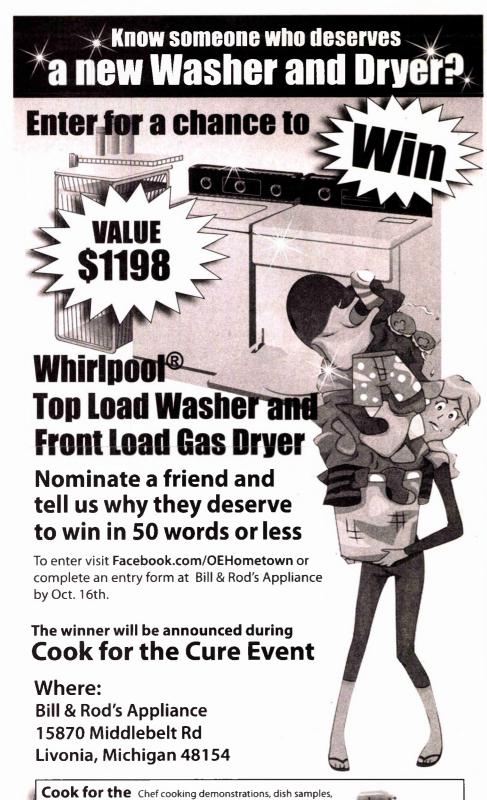
6:27 of the first half. Katlyn Krysiak also notched her team-leading eighth goal of the season to go along with an assist as the Crusaders led 2-0 at intermission. Morgan Himanek also chipped in with an assist in the win.

MU goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg made two saves for her second straight shutout and third of the season, while Bianca Barron had 13 saves for the Cardinals (2-10-1,

The Crusaders will be in action at 4 p.m. Thursday at home against nonconference foe Cleary College and at noon Saturday in Grand Rapids for a WHAC match against No. 14-ranked Davenport University.

MADONNA (MEN) 1, CONCORDIA

0: Ryan Williams notched his 10th goal of the season Friday as the Madonna University (9-3, 4-1) pulled out a WHAC victory over Concordia University (3-8, 2-3) in Ann Arbor. Williams' game-winning goal came at the 78:03 mark off an assist from Amadou Cisse. Both goalkeepers were busy, as Michael Erickson made 11 saves for the Cardinals. Meanwhile Marcel Schmid (Stuttgart Meanwhile, Marcel Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany), who was named WHAC Defensive Player of the Week, had six stops for the Crusaders, who were scheduled Wednesday to face WHAC opponent and No. 19-ranked University of Northwestern Ohio on the road





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Krebs then smiled and admitted that dealing with the PKs was "definitely nervewracking and we should have pulled it out before, but I'm glad to come up big for my team when I need to."

All five Canton kickers found the mark against Salem senior goalkeeper Chad Wind who for a moment thought he had stopped Canton senior defender Andrew Murphy, only to have officials to call a re-do because Wind stepped off the line before the kick was taken.

The teams were tied 4-4 in PK goals entering Canton's fifth try and junior midfielder Jason Ren chipped the ball over Wind for the winner. Ren slowed down as he approached the ball, perhaps fooling the Salem goalie.

Tables turned

For No. 2-ranked Canton, the victory was a bit of redemption for the way the Rocks ended the Chiefs' 2013 postseason in the district. That was Canton's only defeat last year.

"It's a lot of relief, a lot of relief," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "I thought we took it to them, hit two posts and missed a couple inside the (area). I really felt we deserved to win the game.

"But it could have came down either way and our goalie Jay Krebs came up with the big save and my five shooters all buried the ball in the back of the net."

Tough call

Salem head coach Scott Duhl praised the Chiefs for their non-stop attack, as well as his team for literally taking it to the limit. He also lamented the officials' ruling to give Murphy a second chance at Wind.

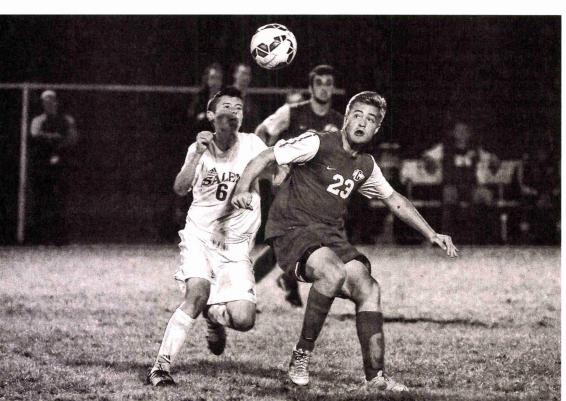
"To me, their save and our save was the exact same play," Duhl said. "Only they got a second kick. Was that the difference in the game? You get 100 minutes to decide the outcome. That's just disappointing. I don't know how you can make that call in that moment.

"I don't want that to be the focus. The focus has to be on the players and the game. Canton is terrific. They come at you in waves, they go 15-16 players deep and they just keep coming at you.'

The only reason there were



Canton players storm onto the field Monday night after defeating Salem 2-1 in a district quarterfinal.



ED HENGESH

Salem's Michael Schwartz (left) and Canton's Sam DeLoy eye the ball during Monday's contest.

late heroics required was a spectacular goal by Salem iunior midfielder Max Kummer (from senior midfielder Jacob Kunnath) with 2:47 left in regulation.

Kummer one-timed a booming shot from about 40 yards

that flew past Canton's secondhalf goalkeeper, senior Andrew Loehnis (senior Dylon DaSilva played the first half).

The goal we scored to take the thing into overtime was unbelievable, a 40-yard bomb, dipping down over the outstretched arm of the goalkeeper," Duhl said. "What a great goal by Max. But our boys just fought and fought and fought. But you could see how good that Canton team is.

"We scored the goal and they were just all over us after that. We worked for each other, we bought in and I'm so proud of the group, where we were to where we are now."

According to Kummer, he "saw the opportunity when it came out to me. As it was bouncing, I thought there was one last chance to take a rip and I did. It felt great. It got my team going.

He still called it a "sad day" because of what transpired during penalty kicks.

"I thought we could hang in there," Kummer said. "We hung in there all through OT and just couldn't get it done in penalties.'

Until Kummer's goal, it looked as though a tally scored in the first half by Canton sophomore forward Mohamad Miri would hold up as the win-

With 9:06 to play in the opening half, junior midfielder Jimmy Walkinshaw got the ball over to Miri in front of Wind and the subsequent shot found the net inside the left post.

While Canton now looks to earn a district championship this week, Salem eyes 2015.

'Looking ahead, we return pretty much most of our attack," Duhl said, listing players such as junior forwards Nick Massey, Jay Lee and Kummer.

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"It's fun playing in these conditions," Albrecht said. "The ball moves faster, so it's better if you're shooting. It didn't get sloppy today, so it was still fun."

On Albrecht's first goal of the afternoon, sophomore forward Austin Andres "played me a nice ball and I just took it in and scored. He did most of the work."

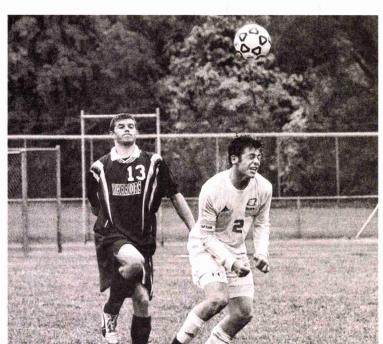
PCA head coach Kris Warnemuende said his team outran the Warriors from start to finish of the game's approximately 42 minutes. "We had the pace on them the whole game," he

The Eagles broke out to a 4-0 lead early on and experienced a brief hiccup when Lutheran Westland snuck a goal past PCA junior goalkeeper Nick Andres to make it a 4-1 contest.

Staying sharp

According to Warnemuende, the victory was nice to see because the team is missing key starters in senior midfielder Lance Allen (broken leg) and sophomore midfielder Brian Schlientz (fractured thumb).

"We did have injuries leading up to today," Warnemuende said. "We're missing two of our starters. But today we were able to pull the team together



MICHAEL IACOPELLI

Flicking the ball away from Lutheran Westland's Zach Goehmann (left) during Tuesday's district game is PCA senior defender Joseph Jacopelli.

really well.

Unfortunately, this team (Lutheran Westland) didn't give us too hard a challenge. They aren't quite in the same ballpark as us, but it was a good win for our team."

And the coach stressed that PCA must try to maintain sharpness for upcoming challenges, regardless of potentially bad weather or struggling

opponents.

The message to the team is we got to work on our (ball) possession, keep working hard and not let up," Warnemuende said. "And that's even with easier teams that don't run with us so well. We just got to play hard.'

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Lady Ocelots suffer first loss

Schoolcraft's women's soccer team fell 2-1 to host Muskegon in double overtime Saturday, the team's first defeat of the season.

The Lady Ocelots (8-1-0 in Region XII, 6-1-0 in the MCCAA) broke out to an early 1-0 lead when Shae Van Gassen scored (from Lacey Chanady).

After Muskegon (4-6-0, 3-2-0) garnered the equalizer, Schoolcraft regained the lead 2-1 at 43:56 when Tori Koontz scored (from Van Gassen).

But the physical contest went to extra time because of a Muskegon goal at 87:52. Alyssa Benedict then won the game with an unassisted goal at 1:01.18.

Going the distance in goal for the Lady Ocelots was Salem alum Aly Mann.

"I felt that they outworked us and did all the

little things that a team needs to do to win games," Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman said. "They were very physical and won most of the 50/50 balls and we didn't respond with the composure and discipline that was required.

"And to add to the burden, when one of our players, Kelly Schmidt (Canton), was pushed down, her head hit the field hard and developed a concussion."

MCCAA information director Tod Hess noted that Schoolcraft's women soccer team has clinched a spot in the Region XII tournament.

The Lady Ocelots also have clinched at least a share of the conference championship. One point against Lake Michigan or a Muskegon loss or tie will give Schoolcraft the outright

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Plymouth girls sixth

The Plymouth varsity girls cross country team finished sixth Saturday at the Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark.

Earning a medal for the Wildcats were sophomore Annie Bonds (eighth overall, 19:54) and senior Hailey Foster (19th, 21:05).

Junior Marianne DeBrito came in 31st (21:41) for Plymouth, followed by freshman Marina Malone (36th, 22:00) and junior Emma Radke (39th, 22:15).

"The results for this meet were a bit mixed," Plymouth assistant coach Alice Ahearn said. "A little flat for some, but great for others. The standout result came from Marina Malone, a freshman with great potential to make a difference in this sport during her high

school career. She did very well."

Plymouth now gets set for Thursday's KLAA conference meet at Huron Meadows in Brighton.

P-CEP bowling

Here are a couple of tidbits pertaining to bowling teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Plymouth varsity teams have a new coach, Scott Kapke. He was an assistant coach last season for former head coach Tammy Thompson, who has moved to Florida.

Meanwhile, bowling tryouts are slated for Nov. 17-18 (3:30-5:30 p.m. each day) at Superbowl in Canton.

Interested bowlers can contact Canton coach Karl Brubaker (karlbru1@ aol.com) for more information.

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ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED			
Friday, Oct. 17	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Red. Thurston (4-3) at Garden City (3-4)	Thurston	Thurston	Garden City
Clarenceville (1-6) at D.H. Annapolis (3-4)	Annapolis	Clarenceville	Annapolis
Red. Union (1-6) at D.H. Crestwood (1-6)	Crestwood	Crestwood	Red. Union
Harrison (6-1, 5-1) at N. Farmington (3-4, 2-4)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Farmington (6-1, 6-0) at Birm. Groves (6-1, 5-1)	Groves	Farmington	Groves
Lutheran West. (5-2) at Westside Christian (1-5)	Lutheran W.	Lutheran W.	Lutheran W.
Canton (6-1) at South Lyon (6-1)	Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth (5-2) at Northville (5-2)	Northville	Northville	Plymouth
Liv. Franklin (1-6) at Salem (1-6)	Salem	Salem	Salem
Liv. Churchill (6-1) at Liv. Stevenson (5-2)	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Westland John Glenn (4-3) at Novi (3-4)	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Wayne Memorial (0-7) at S.L. East (0-7)	Wayne	S.L. East	S.L. East
Last week's record	10-1	11-0	8-3
Overall record	71-18	79-10	62-27

BOYS TENNIS REGIONALS

No finals, but still Plymouth's best year

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Plymouth's best season in history for boys tennis did not end with a berth in the state finals for the team or for junior Jordan Lu at No. 1 singles. But the Wildcats still enjoyed a year to remember, coach Tom Kimball said.

Our team was competitive with the Ann Arbor teams ranked in the top 10 in the

state," Kimball said.

"And since we are young, we have great optimism about the future of this tennis pro-

Lu, co-captain with senior Charlie Hou, was seeded second at No. 1 singles entering the regional and needed to finish in the top two to reach this weekend's finals.

He ultimately played a very close match in the semifinals against an Ann Arbor Huron

opponent, losing 6-4, 6-4. "Just a couple games away from qualifying for states,"

Kimball said.
"I'm certain he will make it his senior year."

Hou, "upset the number one-seeded player at No. 3 singles to become only the second Plymouth player ever to make a regional final and earn medalist honors," Kimball

All told, Plymouth scored 14

points and finished fourth, the best showing in school history.

"We had excellent results at the regional tournament," said Kimball, whose team went 8-2 in dual matches and won the KLAA Central Division for the fourth year in a row.

In addition to Lu and Hou, the team featured singles players Matt Decker and Deven Patel at Nos. 2 and 4 singles, respectively.

The very competitive dou-

bles lineup included the following teams: No. 1, junior Kevin Hou and sophomore Yogesh Mohanraj; No. 2, sophomores Ramana Ramanathan and Justin Kapke; No. 3, seniors Matt McDonald and Alex Tsakoff; No. 4, freshman Nathan Tseng and junior Evan Kopp; and No. 5, seniors Adam Sochacki and Áni Hadagali.

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he's ever coached at Plymouth. And the team excelled, winning the KLAA South Division for the fourth consecutive season while reaching fourth at last week's Division 1 re-

"Those two set the tone, for sure," Kimball said. "Because they're leaders, they have expectations, they have goals, they have a desire to just keep improving and be a better team.

"That's kind of the expectation they set with their teammates and that's how they approach each practice, each match, each tournament and the other kids pick up on that. We benefit from these two

They did much more than just be strong team leaders, of

No. 1 singles player Lu and No. 3 singles player Hou fell just short of joining Aaron Zhang as the only Plymouth player to qualify individually for the state finals.

Both Lu and Hou talked during a practice just days before the regional about how they've progressed as studentathletes over the course of their varsity careers.

Always working

The common thread was sacrifice, spending countless hours hammering away in workouts during the off-season to sharpen up a particular

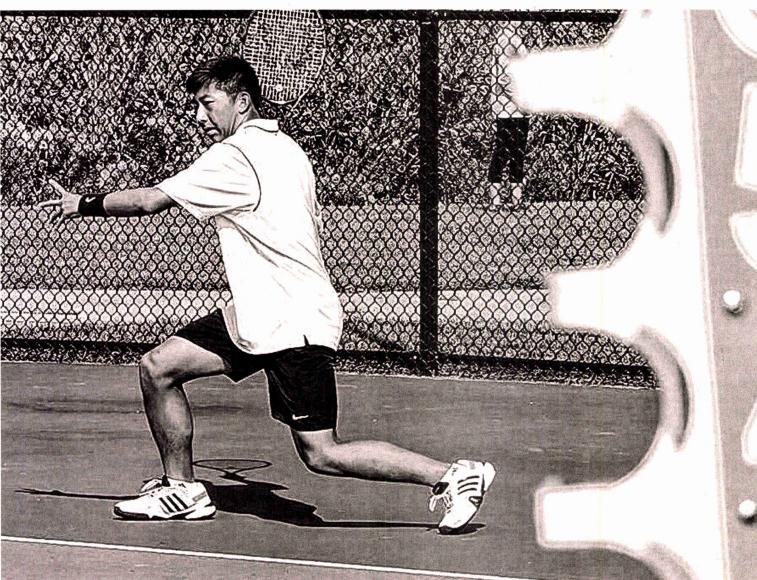
All of that extra work also helped them gain the speed, power and agility required to go to battle against the galaxy of stellar prep tennis players in the area — of which they now are part.

"Just hours of training, ery single day this summer." said the 15-year-old Lu, who carries a 4.1 GPA and began hitting tennis balls when he was just 7 at the Livonia YMCA. "You got to put in a lot of effort to be good at tennis. Just work on one stroke at a

"As you progress, just start doing a bit of everything and keep working until you spot something you want to work on that day. Then just keep practicing on that specific thing until you get it right.

Hou, 17 and owner of a 4.4 GPA, started his tennis "hobby" at 10 years old. He also subscribes to Lu's blue-collar blueprint for excellence.

'Here at our practices, we try to hit as many ground strokes as we can, work on all areas of our game, volleys and serves," Hou said. "One day,



Plymouth No. 1 singles player Jordan Lu possesses a number of shots — such as this one — to confound opponents.

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we'll work on a particular weakness that we might have seen in a previous match."

Plenty of strengths

Of course, their coach with the Wildcats doesn't see much of anything missing from their respective games.

"Jordan has a lot of engths," Kimball said. "He can hit winning shots from forehand, backhand, he's developed a really solid, confident net game. He can hit, he can blast a serve over 100 miles an hour.

'And he has a great variety of serves, so he can hit one that's going to kick up and bounce up high and frustrate certain opponents. He can hit one hard and flat that's going to blow right by you."

As for fourth-year varsity player Hou, the coach heaped on praise for how much he's meant to the squad.

'He's turned into one of the best leaders our team has had," Kimball said. "He motivates the players, he's improved his game. He's one of the guys out here working on becoming a tennis player.

"Every evening he's out

here playing with his brother, his dad, his teammates, whoever. And I think his teammates pick up on that and realize

that's the reason he is so good." About Hou's on-court skills, Kimball cited his ground strokes and serve, adding "he's an excellent base-line player."

Following his lead

Hou started his Plymouth career as a freshman, filling in at No. 1 singles for then-in-

jured Zhang. "Aaron Zhang, you might have heard of him, unstop-pable tennis god," Hou said, laughing. "He had a bad knee, so at the beginning (of that season) he wasn't in, so I had to sort of play (No.) 1 for a

"He came back in and did his thing, so I was two for a while. Then I was two for another year, and then three my junior year and three my sen-

ior year.' Some of Plymouth's current youngsters, such as freshman Nathan Tseng and five sophomores, might think that way about Hou and Lu these days.

Those teammates see for themselves the way the veter-

ans carry themselves and never settle for anything less than their very best.

"The message to them is about having a positive atti-tude," Lu said. "Always putting in your effort every day, even though it's a tough opponent you might not be able to beat. Just give it your all every day.

"A lot of kids, when they're done with their matches, they'll watch me and try and follow what I do. So I try to be a good role model because they're always trying to copy me and see how they can get better.'

Stay positive

Hou concurred, noting that he tries "to have a positive outlook" when he's on the

"I always fight for every point, full effort," Hou said. "And I try to show that to the younger kids, to put their full effort into every point and try their hardest, have fun."

Meanwhile, both downplayed the notion that they might be better tennis players simply because they are so incredibly smart academically.

"I mean, I feel sometimes I

can maybe play better than I would because I can sort of think out on the court a little bit," Hou said. "It's kind of a help, but tennis isn't so much about that. It's more about skill and mental toughness.'

Kimball was a bit more receptive to that correlation.

"I think so, you're more open to learn things faster and be more interested in the finer points of the game that may be the difference between winning a close match or losing one," Kimball said. "So they're coachable, they just love the opportunity to try something

"Even if it's frustrating at first and they can't do it perfectly, they're going to stick to it and keep at it and all of a sudden they have a new weapon in their game. They have them all now.'

So although Hou won't be back in 2015, Lu and the rest of next season's Plymouth team undoubtedly will be locked and loaded to do plenty of damage on the rest of the area's tennis world.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Madonna goes 3-1 in Crusader Classic

The Madonna University women's volleyball team held its own Saturday in the BLT Sportswear Crusader Classic, going 3-1 in a tournament that included four teams ranked in the latest NAIA poll.

The Crusaders, ranked No. 18, improved to 25-5 overall at home with a 25-21, 25-19, 27-29, 26-24 win over Bellevue (Neb.) as Kitchener, Ontario, native Hannah Poole led the

way with 13 kills, while Casey Gates and Emily Johnson added 10 apiece.

Setter Spencer Stokes racked up 48 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Obrycki and Payton Maxheimer paced the defense with 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

Bellevue (16-16) got 11 kills apiece from LaJaida Even and Symone Faulkner, while setter Beth Walker collected 38 assist-to-kills. Taylor Holz had a

match-high 22 digs. Earlier in the day, Madonna earned a thrilling 25-15, 25-22, 19-25, 22-25, 16-14 victory against No. 22 Grand View (Iowa) as Gates and Johnson finished with 17 and 16 kills, respectively, while Kayla Vogel added 12.

Stokes racked up 51 assists and 13 digs, while libero Roxy Duzey had a match-high 23 digs. Obrycki and Maxheimer added 22 and 21 digs, respec-

Grand View (16-11) got 14 kills and 17 digs from Taylor Wells, while setter Chrissy Daggett had 46 assists.

On Friday, Grand View upset No. 2-ranked University of Texas-Brownsville, 22-25, 25-21, 25-15 victory. Meanwhile, MU took its tourney opener against the University of Windsor, 25-18, 25-20, 25-22, but fell to UT-Brownsville in the featured match Friday night in three sets, 25-18, 25-17,

Vanja Joksic and Bojana Mitrovic, both natives of Serbia, led UT-Brownsville (19-2) against the Crusaders with 13 kills apiece, while fellow Serbian setter Tina Sekulic had 38 assist-to-kills as the Ocelots hit at a .343 clip.

Defensively, Heather Meeuwsen led the way for the Ocelots with 17 digs, while Annelies Dokter (the Netherlands) added 10.

Gates paced MU with 16 kills, while Samantha Geile added 10. Stokes added 34 assists, while Amanda Obrycki had 12 digs.

Against Windsor, Maxheimer recorded a game-best 22 digs, while Stokes dished out 37 assists. Gates added 12 kills, while freshman Amanda Hawkins (Livonia Stevenson) had

The Crusaders were scheduled to play Wednesday in Grand Rapids against host Cornerstone in a WHAC match. MU will play two more WHAC matches, beginning Saturday at Siena Heights against Michigan-Dearborn and Lourdes (Ohio).

OHL HOCKEY

Chatham's hat trick propels Whalers to win

By Tim Smith

The Plymouth Whalers are in the midst of a stretch where just one of seven Ontario Hockey League contests takes place at Compuware Arena.

They made the most of it with Saturday's 8-4 thumping of visiting Peterborough to improve to 3-3-1-0 in the young 2014-15 season. Leading Plymouth was Connor Chatham, who netted a hat trick, while five other players tallied a single goal.

Cullen Mercer put the Whalers up 1-0 just 6:11 into the game. Assisting on the power-play goal (Plymouth connected on four of 10 power plays) were Francesco Vilardi and rookie Will Bitten (three assists).

After the Petes netted the equalizer against Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (30 saves), Plymouth regained the edge at 17:07 on Chatham's first of the night — an unassisted effort.

Before the end of the period it was a 3-1 game, courtesy of Vincent Scognamiglio's first goal of the year.

Matt Mistele upped the edge to 4-1 with a goal at 11:16 of the middle period, from Bitten, before the Petes closed the gap to 4-2. Chatham scored again (from Mistele and Gianluca Curcuruto) on the power play, padding the Whalers' lead to 5-2.

Chatham's hat trick was registered at 17:13 of the period, from Victor Crus Rydberg and Alex Peters, to make it 6-3 after 40 minutes.

Capping the scoring in the third were Curcuruto (from Mistele and Vilardi) and Vilardi (from Bitten). Both of those were with the extra man.

The Whalers will play three games in three cities, beginning Friday night in Kingston.

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Realtor organization addresses mortgage credit issues

National Association of Realtors President Steve Brown delivered remarks about the ongoing obstacles to mortgage credit facing creditworthy buyers in September at the Bipartisan Policy Center's 2014 Housing Summit, Housing America's Future: New Directions for National Policy.

Brown, co-owner of Irongate Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio, joined housing leaders and experts at the conference, including Julian Castro, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Carole Galante, commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, and current and former U.S. Sens. Kit Bond, R-Mo., Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and Mel Martinez, R-Fla.

"Homeownership is not a Republican or Democratic talking point, it's an aspiration that all Americans share," said Brown. "I'm pleased to be a part of the BPC's summit, which is an opportunity for experts and policy makers from both sides of the aisle to come together and discuss housing policy in a bipartisan manner.'

Brown discussed impacts of the new Ability-to-Repay rules on the current lending environment and emphasized how restrictive pricing policies at the FHA and the Federal Housing Finance Agency make home-

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ownership prohibitively expensive for some first-time and traditionally underserved buyers relative to prime offer rates.

FHA's high annual mortgage insurance premiums and insurance requirement for the life of the loan pose significant challenges to qualified buyers who are being priced out of FHA or the market altogether, according to the NAR.

In a letter to FHFA, Brown raised concerns about the agency's proposal to increase its guarantee fees and the upfront loan level price adjustments

charged to borrowers. The increases would disparately impact individuals with shorter credit histories and lower down payments and as a result, shut middle class Americans out of the housing market, according to the NAR.

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Westland

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road,

Details: Pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children

Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward

Ave., Bloomfield Hills **Details**: Madrigal Chorale performs a benefit concert for Ryan Rocks!!! Outdoor Adventures, a nonprofit that enables children with cancer to go on outdoor wilderness adventures. Works will include And The Glory from Handel's The Messiah, Little Tree with text by E. E. Cummings and music by Eric Whitacre, and Standing In

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Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19

Location: Early concert at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2235 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham and evening concert at St. Paul Lutheran, 202 E. Fifth, Royal Oak

Details: "Sacred Pairings" concert; general admission \$15, \$10 for students, 12 and up, and

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Time/Date: Daily

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia Details: A drop box is stationed at the church's main entrance for used eyeglasses which will be sent to Haiti through Haitian Christian Outreach

Contact: 248-476-8222 **FALL FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday,

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: The event, for children through sixth grade, will include crafts, games, refreshments and more. Church members will pass out treats as children trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. Costumes are encouraged. Parents or guardians must be present. The church also will sponsor a coat exchange for kids. Donate coats for the exchange during business hours at the church. Any remaining coats will go to Redford Interfaith

Contact: 734-422-1470 **FLEA MARKET**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road. Livonia

Details: Arts and crafts, vintage flea market and more; proceeds used to fill Christmas baskets

Contact: Denise at 248-474-4162 **PATHWAYS TO**

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

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday through

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transgender persons Contact: 248-354-4488; www.northwest uu.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17; 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 18

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

Details: A little something for everyone including specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash

Contact: 248-477-1410

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford

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Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive,

Details: No documentation

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Contact: info@cantoncf.org **FAMILY MEAL**

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **MOMS**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships. receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911

Five Mile, Livonia **Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896. Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Praying silently or

aloud together; prayer requests welcomed Contact: 734-459-3333 for

additional information **SINGLES**

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at

313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **First Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St.,

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4

mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 **SONG CIRCLE**

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: 29667 Wentworth,

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000:

www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all

hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 **Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202 Details: Addiction No More

behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist

Church

offers support for addictive

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlehelt between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in

Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011 » Merriman Road Baptist

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman,

Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with

questions at 734-981-2519 » Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, **Details:** Fireside Adult Day

Ministryactivity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center Contact: 734-855-4056 or

734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-

g.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org » St. Andrew's Episcopal

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Details: A weekly drop-in Food

Cupboard (nonperishable items)

is available Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m.

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

» Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile,

between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia **Details:** Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional

information » Ward Evangelical Presby-

terian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400: www.celebraterecovery .com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile,

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

Location: 9401 General Drive. Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618 **TOUR**

Farmington Hills Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-

Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile,

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ANDERSON, **HELGA CHRISTEN**

Aged 86, died October 8, 2014, at her home in Redford, Michigan. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Friday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville, MI.

DUNCANSON, HELEN M.

Age 93, died October 5, 2014, at Cumberland House hospice in Crossville, TN. Devoted wife of Charles L. Duncanson and loving mother of Ann Kern, Jean Bertman, Mary Jo Duncanson, Scott Duncanson, and Peter Duncanson, grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of six, she was preceded in death by her brother Albert (Chuck) Anderson, Jr. Helen was born in Spring Grove, MN, and graduated from Winona State College, where she met Charlie Duncanson. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2013. Visitation and memorial service 10 a.m. Fairfield Glade thodist Church, Methodist United Crossville, TN.

FEATHERS, CATHERINE M.

Age 94, of Westland, died October 10, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Thomas (d. 2002). Devoted Mother of 12 children; loving grandmother of 17 and 16 great-grandchildren. Visitation Friday, Oct. 17, from 2-8 p.m., with a Rosary at 7 p.m., at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Saturday. Oct. 18, 11 a.m.(in state 10:15 a.m.), at St. Genevieve Maurice Catholic Church 29015 Jamison St, Livonia, MI 48154 Memorial gifts suggested to Community Living Centers

Farmington. heeney-sundquist.com

GRAHAM, GLORIA

Age 69, loving wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Michael (Yo) and Jodi Demorest. Proud Grandmother of Maya and Billy. Survived by beloved sister Barbara Weathers (Ralph). Funeral Mass 10 a.m. St. William 531 Common St., Walled Lake, MI



MAITLAND, JUNE **BARBARA** resident

of Commerce Township, died peacefully surrounded by her family on died October 11, 2014. She was 82 years old. She is survived by her daughters, Pam Lich and Barb (Dr. Mark) Kamil; sons, Louis Maitland and Robert (Laurie) Maitland; grandchildren, Melissa (Brian), Billy, Elizabeth, Rachel, Amanda Tommy and Ryan; great grandchildren. Beatrice Julian; brother, Dale (the late Marilyn) Beller, dear friend, Carol Hayes, and many extended family members and dear friends. June was preceded in death by her son Tom Maitland and brother, Richard (Patricia) Beller. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Friday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Cole Westwood to officiate. Friends may gather one hour prior to service. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit:

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GET INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WITH MUSIC, STORIES, TREATS

By Sharon Dargay

Staff Writer

Forget about wearing your Sunday best. Don a costume and head to Pipes Spooktacular! the Halloween concert Oct. 26 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township.

Music minister Julie Ford will play the organ and direct her youth choir. Guest organist Matthew Moore will perform and there will be piano and hand bell music to help set the mood. The church will be decked out in Halloween decorations and audience members will wear costumes.

The concert will start at 8:30 p.m. The church is located at 574 S. Sheldon. A "trunk or treat" will be held in the church parking lot after the 45-minute performance. Youngsters will trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. Admission to the concert is a suggested donation of \$5 for individuals and \$15 for fam-

The concert, an annual tradition started by Ford's predecessor before she became music minister five years ago, is "special and unique."

"I do try to play some spooky music and I try to play some silly music," Ford said. "I don't want it to be too scary or inappropriate for children.'

And although church concerts can be a "soft" form of evangelism, a gentle way to reach out to the public, Ford said Pipes Spooktacular! is just "all in good fun."

"The event was shared on the Plymouth Rocks! Facebook page and someone said, 'oh, this is probably one of those places that scare you into be-lieving in God.' It's nothing like that. It's goofy and fun. It just happens to be in a church.

The Youth Choir, consisting of singers in grades threeseven, will sing a spoof on a popular song. They're calling their version "Zombie Style." The audience may even notice a few of the "living dead" rocking out to the song.

Ford will play the theme song from the television show, Dr. Who, and she'll include video game music in the program.

"I always try to include something special for my son. He is a video game fanatic,' Ford said, adding that her son, Anthony, 7, will be in the audience with her husband and youngest son, who is 5 months



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Julie Ford plays spooky, silly organ music at the annual Pipes Spooktacular! in Plymouth Township.

Ford said she hasn't repeated any music from previous Halloween concerts, although they always include an audience sing-along of popular Christmas carols with new, twisted lyrics.

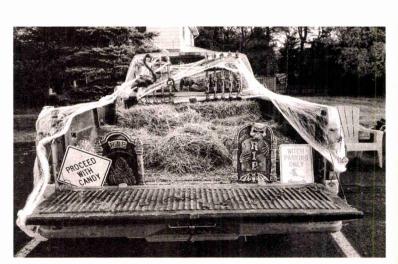
'We have done Oh Christmas Tree as Oh Skeletons. One year we did the 13 Days of Halloween. The songs are printed in the program. It is a lot of fun.

For more information about the concert, call 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Here's a sampling of other Halloween and seasonal hap-

» Take a walk through the 10-acre corn maze at Maybury Farm, 6-10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, through Nov. 2. The maze is \$7 per person and includes a hayride and admission to Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile, Northville. Children, 2 and under, free. All proceeds are used to buy food for the farm animals during the winter. 248-374-0200.

» Meet and greet some of the characters from Plvmouth's past at Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery during the Plymouth Historical Museum's Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery



One of many vehicles decorated for "trunk or treat" at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township.

Walk, Saturday, Oct. 25. Hear the tales of Plymouth's ghosts during walks that begin at 4 p.m., departing every 15 minutes from near the mausoleum in Riverside Cemetery, located south of Plymouth Road, west of Haggerty, in Plymouth. The last three tour times, 7:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. are sold out. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance at plymouthhistory.org or from the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Tickets are \$15 at the cemetery. 734-455-8940

» Wayne County Parks offers a Halloween Forest Fun hike, Friday, Oct. 17, and a Halloween Festival, Saturday, Oct. 18, in Westland. The hourlong Friday night hike begins every half hour from 6-7:30 p.m. on the Nankin Mills grounds, located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$6 per child, \$2 for adults for Wavne County residents. Nonresidents pay \$1 more. Children may wear costumes for the not-so-scary event. Participants must preregister at 734-261-1990. The Halloween Festival is set from 1-3 p.m. in the Hines Park-Nankin Mills picnic area. Children dressed in costumes are welcome. Includes hayrides, inflatables, a costume parade, games, trick or treating, and entertainment.

» The Tri-County Celiac Support Group offers Hallow-een "trunk or treat" for glutenfree candy, 7-7:30 p.m. Oct. 17, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Games, cider and gluten-free doughnuts will be served from 7:30-9 p.m. inside the church. A costume contest is set for 8:30 p.m. Admission is free for members, \$10 per family for nonmembers. To register children for the event, email Laura Budweg at bellabraun@ameritech.net.

» Hear ghost stories 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Cady-Boyer Barn at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton. Tickets are \$10 per family and \$4 for an individual. Event is for age 8 and over. Cider and doughnuts will be served. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society. Buy tickets at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, or during the Canton Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 19.

» Youngsters can "trunk or treat" from 2-5 p.m. Oct. 18 on the campus of the Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 W. Six Mile, Redford and from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Redford event will include trick or treating, hayrides, a petting farm, face painting, cider and doughnuts. Children and adults are welcome to come in costume for the Livonia event, where children will trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk in the church parking

» Michigan Philharmonic celebrates Halloween with scary classics and pops, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 at Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. "Twilight of a Dark Knight," will include such works as Michael Jackson's Thriller, Bella's Lullaby from Twilight, Danse Macabre and more. Tickets are \$30 general admission; \$25 for seniors, 62 and over, with ID; \$10 for students with ID

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61. \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Nov. 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Art Quilts: Then and Now," featuring works by local fiber artists Contact: 248-344-0497

VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 1 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Details: 22nd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes works by 61 artists Contact: 734-394-5308

DANCE

MILL RACE CONTRA DANCE Time/Date: Beginner workshop, 12:30 p.m., dancing, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19,

Nov. 23 and Dec. 21 Location: Mill Race Village, 215 Gris-

wold, Northville

Details: Contra dancing is a subset of English country dancing with elements of swing dancing. All experience levels are welcome. Wear clean, smooth-soled shoes and comfortable clothing. General admission is \$10; student, members of Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance (AACTMAD), \$8;

families, \$20 Contact: aactmad.org

SUBMITTED

Dynamic Resonance Brass Quintet performs Oct. 19 at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills.

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: The Giver, admission \$3 SHOCK-tober Series: Ghostbusters,

Oct. 16, Young Frankenstein, Oct. 23, Abbott & Costello Meet the Invisible Man, Oct. 30; all shows start at 7 p.m.; \$3 admission

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-

theatre.com REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit Details: Phantom of the Opera; \$5

HISTORY DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Contact: 313-898-1481

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-

Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 28 Location: Second floor in the Commu-

nity Gallery at the museum, 5401 Wood-

ward Ave., Detroit Details: Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center,

built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, will be on display. Admission is free

Contact: 313-833-7935 **KELSEY MUSEUM**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-Dec. 21

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor Details: The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood. Exhibition opening, 6 p.m. Oct. 15, includes a presentation by Ashley

Dimmig, exhibition curator Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: Wheels of Summer, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC **BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18; sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Ten open mic performances and a featured artist, Judy Insley & Almost Perfect, with vocals, guitar, banjo and mandolin & upright bass. \$5 at the door

Contact: sctludwig@aol.com or 734-453-0869

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington

Details: Three Men and a Tenor perform a family-oriented musical comedy program; \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students

Contact: recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FARMINGTON

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The Dynamic Resonance Brass Quintet performs; a donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per family is suggested Contact: 248-474-6170, Ext. 208, for

additional information JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Eiks

Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Barbara Ware makes her first appearance at the Elks series on Oct. 28. The Cliff Monear Trio will accompany her. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

LIVONIA SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA**

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: "Symponie Fantastic and other Classical Treasures," will include Swan Lake excerpts, introduction to Danse Macabre, and Symphonie Fantastique. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for

Contact: livoniasymphony.org **MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Location: Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills

Details: "Twilight of a Dark Knight," a Halloween pops concert, will include such works as Star Wars Cantina Band song, Michael Jackson's Thriller, Bella's Lullaby from Twilight, Danse Macabre and more. The orchestra and conductor will be in costume. The audience also is encouraged to wear costume. Tickets are \$30 general admission: \$25 for seniors, 62 and over, with ID; \$10 for students with ID

Contact: michiganphil.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m.,

doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia Details: Gavin Mee, Oct. 16, Jason

Harrod with Brad Cole, Oct. 17; Michael on Fire, Oct. 18. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

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hether you're planning a gathering with loved ones, or friends and family drop by for some impromptu celebrating, having a ready supply of snacks and finger foods will let you spend more time enjoying your guests and less time fussing in the kitchen.

One simple way to ensure you have plenty of crowd-pleasing appetizers on hand is to stock up on versatile basics that you can serve in a variety of ways.

» Pickles and olives — Few appetizers are as easy to prepare as a simple relish tray. Use a divided serving platter and mix and match flavors for a snack that is as pleasing to the eye as it is the palate. The same ingredients can help transform a ho-hum sandwich into something spe-

» Hummus — Set out a dish of hummus and pita wedges or crackers for an instant treat. Or use hummus in simple recipes for quick, tasty finger foods.

» Cheese — Keep a selection of cheeses on hand, including chunks, shreds and cream cheese in a variety of flavors that can be served alone, as part of a finger food tray or in countless cold and warm appetizer recipes.

» Salsa — Served simply with chips or crackers, or blended with cheeses or other ingredients for a more elaborate dish, salsa is a staple for entertaining. Sabra salsas are available in a range of flavors, each with a crisp, chunky flavor that works well alone or as an ingredient.

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RAVIOLI AND RED PEPPER COULIS

Recipe provided by Colombe Servings: 4 (3-piece) appetizer portions

12 wonton wrappers 4 tablespoons Sabra Hummus 1/4 cup water 2 tablespoons olive oil

Zaatar spice and sea salt to taste **Red pepper coulis:**

4 medium red bell peppers 2 tablespoons extra-virgin

1 tablespoon balsamic or red wine vinegar Salt and freshly ground pepper

To make ravioli, place wontons on large baking sheet with parchment paper and drop 1 teaspoon of hummus in center of each Fill bowl with water. Wet finger with water and trace half

the edge of wonton square. Fold in half and seal, pressing both sides firmly together. In nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, warm olive oil. Saute raviolis on both sides until crisp. Cool on drying rack. Sprinkle Zaatar spice and sea salt on both sides.

To make red pepper coulis, roast whole peppers over an open flame or under broiler, turning occasionally, until blackened all

Transfer to bowl and let cool. Peel and discard skins, seeds and cores. Chop and add to food processor along with olive oil and vinegar. Puree and season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside. Serve as dip for ravioli.

INDIAN STYLE POTATO SKINS

Yield: 8 skins (depending on size of

4 small to medium-sized russet potatoes, scrubbed clean and thoroughly dried

4 Tablespoons coconut oil,

1 Tablespoon extra-virgin olive

1 cup chopped cauliflower bits

1 teaspoon Garam Masala

1 teaspoon curry 1/4 cup frozen peas

warmed Kosher salt/pepper to taste

1 cup Sabra Jalapeno Hummus,

Finely chopped chives for

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with tin foil; pierce each potato several times with a fork or sharp knife and brush with some of the coconut oil to lightly coat each potato; bake for 45-50 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack until cool about 10 minutes or until cool enough to

In the meantime, heat olive oil in a cast-iron skillet over medium heat; add cauliflower pieces and sauté until pieces are light brown and some have crispy edges,

about 5 minutes. Add Garam Masala and curry, toss to coat cauliflower and heat the spices; add frozen peas, stir to blend and cook for about 2 minutes; remove from heat and cover.

Warm hummus. Slice each potato in half lengthwise and using a small spoon, scoop out the flesh leaving a 1/4-inch rim of potato; reserve the flesh for another use.

Brush the insides of the skins with coconut oil, season with salt and pepper; flip over and brush outside skin again with a bit more coconut oil.

Place the halves, skin-side up on the baking sheet and broil until the skins start to crisp, 2 to 3 minutes; flip and broil another 2-3

Divide warm hummus evenly among each skin; add cauliflower/ pea mixture and place under broiler for about 3-4 minutes; remove and sprinkle with chives. Serve immediately.

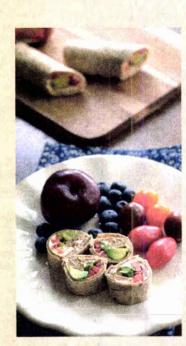


HUMMUS PINWHEELS

Prep time: 10 minutes Total time: 10 minutes Servings: 2 wraps

1 cup Sabra Hummus, any flavor 3 large soft tortillas ½ cup thinly sliced red pepper ½ cup thinly sliced cucumber ½ cup thinly sliced cantaloupe 4 leaves lettuce

Spread thin layer of hummus on both tortillas. Divide remaining ingredients between tortillas. Roll tightly and secure with toothpicks. Slice into pinwheels and serve.



HUMMUS CROSTINI APPETIZER

1 french baguette 1-2 7-ounce tubs hummus 1 cup olives, chopped or sliced (Kalamata and green olives make a tasty combination) ¾ cup Feta cheese Extra virgin olive oil

Sea salt and black pepper

Preheat your oven to 350F. Slice your french baguette on a slight diagonal angle. Brush the tops with olive oil and place on a large cookie sheet. Sprinkle each slice with a little coarse sea salt and freshly ground pepper. Place baking sheet in the oven and bake for 12-15 minutes, carefully watching your crostinis around minute 12, since oven temperatures vary. Remove from oven when golden brown and let them cool. Spread hummus on each crostini, garnish with Feta and olives, drizzle with olive oil.



HUMMUS OASIS RECIPE

1/2 cup Sabra Supremely Spicy Hummus, divided ½ cup lump crab meat, divided 4cup Sabra Spicy Guacamole,

½ cup microgreens 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice 2 teaspoons olive oil Pinch of salt % cup Bloody Mary mix or spicy

tomato juice 4 shots vodka, very chilled (optional) Special equipment: 4 Martini

Place 2 tablespoons of hummus in the bottom of each martini glass. Top with 2 tablespoons of lump crab meat. Place guacamole on top

Toss microgreens, lemon juice and olive oil together. Place on top of guacamole.

Pour Bloody Mary mix around salad, creating a moat. Pour float of optional vodka over Bloody Mary mix. Serve immediately.





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