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## City candidate forum draws small audience

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

At one time incumbent Plymouth City Commissioner Mike Wright supported a 1% property tax administration fee. For challenger Suzi Deal, it might depend on how the is revenue is used, while political newcomer Jack Wilson is definitely opposed. Challenger Ed Krol, however, sees its revenue generating potential and be-lieves the fee might be good to use when the city is in need.

The four of eight candidates for four seats on the City Commission answered a series of questions Tuesday night at a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Western

Wayne County.

The remaining four candidates - incumbents Colleen Pobur and Dave Dalton, and challengers Charlie Gabbeart and Robert Jablonski - were unable to attend.

Excluding League volunteers, the audience at the fo-

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**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Four Plymouth City Commission candidates — Ed Krol, Mike Wright, Jack Wilson, and Suzi Deal — answer questions during the League of Women Voters candidate forum Tuesday night.

# Halloween fixins'

Celebrate with scary stories, scarecrows and skeletons

> **Casey Hans** Correspondent

Halloween is big. According to the recently released September Halloween Spending Survey by the National Retail Federation, 157 million Americans plan to celebrate Halloween this year, spending a total of \$6.9 billion.

That's a lot of skeletons, pumpkins and other characters, which highlight fall festivities in Northville, Plymouth and Canton. Each community does its part to ring in fall with a variety of family-oriented activities.

#### **Pumpkin Palooza**

In Plymouth, two big events are taking place to celebrate fall. The fifth annual "Pumpkin Palooza," co-sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and its retail committee, is set for noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, throughout the downtown.

Downtown Development Director Tony Bruscato said the event is lots of fun for residents and visitors alike. "Not only do the kids get dressed up, but the parents do, too," he said. "They also bring their dogs. It's kind of fun to see families embrace this event.'

Not only are they welcome, but pets compete in a costume contest as part of the Pumpkin Palooza, which features plenty of family fun including games and prizes and family entertainment. Visit the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce website (plymouthmich.org/events/Pumpkin-Palooza\_ET359.html) for more

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Mike McDonald of Northville's Begonia Brothers and his creation, a bride and groom in a loving embrace.

## Boy injured; help sought locating hit-run vehicle

Plymouth Township police are seeking the public's help in locating an unidentified vehicle that struck a 10-yearold child last Saturday night.

At about 8 p.m., Oct. 3, the boy was struck by a vehicle as he attempted to cross Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon. The

vehicle continued westbound on Ann Arbor Road.

The boy and a friend were running north across Ann Arbor Road when he was struck by the westbound vehicle. The intersection is controlled by a traffic signal and witnesses told police that the

signal light was green for the thoroughfare.

It was raining at the time of the crash and the boys were wearing dark clothing and it's possible the driver is unaware of what was struck,

police said. The boy was transported to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor with head injuries

Those in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Saturday evening at the time of the crash and who may be able to provide any information are asked to call 734-354-

## **Memories: Pencil** sharpener returns to graduate

**Julie Brown** Staff Writer

Krisjan Krafchak arrived at Central Middle School in September 1995 as a sixth-grader.

"I had already been in four elementary schools," he recalled, having come to Plymouth's Central from Gallimore Elementary. "I had all these weird emotional issues.'

In elementary school, Krafchak would stay inside during breaks and wash coffee cups, avoiding student contact. At Central, "It created this mas-

sive, dark place."

Krafchak, 32, of Commerce Township, is now a freelance photographer. He recalled teacher Gretchen Jones of Central giving him pencil and paper and saying, "I want you to write how you feel on the

paper."
"I didn't want to share with anyone because I felt vulnerable," Krafchak said. "The words they use, you're 'learning disabled.' She always said you are an 'alternative learn-

He had issues with dyslexia and attention deficit, and has fond memories of Gretchen Jones, as well as Central friend

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Krisjan Krafchak, 32, is a 2002 **Plymouth Canton High School** graduate who has good memories of his teachers, including Gretchen Jones when he was at Central Middle School.



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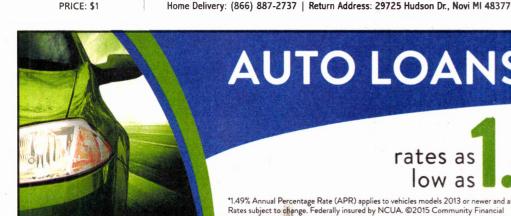
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rum was smaller than the number of questions asked. The League, however, accepted questions for candidates via email.

Railroad quiet zones, diversity, parking and building codes were among the 14 or so questions asked of each candidate, the majority of whose responses - except in certain cases appeared closely aligned.

One of the recent

controversial issues that faced the commission railroad quiet zones did divide the candidates. Despite the commission's denial of the zones largely due to cost and potential liability, Wilson, who served on the citizen committee, remains a strong advocate. Deal, Wright and Krol, however, supported the City Commission's decision.

Wilson believes an independent study is needed because of what he believes were factual errors in the study to which the commission

## **Plymouth**

Pucks for Pasadena is a game pitting the Red Wings Alumni Hockey against the USA Hockey's National Development Program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth Township.

Tickets are \$10 per person to attend.

Meanwhile, letters are going out asking businesses and community sponsors to held send P-CEP's Marching Band to the Tournament of

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referred. In September, Wilson said he provided city officials with an ordinance to create quiet zones.

"I don't know if there is an alternative," Kroll said. Wright maintains that commissioners made the right decision: "It costs too much and the risks are too much." Deal agreed.

On other topics, the candidates expressed the following opinions:

#### **How to increase** diversity in

Wright: "I think we have the basics," with a community that is open to all and which increasingly mirrors the diverse population in the Plymouth-Canton school district. The best bet? "Continue what we are doing now.

Krol: "We certainly don't discourage it." But with a diverse population in community apartments, Krol wants to consider ways of making renters homeowners in the community.

Deal: Believes the city welcomes diverse pop-



Krol

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Deal





Wright Wilson

ulations. "I don't know that we can do anything tangible."

Wilson: Suggests a marketing campaign directed to diverse populations in rentals and to Realtors who sell homes in Plymouth.

#### Increase or decrease city tax rate

Wright: He is comfortable with the current tax rate and city services. Yet, he added that at some time, "we may have to come to grips with paying more taxes."

Deal: "I would be open to the discussion.

Krol: Of each dollar collected in property taxes, 38 cents goes to the city of Plymouth. He believes the city tries to make maximum use of tax dollars, but legacy costs remain an issue.

Wilson: Opposed to any city tax increase. With increased property values, residents are already paying more in taxes. Using the failed public safety millage in February as an example, he said despite public opposition, city officials still increased the budget by some \$200,000 for public safety.

#### PARC and funding

Deal: Supports the continued use of Central Middle School for the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. Uncertain whether funding should come from a special tax or other methods.

Wilson: Applauds reuse of the building. A PARC tax? "That's for the citizens to decide," adding he would likely support it.

Wright: Supportive but believes a tax will be needed. And that tax must include Plymouth

Township. **Krol:** Loves it and the cost is worth it.

#### Plymouth/Northville fire department merger

Krol: Supports it and the cost savings. But an assessment should be conducted in the future.

Deal: A practical way to contain costs. "It is a situation that needs to be assessed."

Wilson: More study is required because in the past year Plymouth had only seven fires and still owes as much as \$3.7 million in legacy costs following its partnership with Plymouth Township fire services. "Have we looked at the total cost of

fire protection?' Wright: "No question. It was a good move." The merger makes financial sense.

Tuesday's candidate forum was taped and will be available for view on the League's website. LWVnorthwestwayne.org next week.

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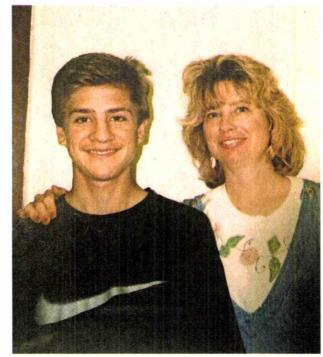
Mallory, who also helped him. Krafchak recently went to the open house for the new Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, the new use of Central, and remembered the pencil sharpener in Room 312.

"There it was, still on the wall," said Don Soenen, president of PARC. "It was very emotional for him."

Soenen told Krafchak, "The price for the pencil sharpener is for you to tell me the story.

Krafchak said, "I didn't even think it would still be there after 17 years." The writing he did helped: "It's really where I found an outlet how to express emotions. It was a good outlet not to have all this bottled up."

Jones is now teaching



at Discovery Middle School. Krafchak remembered a lesson at Central on multiplying 44 by 2 that he couldn't get.

The Central students stood up and "danced out" the multiplication problem. "For me, I got that," he said. "I understand this now."

Of Mallory, he remembers, "she was able to get past all those walls I put up." Of Jones, he added, "Without Mrs. Jones, I don't know I would have done as well as I did. Mrs. Jones was one of

those great teachers." She would tell Krafchak, "If you feel like you can't say it, write it down." That helped him as he went on to Plymouth Canton High School, from which he graduated in 2002. He last saw Jones around

2000. In early high school, Mallory moved to North Carolina. She later married, had a family and lost touch with Krafchak. A high school speech teacher, Jonelle Stec, helped Krafchak a lot.

"At that point, 10th grade, I had some really good teachers. She (Stec) made sure I had someone to talk to. Without her, I

don't know where I would have been.'

School security officers and others also helped. Krafchak, who's still in touch with Stec on LinkedIn, helped by testing his artistic leanings. He took photography throughout high school.

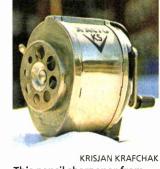
His photo career has included work at the Detroit Zoo, covering events like the Hallow een "Zoo Boo." He's also photographed University of Michigan football fans who could then buy those photos online.

That was followed by portrait studio work. Krafchak would research history, such as poses of Gen. Patton, for his work with young servicemen whose families wanted photos.

"I loved that creativity of being able to do something out of the norm," he said. He now does mainly portraits outdoors, along with some nature and landscape photography.

"I'm not a big city person," he said of his Commerce address. He's in Plymouth a lot for photography, noting he enjoys shooting in urban areas.

"I like Plymouth.



This pencil sharpener from the former Central Middle School is now a proud possession of former student Krisian Krafchak.

SUBMITTED Krisjan Krafchak as a student at Central Middle School with teacher Gretchen Jones. She now teaches at Discovery Middle School.

There's so much history there. It's nice that they saved it," he added of the former Central Middle School.

As for his school-days pencil sharpener? "It's already on the wall," Krafchak said.

Teacher Gretchen Jones said of Krafchak, "He's such a neat kid. He is just such a kind person You couldn't ask for a nicer person. He had great parents who worked with him. I wish him all the best.

"He was always very positive," Jones added. He kept working through his disability, didn't give up." She agreed some students struggle, especially at middle school age. She tells parents, "Oh, no, this is when we're going to march forward. The

payoffs are great." She didn't recall the pencil sharpener specifically, and joked about her age. Jones will immediately contact colleague Beth Savalox on this happening, and also Krafchak through Sava-

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## New tests may help solve mystery of skeleton found wrapped in carpet in '97 in Plymouth Twp.

**Daniel Bethencourt** Michigan.com

Police in Plymouth Township have called the case their "mystery bones.

They are still wondering what happened to a man who was killed, wrapped in a carpet and dumped in a wooded area near railroad tracks.

It's the township's only unsolved homicide, nearly two decades later and police still don't know whose bones they

"We're hoping somebody will remember something," said Detective Charlie Rozum, with the township's police department. "We're at a standstill."

The bones were discovered May 10, 1997. A man was surveying a wooded portion of Plymouth Township because he was thinking about buying some property nearby.

He was walking near Haggerty Road, between Schoolcraft and Plymouth roads, just north of the railroad tracks. That's when he spotted a mouse, or maybe a mole. He told police he decided, on a whim, to play with it, but the animal scurried inside a rolled-up carpet.

The man pulled back the brown carpet's corner and found a human skeleton still dressed in a blue and white striped shirt, blue shorts, and knee-high socks that read "USA 80" — memorabilia from the 1980 Olympics.

The carpet had been lying there for up to a decade. So long, in fact, that grass and weeds had grown through the rolledup carpet, according to police records.

Medical examiners determined that the man had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head. A portion of his skull was bashed in.

The case is fairly unusual for Plymouth Township. Rozum, one of the department's two detectives, can recall only one

homicide in seven years. "Here we have a guy that could have been laying in the field for five or 10 years before he was found, and nobody knows who he is," said Rozum. "We don't even have any place to start."

For years, this was most of what was known about the victim, according to police records: He was probably white and stood between 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 9 inches. He was between 35 and 50 years old and had a build suggesting heavy labor or athletics.

He was also in fairly poor medical condition. He had a nonstandard surgical pin in his right upper arm, which could indicate a military field hospital, according to police records. His right hand and wrist had been fractured several times.

He also appears to have suffered from Osgood-Schlatter disease, which causes knee pain. He appears to have worn dentures.

And he wore a gold ring, which a jeweler later told Rozum was fake.

For years, the case appeared stalled. DNA tests and attempts to recheck evidence have so far yielded no significant updates.

But in late August of this year, Crime Stoppers put out a notice requesting clues. They got multiple tips about a homicide in West Bloomfield that took place in 1991, six years before the mystery bones were found. The case resulted in two convictions, but never led to the discovery of the body, said Curt Lawson, deputy chief of the West Bloomfield Police Department.

The victim in that case was Gustav Prilepok, 56, who worked the night shift as a welder at a GM plant about a mile from where the bones were found. A coworker at that plant later told police that Prilepok served in the military at some point

before working there. Prilepok was killed by members of his family. His stepson, Jan Borek, and Prilepok's wife, Janea Prilepok, 47, later told police that Gustav

was controlling and would limit the amount of money that each could have per week. He also wanted the stepson out of the house, said Detective Sgt. David St. Germaine, also with West Bloom-

field Police. A day or two before Feb. 1, 1991, when the family reported Prilepok missing, he had gotten into a heated argument with his stepson in the driveway of their home on Fieldview in West

Bloomfield. Then there was another altercation inside the

home, Lawson said. This one turned physical: Prilepok drew a small knife and told Borek, 22, that he had to leave. Borek grabbed a fire poker and bashed his stepfather on the head, then took the knife from him and slashed him in the neck,

Lawson said.

Borek would later tell police that he acted in self-defense. But Borek, along with his mother, then wrapped the body up in linoleum, or maybe carpet — Janea Prilepok

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A 26-year-old Canton woman called 9-1-1 even though police were standing right in front of her as a neighborhood dispute unfolded Sunday night at Stoneybrooke Apartments, near I-275 and Joy.

The suspect was issued a citation for misuse of a 9-1-1 phone line.

It all started when police went to an apartment about 10:30 p.m. Sunday after an upstairs neighbor called to report that a female suspect and her friends were making loud noises. Police arrived and found a group of women talk-

ing loudly and watching TV with the apartment door open.

Police left after warning the women to quiet down, but officers had to return a short time later amid accusations the noise continued. Moreover, the female resident told police she wanted to file a cross-complaint against her upstairs neighbor for being loud.

The woman proceeded to call 9-1-1 to file the complaint even though police reminded her that they were already there. The woman also refused to give her full name.

#### **BRIEFS**

#### **Obstructing police**

A 20-year-old man, involved in a dispute with police outside the Super 8 motel on Michigan Avenue near Lotz, was ticketed for obstructing police, littering, possession of drug paraphernalia and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

The incident unfolded about 12:15 a.m. Monday when police, patrolling the area, saw the suspect and a 19-year-old woman acting suspiciously. Police saw the underage man try to conceal two 24-ounce bottles of Mike's Hard Lemonade.

Police told the man to sit on a bench as they conducted an investigation, but he smashed the two bottles on a sidewalk and ran from the scene, only to return later from behind some shrubs. Police found a glass pipe with marijuana remnants in his hiding place.

Police ticketed the man for several misdemeanors and gave him a court date.

#### **Disorderly man**

Police went to 4 Friends Bar & Grill on Warren east of Sheldon following reports a 44year-old Canton man was drunk and had gotten into a

Police went to the bar about 12:45 a.m. Saturday.

One man claimed the suspect had shoved him, so he pushed back and caused the suspect to fall and hit his head, a police report said. Police found the suspect outside the bar, unsteady on his feet and slurring his words. As police began to arrest him, he began yelling that he wanted to go to a hospital for a head injury. He later was taken to the police station.

By Darrell Clem

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told two different stories — and dumped it somewhere else.

When police later examined their home, there was a section of carpet that, in a photo, looked similar to the carpet that the mystery victim was found in, according to Rozum, the detective with Plymouth Township Police.

Prilepok's wife and stepson later confessed. His stepson was convicted of second-degree murder, and his wife was convicted of an accessory charge. Both served prison terms and were then deported, possibly back to Czechoslovakia, where they were both from, Lawson said.

But the whereabouts of Gustav Prilepok's body remained a mystery. No other family members are still in the country to be interviewed.

But even with all these similarities, the case was known to investigators and dismissed at the time as unlikely.

The biggest difference is in the teeth. The man found in the carpet had lost most of his teeth and appeared to wear dentures. But Prilepok was thought to still have teeth a year before he died. (Police interviewed his dentist.) And even if he had lost them in the span of just one year, when



Evidence photos from a Plymouth Township cold case of a body that was discovered in 1997. Body was found rolled up in a carpet. The human skeleton was still dressed in clothes.

the dentist had last seen him, the sockets would have needed more time to heal before the death, an expert concluded at the time.

The cases have another key difference: the man in the carpet had shorts that measured 30 inches at the waist, while pants thought to belong to Prilepok and taken from his

garbage measured 38 inches.

According to police records, these differences were enough to "effectively eliminate the possibility" that the mystery bones were those of Prilepok.

Still, within the last few months, police are trying to match blood samples from the Prilepok crime scene with The carpet had been lying there for up to a decade. So long, in fact, that grass and weeds had grown through the rolled-up carpet, according to police records. Medical examiners determined that the man had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head. A portion of his skull was bashed in.

DNA from a bone in Plymouth Township. These tests would not have been possible at the time.

"We're going to use the capability we have now to try to determine who this person is," Lawson said.

The results will likely take weeks, maybe a couple months. If a connection can't be established, it's not clear what's next.

"We're kind of hoping that it matches," Rozum said.

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## Canton Public Safety seeks community input

The Canton Public Safety Department would like to hear how it is doing.

The department in October and November is offering citizens an opportunity to rate the department's police, fire and emergency medical services

The online survey can be accessed from the home page of the department's website at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Included in the short survey is the chance for residents to rate which area of concern they feel is most important for the police department to focus its resources – either criminal activity, traffic enforcement or crime prevention.

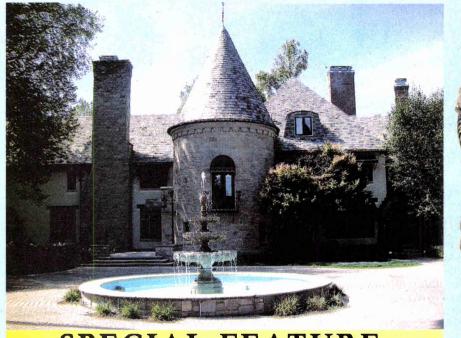
Survey results will be reviewed by public safety officials to identify any potential issues or areas of concern. Officials will also review and take into consideration the community's ranking of areas of concern, utilizing police resources to fit with the needs of the community, when possible.

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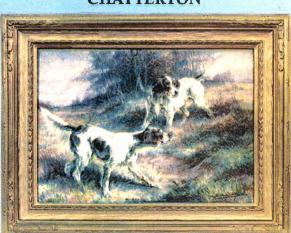
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## Each building, neighborhood has a history

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tire neighborhood. I thought about this for awhile, and came to the conclusion that if such was the position of a skilled debater, a case could be made.

I have a different perspective. I

believe every old neighborhood, every old building or structure in an old neighborhood has a history. I know this because when I was a young boy, taking strolls with my grandfather Karl or my Uncle Davis through town, they had a story for just about every house or building or site we passed.

Who lived there? What was his or her profession? An interesting character lived or worked here. Why was so and so important? A mill stood over there. Alter cars were made here. Cigars rolled there. Crops grew here. A railroad engineer lived there.

I do not believe that in order for a building or an entire neighborhood to be historic, that George Washington or Ulvsses S. Grant had to have slept in it. However, Old Village has had a few presidents and a controversial national figure visit. Also charming, beautiful, fast disappearing architecture to admire much with character that can



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what point does too much tinkering make a historic neighborhood no longer historic?

From my perspective, when I walk down a street such as Penniman or Union, and see a home over a century old next to a brand new modern-style mini-mansion or modern structure sitting upon a lot upon which once sat a beautiful Victorian-style home, I think that harms the overall value historically, aesthetically, and I believe in the long term, monetarily harms the entire neighborhood.

I think the same, when I walk down a main drag anywhere in America, and see a residential home sitting next to a home that has been converted to a commercial, and the lot next to that is a parking lot, for which an old home gave way to

At a recent Plymouth City Planning Commission meeting, someone suggested that even though new homes in back of

the former Starkweather School are modern style, no one will see them because they would be hidden by a large, old building, also proposed to be-

\$50 per year.

come cobbled up for housing. Someone suggested that the proposed homes and 50 new addresses would be fully integrated into the neighborhood. I do not see congruency between hiding a housing development from view of a historic neighborhood, and fully integrating it into said historic neighborhood.

For just a few of many examples (and speaking of character), consider what has already been lost. The home of Village President Davis B Hillmer included taxidermy. I sometimes wonder if the deer were hunted locally. I suspect they were since I vividly remember Davis B. Hillmer telling me while on a walk in Old Village that as a boy he spotted foraging deer from Holbrook, near Plymouth

Road.

This home shows a home on the north side of Plymouth Road, on the east

edge of Old Village, was once the home of Village President Lewis Hillmer

in 1893-94. Rent for the property at that time, which included 15 acres, was

Another example is a photo of the last traces of tail races of two waterpower mills - a carding mill and a saw mill. The sawmill was erected by Luther Lincoln in 1826 or '27 and the carding mill — now preserved in Greenfield Village — was erected later.

For other examples, you can do additional research. I suggest the Jan. 26, 2003, The Detroit News article by S. Esparza on page 3D. It is titled "Plymouth moves to protect its old-fashioned charm." The article talks about the city trying to prevent large housing projects. I sometimes wonder what happened to that initiative. Or a Plymouth Mail article dated Feb. 1, 1961, about the demolition of the old Roe home on Union Street. I am sure residents can think of many other present-day examples.

Daniel Sabo is the grandson of Karl Starkweather.

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The Plymouth District Library is all

about Star Wars Reads.

#### **SCARY**

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details or see their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/PumpkinPaloozaNV.

The other big fall event in Plymouth is the Kona Running Company's "Wicked Halloween Run" on Sunday, Oct. 25, when runners get into the spirit by wearing costumes and compete for Plymouth Chamber gift certificates. The Plymouth DDA will judge costumes from 7:15-8:45 a.m. for individuals, partners and groups of three or more runners.

Alan Whitehead is race director and owner of Kona Running Company, which has stores in Canton and West Bloomfield. He said they are expecting upward of 5,000 runners of all abilities at this year's event in Plymouth, the fourth annual race. "It's very festive," he said. "It's the only Halloween event we do. Downtown Plymouth is a great town. They want to have fun and stay

in shape." The 10K run starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by a Monster Mile run at 8 a.m. and the 5K at 9 a.m. Whitehead said Kona donates some of its race proceeds to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Mott Children's Hospital and the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. Visit wickedhalloweenrun.com/race-info.htm for information.

Events such as these help boost the community spirit in Plymouth, Bruscato said. "We're very fortunate to be a hot spot, not only in western Wayne County but we're known throughout the state as well," he said. "You put Kellogg Park in the mix, and

there's really nothing like it." To round out the season, Scarecrows in the Park are on display in Kellogg Park through October.

#### **Trick or Treat Parade**

Canton Township Leisure Services hosts its annual "Trick or Treat Parade" from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. Kids 10 and under can dress up and collect Halloween goodies throughout the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Canton Recreation Specialist Jennifer Girard said the event has been around for more than 10 years, draws about 5,000 children each year and typically sells out. "We take over the entire (Summit) building," Girard said, adding that the event started as a small, one-room activity and just grew over the years. "It's a great alternative for families," she said.

The Summit is decked out for the Halloween holiday and young trick-or-treaters will follow a trail of themed-stations that will include familyfriendly characters such as Captain America, the cast from Inside Out, characters



This is where two mills once stood.

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neighborhood historic is the

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ture had in terms of growth to

the community, combined with

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IOANNE MALISZEWSK This skeleton will be on display beginning Friday.



The Trick or Treat event at the Canton Summit typically sells out.



Passers-by take in the scarecrows displayed in Kellogg Park.

from the Wizard of Oz, Anna

more. For older children who

can handle a bit more fright, a

spooky Haunted House will be

Tickets cost \$5 for Summit

available in the Summit gym-

members, \$6 for other resi-

dents, though Canton families

get first priority. Pre-sale tickets for the "Trick or Treat

ticket purchasers can reserve

Parade" go on sale Oct. 1 at

Summit on the Park. Early

time slots to go through the

ceive general admission

n.org for more details.

Summit, while others will re-

passes. No tickets will be avail-

able at the door. Visit cantonfu-

For those who prefer a bit

of storytelling fun, the Canton

from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

24, at the Cady-Boyer Barn in

Ridge Road. Children must be

Judge Ronald Lowe and Dr.

Historical Society hosts "An

Evening of Ghost Stories"

Preservation Park, 500 N.

accompanied by adults.

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and Elsa from Frozen and

tellers and they will include a variety of scary tales sure to delight. The event is suitable for children ages 8 and older. According to information from Canton Township, both Lowe and Christian are master sto-

rytellers. Lowe, known as The Spellbinder, has been telling scary stories his entire life, as his father, mother, aunts and many other family members were storytellers. Lowe has been a professional storyteller for more than 25 years. Christian, a Plymouth native, has performed at the National Storytelling Festival, WDET National Public Radio, Greenfield Village, the Michigan State Fair and the Detroit Institute of Arts and throughout the

Tickets are \$4 per person and can be purchased at the Summit, the White Pole Barn at the Canton's Farmers Market on Sundays and at the door. Proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society. For more information, visit cantonhistoricalsociety.org.



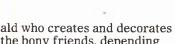
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#### October in the 'Ville'

The handiwork of Mike McDonald of Begonia Brothers in Northville takes center stage at the "Skeletons are Alive" event from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in the Town Square, with more than 100 hand-created skeletons featured around the downtown

"We get people from all around that drive a good hour to come and see the skeletons," said Tieler Holland, service manager for Begonia Brothers. She said McDonald creates the life-sized, themed skeletons, which are geared toward individual businesses and groups.

McDonald said the idea started about nine years ago when he put skeletons on bicycles at the Begonia Brothers entrance to show off their fall Haunted Garden Center. The city's Downtown Development Authority got local businesses involved and the idea took off. Now, the DDA coordinates the event and works with McDon-



The P-CEP Class of 2019 has its own

scarecrow in Kellogg Park.

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the bony friends, depending upon the type of business.

"People kind of fell in love them," McDonald said, adding that designing and making the skeletons gives him a creative outlet. "I love downtown Northville and they're very good to us. It seems to help everybody."

The "Skeletons are Alive" event kicks off "October in the 'Ville," the city's fifth annual fall spooktacular. This year there are not only skeletons, but spiders taking over the

town square. A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in Town Square, followed by a free concert featuring the Shawn Riley Band. For a full calendar of "October in the 'Ville" events, visit https://goo.gl/9auQQc. It includes a costume parade and street of treats on Oct. 24 and a fire station open house and costume contest on Halloween. The event is sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority.

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## Griffin Funeral Home expands to Northville

**Brad Kadrich** Staff Writer

David Griffin and his staff were really just doing a favor for a couple of grieving families when they traveled to those families' Northville homes to make funeral arrangements for a loved

Physical circumstances made it difficult for both families to make the arrangements the traditional way, and they asked Griffin, whose family owns the chain of L.J. Griffin Funeral homes (including the Northrop-Sassaman Chapel in Northville) if he'd come to their house.

Griffin, of course, was happy to grant the unusual request and made the arrangements sitting in the families' kitchens.

That act of kindness spawned an idea the Griffins have now turned into a regular service that has already been used by two families.

"When we did those, we thought, 'We can do this,'" Griffin said. "And if we can do these, why can't we do it for everyone.

So, they are. Upon request, Griffin staffers will travel to the home, armed with everything a family needs to make the arrangements. Families will know prices, be able to make selections on everything from caskets to prayer cards, arrange for flowers and choose a local cemetery.

Griffin knows it won't be a service that appeals to everyone, but he's happy to be offering it to families who want it or, more importantly, need

"If we can make (the experience) easier by going to the home, at the end of the day that's what we're supposed to do," said Griffin, whose family also operates funeral parlors in Westland, Canton and Livonia. "Our motto is 'Service ... a Family Tradition,' and this is just an extension

of that. It's the kind of service Griffin has been offering since the family purchased the funeral home from former owner, John Sassaman, in the spring of 2014. According to Griffin, Sassaman, who owned the funeral home for years, knew his health was poor and approached the Griffins to

keep it alive. David Griffin, who lives in Northville Township, had known Sassa-



David Griffin will host an open house at the Northrop-Sassaman Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Oct. 14-16



COURTESY L.J. GRIFFIN FUNERAL HOME

After the Griffin family bought the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, they "took it down to the studs" to renovate it.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

What: Open house, L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

Where: The chapel is located at 19091 Northville Road. When: Oct. 14-16

Why: To mark the official grand opening of the chapel, purchased by the Griffin family last year from previous owner John Sassaman

Details: For more information, call the chapel, 248-348-1233.

man for awhile and thought the funeral home would be a good addition to the family chain.

With his health failing, Griffin said, Sassaman hadn't been able to keep the parlor in peak condition. It needed work, and Sassaman asked Griffin to help.

'The funeral home was a little bit tired," Griffin acknowledged.

Seeing the work that was needed, the Griffins "took it down to the studs," David Griffin said. They rebuilt the large primary room, added the fireplace in the foyer, completely renovated the entire interior, and added state-of-theart sound systems and televisions.

The latest addition: A new lounge on the upper level where families can bring food, drink and provide a waiting area for visitors.

"I saw the Northville community didn't have a place to honor their dead," Griffin said. "This funeral home fits the

community."

Griffin said the family tried to keep Sassaman, who was well-respected in town, in mind as they did the work.

Indeed, the first funeral in the renovated parlor was for Sassaman, who passed away in Novem-

"Jim was a huge part of the community," Griffin said. "As we took over, people would call every day asking, "How's John?' There's not a week that goes by when somebody doesn't bring John's name up.'

More than a year after buying the place and some 10 months after completing renovations, Griffin will hold a formal open house at the Sassaman-Northop Chapel. Griffin said the delay was largely a testament to Sassaman.

'We wanted to make sure the place is done perfectly," Griffin said.
"We just wish John was with us."

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# BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

DFCU CEO Mark Shobe presents a check for \$12,500 to Stephanie Goeke of the Educational **Excellence Foundation and Superintendent Michael Meissen** 

## New DFCU branch gives to P-CCS educational foundation

While cutting the ribbon for the new DFCU Credit Union's Plymouth branch last week, CEO Mark Shobe showed off the new facility and gave the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation a boost.

Shobe told the crowd gathered at the grand opening celebration that the credit union is committed to public education. With that, he presented Superintendent Michael Meissen and EEF Chairwoman Stephanie Goecke with a \$12,000 check.

The check will be used by EEF to continue enhancing the school district's programs, Goecke said.

The new Plymouth DFCU branch is at 855 Ann Arbor Road



BILL BRESLER I STAFF **PHOTOGRAPHER** Mark Shobe, DFCU CEO, welcomes the crowd to the grand opening of the new branch at 855 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER DFCU CEO Mark Shobe cuts the ceremonial ribbon, opening a new branch on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT

## Get the Inside Knowledge

What you need to know about gynecologic cancer

#### **Thursday, October 15**

St. Mary Mercy Livonia South Auditorium



Michael Hicks, MD

5:30 - 7 p.m. - Health Screenings and Massage 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Keynote Speaker

Michael Hicks, MD

director, gynecologic oncology St. Mary Mercy Livonia

All women are at risk for gynecologic cancers, and risk increases with age. Each gynecologic cancer is unique, with different signs, symptoms and risk factors. You can lower your risk for some of these cancers, and when gynecologic cancers are found early, treatment is more successful. Dr. Hicks will discuss the risk factors, symptoms and treatments of gynecologic cancer and answer questions about general women's health.



## Cooper Standard honored as 'veteran-friendly'

Celebrating its support of military veterans, Novi-based Cooper Standard announced the company was recently named a Veteran-Friendly Employer by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, earning silver status for meeting and exceeding many key metrics for veteran programs, especially as it related to

veteran hiring. "The Veteran-Friendly Employer achievement is significant to Cooper Standard, as helping military veterans' transition back to civilian life is a key Company initiative," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard. "We've taken a multifaceted approach, which includes actively pursuing veterans for Cooper Standard job openings, supporting several veterans' transition training programs and increasing the awareness of the advantages of hiring veterans. I know that our new Veteran-Friendly Employer status will help



us shine an even brighter light on this important

responsibility. MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employer program helps qualified organizations recruit and retain top veteran talent while providing others a road map to improve their recruitment efforts. The organization recognizes employers that commit to military veteran recruitment, training and retention practices by awarding those employers gold, silver and bronze level status as Veteran-Friendly Employers.

Through its Careers for Veterans program, Cooper Standard met the requirements to achieve silver status. In addition to the new hire benchmark, other requirements included posting veteran-friendly job postings and advertisements, recruitment efforts and apprenticeship

or training programs. Cooper Standard has a long history of supporting the men and women who serve the United States by helping them put their unique skill sets to work when they complete their service. In February 2014, the company formalized its veteran's support initiative as the "Cooper Standard Careers for Veterans program." Since its creation, the initiative has increased Cooper Standard's veteran workforce by 12% due, in part, through the support and sponsorship with organizations including Brad Keselowski's Checked Flag Foundation, Inforum's Center for Leadership, Focus: HOPE, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Manufacturing Institute, Macomb Community College and others. For more: www.cooper standard.com /careers/careersveterans.

**OUR VIEWS** 

## Safety alert reminder: Smoke alarms are early warning of fire danger

When it comes to a fire, smoke alarms are a critical

early warning system.

A survey in Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires, a report released in September by the National Fire Protection Association, found that in 2009-2013, fires in homes with no smoke alarms caused an average of 940 deaths per year (38 percent of home fire deaths). An additional 510 people per year (21 percent of home fire deaths) were fatally injured in fires in which smoke alarms were present but failed to operate. Power source problems were the leading cause of smoke alarm failures.

According to the report, almost all households indicate having smoke alarms, yet smoke alarms were present in slightly less than three-quarters (73 percent) of reported home fires and operated in roughly half (53 percent). When present in reported fires large enough to activate them, they operated 87 percent of the time. Hardwired smoke alarms were more likely to operate than those powered solely by batter-

The death rate per 100 reported fires was more than twice as high in homes with no or no working smoke alarms (1.18 deaths per 100 fires) as it was in fires with working smoke alarms (0.53 deaths per 100 fires). The lowest fire death rates were seen in homes with hardwired smoke alarms and sprinklers. Victims in homes with working smoke alarms were more likely to have been in the area of origin. They were also more likely to be 65 or older, to have a physical disability or to have tried to fight the fire themselves, according to the report

This week is National Fire Prevention Week, established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on Oct. 8, but did most of its damage on Oct. 9.

The goal of the week is to inform and educate the public about fire prevention. This year's theme is 'Hear the Beep Where you Sleep," a reminder that smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom and on every level of a home, including the basement, and routinely tested and maintained to make sure they work.

"Homes need to be equipped with multiple smoke alarms, especially in all the bedrooms, because half of home fire deaths occur at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are sleeping," said State Fire Marshal Richard W. Miller. "Many homes still have only one smoke alarm and that is simply not enough. Having working smoke alarms throughout the home can truly make a life-saving difference.

A working smoke alarms can provide extra time for a family to escape, especially children and senior citizens who are most at risk and need extra seconds to get out safely. An average of three children per day die in home fires and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

The State Fire Marshal along with the NFPA recommend that homeowners choose a smoke alarm that bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Hardwired smoke alarms are more reliable than those powered solely by batteries.

They also recommend that:

» For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.

» Use both photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms, also known as dual sensor alarms. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires.

» Test all smoke alarms at least once a month by using the test button.

» Replace batteries once a year.

» Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner, if they do not respond properly when tested.

Miller also recommends that families know and practice two ways out of the house in case of fire. The best defense against fast-moving fire is having an escape plan "because a home can be totally engulfed in flames in less than three minutes," said Miller. "Conduct a fire drill at night at least twice a year to make sure all family members recognize the sound of the smoke alarm, can respond instinctively to its signal and follow an escape plan."

## Recent motorcycle deaths a safety reminder

Last year, there were eight fatal motorcycle crashes in Oakland County.

Last week, there were two.

A Novi man died Sept. 23 after hitting a large rock on Grand River Avenue in Lyon Township. He was attempting to pass a school bus on the right shoulder when the motorcycle hit the rock, causing the crash. He died at the scene, and a rider on the bike was transported to the hospital for her injuries.

The next day, a South Lyon man crashed on Commerce Street in Milford. He died Saturday from injuries sustained in the accident.

In both cases, the motorcycle riders were not wearing helmets.

Accidents happen. And it's always tragic when someone dies.

And since April 2012, it's been up to the motorcycle rider to decide if he needs to wear a helmet. That's when a state law took effect eliminating the requirement to wear a helmet while out on the road. Ironically, it's Michigan legislators who 30 years ago passed a law requiring those in a car or truck to wear a seat belt as a way to improve safety.

For opponents of the helmet law, they argue it's a matter of choice for the rider. And there's an economic boon, they claim, as well, arguing that there's more tourism from out-of-state riders who previously avoided Michigan because of its helmet re-

In the first year helmets weren't required, fatal motorcycle crashes increased in Michigan with 129 in 2012 compared to the 109 fatal crashes in 2011, according to the state Office of Highway Safety

Since then, the numbers have dropped a bit. Last year, there were 105 fatal accidents. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 62 percent of motorcycle fatalities occur between May and September.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning said there were almost 300,000 accidents in Michigan last year. Of those, 2,860 involved motorcycles. In Oakland County, there were 258 motorcyclerelated crashes last year, down from the previous two years, but slightly higher than five years ago.

It takes a concerted effort among all motorists to keep the roads as safe as possible. Motorcyclists can increase their safety by following these tips from the NHTSA:

» Never ride distracted or impaired.

» Always wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. » Wear a DOT-compliant helmet and other pro-

» Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed. » Use hand and turn signals at every lane change

or turn.

» Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility.

» Ride in the middle of the lane where you will be

more visible to drivers. Other drivers can always benefit with reminders on the road, as well, when motorcycles are around.

» Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at » Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.

» If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be careful: Motorcycle signals are often non-canceling and could have been forgotten. Always ensure that the motorcycle is turning before proceeding.

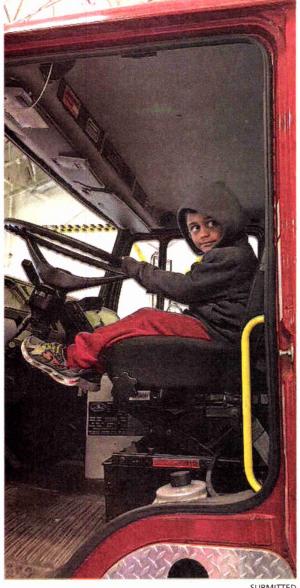
» Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.

» Always allow more follow distance — three to four seconds — when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

» Never drive distracted or impaired.

Motorcycle season is nearing its end this year, but for those remaining days when the sun is shining, many riders will take advantage of a final ride or two. Fewer accidents on the road is a boon for everyone.

### Be aware of fire safety



Aayan Patel, 3 1/2, attended the Canton Fire Department open house during this Fire Prevention Week. It's almost time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.

Joanne Maliszewski, Editor Susan Rosiek, **Executive Editor** 

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising

## A house divided can't stand gun violence is killing America

e are better than Outside of those regions who are at war with their neighbors and themselves, America holds the dubious distinction of being No. 1 in the world in the slaughter of innocent people from handguns wielded by our fellow human

Collectively, we ought to be embarrassed, ashamed and disgusted. Yet what we are is divid-

ed. In 1858, Abraham Lincoln, the public voice for rationality, proclaimed, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." He might just as well have been prophesying our 21st century future - he was right then and is just as right

As a nation, we should not be continually witnessing the senseless slaughter of innocent citizens by our own people just because we are petrified to seek common sense solutions in dealing with gun violence in our country.

#### **Enough is enough**

When will enough be enough of senseless gun violence?

It matters not whether it occurs every day on the streets of Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., or whether it emanates from a gunman who opens fire in a community college in Oregon, or in schools in Newtown



Tom Watkins **GUEST** COLUMNIST

and Charleston. These massacres have become all too common.

Our national pain will not fade until our nation's leaders take decisive action on multiple fronts to address this violent horror in our midst. Yet, once again, poli-

ticians merely debate who is at fault. Let me make it easy for them we all are at fault. If we do not come

together now as a nation to address this madness, we risk giving up the very soul from which this great nation began.

When are Americans going to recognize that senseless slaughter can be minimized and prevented if we mesh quality mental health services with sensible, enforceable, and strong gun ownership laws? When will we demand that violence not be peddled as the norm which passes for entertainment in our living rooms and movie houses?

At a minimum, our national response must address the current easy access to guns and make sure there is appropriate treatment for people with mental illness.

When will the "pols" in Congress be made to fear the wrath of the American voter's power more than the loss of support

from the National Rifle Association?

Americans say they are fed up with senseless gun violence. But haven't we as a nation grown far too complacent about protecting the status quo? That very status quo is killing our citizens and rotting the moral fabric of this country

#### from the inside out. A little less talk; a lot more action

America, we have a problem.

When the rate of children killed by guns in the United States is 19.5 times higher than similar high-income countries in the world, America, we have a problem.

It will take no less than an intense, wellfunded campaign to get congressional votes to help mandate a stop to the gun madness in this country. Thoughtful Americans must organize and advocate for a balanced approach to gun law in America including, at a minimum:

» Establishment of sensible gun controls allowing for sale and legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes. Ban the sale of assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of highpowered bullets in sec-

» Address the culture of violence perpetuated by Hollywood, the video and entertainment industries. Video games, masquerading as "entertainment," are corrosive to young minds and do not support a healthy and stable society.

» Make available, and affordable, quality mental health services for people with serious mental illness. Start the conversation about the use of these services in our communities to help each other. Stress efforts to end the stigma that often prevents persons in need from seeking treatment.

Creating sensible laws, keeping weapons off our streets and out of the hands of deranged people - this is not a violation of America's Second Amendment right. Sensible gun laws do not interfere with the rights of legitimate gun ownership. Anything less is inadequate.

Congress, Mr. President: Do something, do anything. But let's stop allowing people to die in vain. As a nation, we are literally killing ourselves.

At Sandy Hook, we had 20 little reasons to act. We added nine more reasons in South Carolina this year. Last week, we added nine more reasons at Umpqua Community College.

Gun madness is killing America. For God's sake - and ours - let's DO

something. **Tom Watkins** is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority ( www.dwmha.com).



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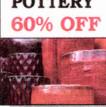
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CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Good time: Fire station open house draws over 1,500 visitors

**Darrell Clem** Staff Writer

Children got to learn about fire safety during the tour.

Canton children didn't let a chilly, windy day ruin their chance to sit in a fire truck, spray fire hoses, dress up like a firefighter and tour a fire station.

Canton Fire Chief Joshua Meier estimated that just over 1,500 people Saturday attended an open house at Fire Sta-

tion No. 1. 'We're pretty happy with the turnout," he

And it keeps bringing

people back, year after year.

Ashish Patel said his son Aayan, 3½, made it for a third year, while daughter Aanya, 2, attended for the first time.

"I hope to have the kids learn about awareness of fire and safety and how important those things are," Patel said. "It's also important to show respect to the folks who protect us and just to say 'hello' to them."

That same day, Patel took his children to The Home Depot on Michigan Avenue, where youngsters got to build their own wooden fire trucks and paint them during a

workshop. At the fire station, Meier said children saw firefighters stage a rescue to show how they save victims involved in car crashes. The fire department used a 2015 Lincoln, a test vehicle from Ford Motor Co.

Children also toured a fog-filled fire safety house to learn how to escape a burning home, and they saw on-site demonstrations of a hazardous materials team and a western Wayne County search-and-rescue team.

Fire officials say the event helps to build relations between the fire department and the community without it being an emergency situation.

Youngsters received pencils, erasers and coloring books and participated in a scavenger hunt. Meier said two children from the scavenger hunt will be picked for a future lunch with firefighters and a ride in

a fire truck. Although the open house was intended as a fun time, Meier said it's also a way to help children - and their parents -

learn fire safety tips. "It was a great success," he said. dclem@hometown-

life.com Twitter: @CantonOb-734-972-0919



ASHISH PATEL Aayan Patel, 3½, sat in a fire truck during Saturday's fire station open house in Canton.



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# **SPORTS**

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PREVIEW: CANTON VS. PLYMOUTH



Play in the trenches could determine who wins Friday's Canton-Plymouth matchup. Sure to have some say in that will be Wildcats' senior lineman

# **CLASH OF THE TITANS**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of the keys to Canton's success this season is team defense, demonstrated here by Colin Troup (left) and Lou Baechler (No. 38).

An annual rite of autumn is regular season smackdown between Canton, Plymouth gridders

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Tim Baechler and Mike Sawchuk have seen this movie before.

the past decade or so, Baechler's Canton Chiefs and Sawchuk's Plymouth Wildcats have not only shared a campus, they've shared space among the state's elite football programs.

And the next installment should be fun to watch: At 7 p.m. Friday, the Chiefs and Wildcats are slated to once again bump helmets at Plymouth-Canton Educational

Park, on the freshly installed turf under spanking new

Which side of the new scoreboard will light up more? That is to be determined.

Since 2009 Canton has knocked off Plymouth four of six times during the regular season. (The 2012 game, won 28-21 by Plymouth, officially went to the Chiefs because all of the Wildcats' wins that season were forfeited by the MHSAA.)

However the game goes, both teams look poised to qualify for the MHSAA playoffs.

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY Danton Cole, head coach of the USA Hockey NTDP U18 team, is eager for his squad to perform on home ice 7 p.m. Friday.

**USA HOCKEY NTDP** 

## **USA Hockey** heads home

After two weeks on road, U18s open Friday at USA Hockey Arena

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

The long-awaited home opener for the USA Hockey National Team Development Program's Under-18 team is 7 p.m. Friday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, against the Chicago Steel.

But until then, the NTDP U18s are getting some road games under its belt including Saturday's 4-0 loss to Northern Michigan University and a 2-1 overtime victory Sunday against Lake Superior State.

Northern Michigan scored just 1:34 into the contest when Brock Maschmeyer tallied a power-play goal against USA netminder Jake Oettinger, and that marker held up as the eventuai game winner

USA's attack couldn't get untracked, managing just 21 shots against the NMU goalie tandem of Derek Dun and Atte Tolvanen.

Results from Sunday's game against Lake Superior State were not yet available on

the USA Hockey website. After Friday's home opener, the NTDP U18s, coached by

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**PREP GIRLS GOLF** 

Michael Jordan (center).

## Rock-ing the KLAA's world

Salem girls golf team shows it belongs at top of elite league

**Tim Smith** Staff Writer

As usual, Plymouth has some company from "the Park" among the best varsity girls golf teams in the Kensington Lakes Actitivities Conference

But this time around, it's not Canton. It's the Salem Rocks who might be crashing the Wildcats' party as the 2015 season enters the home stretch.

Last Wednesday at Pontiac Country Club, Plymouth captured the Kensington Conference and association championships with a tally of 338 strokes. In fourth place, just 10 strokes behind in an ultracompetitive 24-team field, was Salem.

"Fourth place in the KLAA, it's a real good golf league,' Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "There's some real good schools, some of the top schools in the state.

That's our highest finish in the KLAA since it started. The girls were really happy.'

Both Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams will enter Thursday's Division 1 regional at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth looking to

be one of three to qualify for

the D1 state finals. "It just gives them a real boost of confidence," Nimmerguth said. "We beat some teams in the association that we haven't beaten before.

'So that gives them a real boost of confidence that they can do it. It's not something that we just talk about, now we've done it."

#### **Rock steady**

Spearheading the Rocks was junior Darby Scott, who registered a 78 over 18 holes

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SALEM ATHLETICS

Salem all-conference golfers (from left) Hope Warkoczeski, Darby Scott, Kiley Flynn and head coach Ryan Nimmerguth.



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**PREP CROSS COUNTRY** 

# 'WIN-SWEPT' **ROCKS**

Despite cold and wind, Salem prevails at tough DeWitt Invite

**Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Another successful weekend was enjoyed on the competitive trails by Salem's varsity girls cross country team.

Salem — looking to contend this Saturday at the Wayne County Championships at Willow Metropark in New Boston — finished first Oct. 3 at the DeWitt Invitational with 23 points. The Rocks outdistanced runner-up DeWitt (54) and Regina (65).

The first-place medalist was Salem's Madalyn Simko, who finished the course in 19:08.1 seconds.

"Madalyn won the invitational with a perfect race," Rocks' head coach Dave Gerlach said. "The entire varsity team was under the 20-minute barrier and there were a ton of personal bests. Today was a huge step in the right direction.

Kayla Hughes (fourth, 19:20.4), Madison Justice (fifth, 19:24.2), Hannah Jeffress (sixth, 19:27.4), Erin McCann (seventh, 19:30.3) and Sierra Bowden (ninth, 19:35.0) really formed a for-

midable pack for Salem. The Rocks also had top-30 performances from Gabrielle Mancini (13th, 19:47.1), Kayla DelaCruz (14th, 20 minutes), Shea Wilson (18th, 20:17.1), Madison Grant (21st, 20:29.9), Jessica Hughes (23rd, 20:35.9), Hallie Younglas (25th, 20:42.3) and Bridget Nelson (30th, 20:57.2).

All runners in the top 30 received medals.

"What an impressive performance by these young ladies on a cold and windy day," Gerlach said. "(DeWitt) is a fast 5K course through some woods and corn fields.

We challenged these young ladies last week in practice to step up their competitiveness as we enter the championship season next week and they responded."

» On Tuesday, No. 2ranked Northville topped Salem 15-50. Top showings by the Rocks were turned in by Simko (ninth, 20:29), Kaya Knake (10th, 20:37), Bowden (11th, 20:38) and Justice (12th, 20:53).

#### Plymouth recap

At Saturday's Coaching Legends Invitational at Huron Meadows, Plymouth's girls cross country program enjoyed plenty to cheer about.



SALEM ATHLETICS

Salem's varsity girls cross country team finished first at Saturday's DeWitt Invitational.

In the varsity race, all nine girls earned individual medals as the team placed fourth

out of 14, led by Annie Bonds

— her season's best time of

19:40 was sixth overall. Also running PRs were Arwa Harawala (21:20), Olivia Schafer (21:26), Amelia Carey (21:28), Claire Curvin (21:31), Gwen Carey (21:36), Allison Beshears (21:53), Angela Wang (22:08) and Marianne

DeBrito (22:29). "They have worked hard this season and it's nice when it all comes together for a race at this point in the season," Plymouth head coach Alice Ahearn said.

Plymouth's JV also had a big day there, placing second out of 16 teams. Freshman

Ana White's 21:30 time was best for the JV Wildcats; she was sixth overall.

Ahearn said 14 Plymouth JV runners took home individual medals as "many girls had their best race of the season.'

#### **Boys harriers**

Canton's varsity boys cross country team defeated Livonia Franklin 23-36 Tuesday in a KLAA South Division meet.

For the Chiefs, holding down spots 2-4 were Zac Clark (17:01), Shane Andrews (17:07) and Nick Socha (17:32). Franklin's Tony Floyd was medalist with a time of 16:33.

Other Canton finishers in the top 20 were Javier Diaz (sixth, 17:47), Zach Carey

(eighth, 18:02), Dan Jiminez (ninth, 18:03), Braden Heimbaugh (10th, 18:17), Ben Lesko (11th, 18:20), Zach Cannon (12th, 18:30), Xavier Reinders (13th, 18:31), David Kight (14th, 18:35) and Ryan Triolet (15th, 18:36).

» Saturday, the Chiefs placed fourth at Hanson's Invitational with 154 points. Victorious with 72 points was

Clarkston. The top Canton performer was Clark, placing 12th with a time of 16:43.

Andrews finished 18th (17:02.5) while other Canton finishers included Carey (33rd, 17:28), Kight (46th, 17:51), Diaz (49th, 17:52), Cannon (51st, 17:53) and Socha (52nd, 17:55).

**COLLEGE SOCCER** 

## Sunday's a winner for Schoolcraft

Men's, women's soccer teams each victorious

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

After a disappointing road loss to Ancilla College on Oct. 2, Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team bounced back strong with Sunday's 4-1 vie tory over Lakeland Community College.

The host Ocelots improved to 9-2-1 overall, 8-2-1 in NJCAA Region XII with the win, while Lakeland fell to 2-10-0, 0-10-0,

Schoolcraft carried a 2-1 lead into intermission, thanks to a tie-breaking marker by Jacob Rosen just 50 seconds before the end of the half. Setting up the goal was Leopoldo Arevalo.

Opening the afternoon's scoring was Schoolcraft's Kebba Sanneh in the 17th

minute. Lakeland evened things up at 1-1 in the 35th minute, when Yatafary Champiney put a shot into the Ocelots' cage.

Capping the scoring for Schoolcraft with goals in the second half were Costa Wells (from Arevalo and Victor Contreras) and Davide Di

» On Oct. 2, Schoolcraft lost 4-3 in double overtime to Ancilla. Kevin Mendoza's unassisted goal in the 110th minute pinned the defeat on the Ocelots.

Scoring two goals for Schoolcraft was Connor Rutz, both assisted by Livonia Stevenson product Billy Werth-

Wells also tallied a marker, on a play set up by Rutz.

#### SC women roll

Two more opponents found out there's no stopping Schoolcraft forward Shae van Gassen, who scored seven goals in two games combined last weekend.

On Oct. 2, van Gassen netted four goals to spark the Lady Ocelots' 10-0 shellacking of host Ancilla College.

Other Schoolcraft tallies were recorded by Colleen McKay, Valeria Cossyleon, Emily Bondy, Cynthia Konan, Emily Mulcahy and Tori

Splitting the shutout for the Lady Ocelots were Katie Dangelmaier, Rebekah Mathers and Salem alum Aly Mann but they did not have to make a single stop all day.

Sunday at Delta College, a three-goal, two-assist performance by van Gassen keyed the Lady Ocelots to a 8-1 vic-

Bondy added two goals with McKay, Cienna Rael-Whitsitt and Hailey Varner also scoring for Schoolcraft (10-0-0 overall, 8-0-0 in the MCCAA).

tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @TimSmith\_Sports **BOYS SOCCER** 

## Northville subdues Salem to clinch KLAA Central title

Treiber's big save late sews up division title, 3-1

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

While going for its first KLAA Central Division boys soccer title since 2009, host Northville also honored its 12 seniors Tuesday night at Holzer Field.

But it was a key save with only 6:40 left by a junior, goalkeeper Evan Treiber, which proved to be a signature moment in a 3-1 win over Salem.

The Mustangs were clinging to a 2-1 lead at the time when Salem forward Robert Calendar pounced on a Northville turnover and fed teammate Luke Nolta, who was screaming down the right

Treiber came off his line and deflected the point-blank shot away by Nolta to keep it a one-score game.

And just 2:08 later, sophomore Owen Marshall scored on a breakaway to seal the victory as Northville, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, improved to 13-1-1 overall and sealed the KLAA Central title with an 8-0-1 record (25 points).

Salem (No. 5 Division 1), slipped to 13-4-1 overall and 7-2 in the division (24 points). Treiber has made some

key stops this year for the Mustangs, but his save on Nolta was probably the biggest to date in his young varsity career.

'He (Nolta) just tried to hit it up and over my right shoulder and was able to get my arm to it and keep it out,' Treiber said. "He hit a hard shot and tried to get it over me, but I was able to get there."

Northville's Johnny Rodriguez scored 10 minutes into the match off an assist from Jordan Martindale, but Salem countered on Nick Massey's half-volley laser shot into the upper left hand corner from 25 yards out off an assist from Adam Hall in the 23rd

But with just 49 seconds left in the half, Northville was awarded a free kick from 20 yards out after Salem's Matt

Cook was sent off after receiving a yellow card for a hard foul.

Northville's Nick Toupin then stepped up and placed a shot perfectly past Salem goalkeeper Karson Gregory to make it 2-1.

After Northville's senior defender Garret Weaver's goal was disallowed by an offsides with 31 minutes left, Salem began to assert itself more offensively.

#### **Desperation mode**

Up until Marshall's insurance goal, Salem was in desperation mode trying to score the equalizer.

"Coming in we knew Northville was really good, so I don't think there were any surprises out here," Salem coach Scott Duhl said. "We felt we had some chances, and really, before they scored the third goal we come in clean and the goalkeeper makes a big-time save. That goes to show you how close, or how tough it is to win. Literally it's an inches-type game and they were able to score some goals."

Klimes, meanwhile, was happy to clinch the division title one game early.

"We definitely had to come out and win tonight," said the Northville coach, who is now in his 25th season. "If the game was tied, we'd have to go into Novi's home field field on senior night (Thursday) and try and get a victory. We definitely wanted to end it tonight on home turf."

Salem, meanwhile, will have to settle for second place in the KLAA Central.

'We just didn't play fast enough," Duhl said. "We just struggled to find a good rhythm, so we had some guys I felt look like we were almost running in water. We were just a little slow. Our technique was a little bit off.

'A lot of it goes to Northville. They press you and put you under a lot of pressure."

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**PREP BOYS SOCCER** 

#### Chiefs respond to Franklin challenge Franklin head coach Vic Rodoance goal with 23 minutes left.

Canton to wrap up regular season against Churchill

> **Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin scored first in Tuesday night's KLAA South Division battle with first-place Canton, but the Chiefs countered with three unanswered net-finders to sneak away with a 3-1 victory.

The result left the Patriots with a 5-4 record in the division heading into Thursday's season finale at home against Plymouth.

"I thought we played really well up until the final 10 min-utes of the first half," said

poulos. "After that, we started to give them too much space, and when you do that against Canton, they'll get you.'

Senior forward Bobby Mandrink gave the hosts a lead just two minutes into the contest when he settled the ball during a scramble in the box and poked it home to the delight of the delirious home crowd.

Canton (12-4-3 overall, 8-0-1 in the KLAA South) netted the equalizer approximately halfway through the first stanza when Hunter Olson finished a through ball.

Jimmy Walkinshaw gave the Chiefs their first lead of the night a short time later.

Olson tacked on an insur-

David McGrath earned the victory for the Chiefs, who wrap up the regular season 7 p.m. Thursday against Livonia Churchill. Canton then will host the Kensington Conference title matchup on Monday.

Canton head coach Mark Zemanski credited strong defense from Beau Hoffman, Caleb Moraw, Matt Tenglin and Trevor Turko. Chipping in with an assist was Sam DeLoy.

**PLYMOUTH 8, GLENN 0:** The Plymouth Wildcats mercied Westland John Glenn Tuesday, with a six-goal second half breaking the KLAA South

(Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.)

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL** Friday, Oct. 9 Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m Saturday, Oct. 10 **BOYS SOCCER** Thursday, Oct. 8 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin 7 p.m. **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** Thursday, Oct. 8 Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9

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p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m. S. Lyon East at Salem, 6:30 p.m PREP CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Oct. 10

Oakland County Meet at Kensington Metropark, 9 a.m. Wayne County Meet at Willow Metropark, TBA. Saturday, Oct. 17 Detroit CC at Sturgis Inv., TBA.
GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Oct. 8

Salem at South Lyon, 6:30 p.m. Canton vs. Plymouth at Salem, 6:30 Tuesday, Oct. 13

Canton at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 Novi at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. BOYS TENNIS Friday, Oct. 9
Division 1 Regional at Novi, 8 a.m.
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17
MRSAA Division 1 Finals at Midland Comm, Ctr. 8 a.m.

**GIRLS GOLF** 

Thursday, Oct. 8 Division 1 regional at Fox Hills, 8 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17 (MHSAA Finals) Div. 2 at Bedford Valley, 8 a.m. Div. 3 at MSU's Forest Akers, 8 a.m. **USA HOCKEY** Friday, Oct. 9

Chi. Steel vs USA NTDP U18s at USA Hockey Arena, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Notre Dame vs. USA NTDP U18s at USA Hockey Arena, 2 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced

#### **CAMPUS CLASH**

Who: Canton Chiefs take on Plymouth Wildcats in a KLAA South Division football matchup.

When/where: The opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Friday, on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Recent years: In recent seasons, here is how the series has gone: 2009 - Canton 49 Plymouth 7; 2010 -Canton 36, Plymouth 0; 2011 - Plymouth 31, Canton 30 (regular season), Canton 24, Plymouth 21 (predistrict); 2012 - Plymouth 28, Canton 21 (game reverted to Canton due to MHSAA forfeiture); 2013 - Canton 34, Plymouth 23; 2014 - Canton 30, Plymouth 20

2015 records: As of Week 6, Plymouth is 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA South Division, good for first place. Canton is 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the division. Both teams need one more win to qualify for the postseason.

Canton has outscored opponents 214-103 through six games while Plymouth has a plus-60 differential (195-135).

#### **SMACKDOWN**

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With Week 7 approaching, Canton and Plymouth each enjoy 5-1 records — just one short of the six wins required to enter the postseason party.

"It comes down to turnovers and which team makes the big play when the ball is in the air," said Baechler, recently inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of

#### It will be 'nasty'

Sawchuk boils the matchup down to the basics. "The trenches will be nasty this Friday night.'

Exhibit A for such nastiness is Plymouth's mammoth senior lineman and future Ohio State Buckeye Michael Jordan (he reportedly decided to go to OSU instead of his original pick, Michigan, due to academic reasons). Sanders will be ready to plug the holes and stop Canton's junior dynamo, 5-7 tailback Markus Sanders.

Jordan and his fellow linemates will have a tall task, because Sanders is rolling toward his second 2,000-yard season even following last week's 59-yard outing against Livonia Churchill. Not surprisingly, with the Chargers icing Sanders, they were able to hand the Chiefs their first loss of the season (33-14).

But in the previous week, Sanders gained 257 yards and scored six times.

"Defensively, we have to limit their big plays and play (with) discipline," Sawchuk noted.

But Baechler knows that Plymouth has a strong running attack, too, led by mobile senior quarterback Chris Walls, senior stalwart Cameron Stella (as a fearless defender) and junior Darius Timmons, who knows how to make his way across the goal line.

"They are as fanatical about running the ball as we are," Baechler said. "So whomever controls the run game will be a big key."

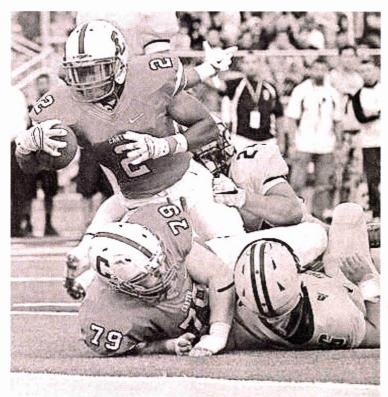
#### Lining up

Plymouth's front line also



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth running back Cameron Stella (No. 32), shown from last week's game, will look to crack the Canton defense Friday night.



Chewing up yards and scoring touchdowns is what Markus Sanders (No. 2) does a lot of these days for the Canton Chiefs.

figures to include senior Elie Atallah (6-1, 240) and junior Austin Scheffer (6-3, 270) among others.

Canton's linemen are just as ferocious. Among them are seniors Josh Dunn (5-8, 215), junior Mike Maes (6-1, 215) and junior David Gunnis (6-0, 255).

Last week, Baechler used both Joel Foster and Jake D'Donnell at quarterback. Whoever gets the nod Friday also will look to get enough protection from the O-line to connect with receivers such as seniors Jared Stephens, Jalen Cochran, Jesse Warner and junior Reid McDonnell.

Keeping mistakes and penalties to a minimum - obviously - will play a role in the final outcome.

"We have to control the ball on offense and clean up the turnovers and mistakes," Sawchuk added.

During recent seasons, the pendulum has swung both ways between the KLAA South Division rivals.

In 2010, the Chiefs routed Plymouth 36-0 but the Wildcats got some payback by going all the way to the Division 1 state final at Ford Field.

In 2011? That was a doozy of a year between the teams. Although the Wildcats rallied late to nip the Chiefs 31-30 in the regular season matchup, it was canton to move on during the postseason — edging the Wildcats 24-21 in a D1 predistrict thanks to Scott Piwowar's field goal.

Friday night's matchup could be another one for the books, to be remembered fondly or with disdain in a few years. That depends on whether the one doing the reminiscing wears red or black.

Either way, the P-CEP bleachers will be overflowing and the football game will be amazing.

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## Shamrocks topple U-D Jesuit, 21-7

#### Dirita's punt return for a TD bolsters CC

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central inched closer to its 26th football playoff appearance in school history Friday night with a 21-7 Central Division win over University of Detroit Jesuit in a game played at Ferndale High School.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the division, can wrap up a postseason spot next Friday at home with a win against Or-chard Lake St. Mary Prep.

Victor Dirita's 54-yard punt return for touchdown with 2:33 left in the opening quarter catapulted CC to a 7-0 halftime advantage.

Freshman quarterback Austin Brown then scrambled his way into the end zone for a 47-vard TD run with 9:46 remaining in the third quarter to increase CC's lead it 14-0.

Philip Schmitz then scored on a 10-yard run with 3:46 remaining in the game to put the Shamrocks up three scores, 21-0. (Cole Gingell was three-for-three on extra points.

U-D Jesuit (4-2, 0-2) averted the shutout with 1:52 to play when Mike Sims hit Scott Nelson on a 28-yard TD pass. Niccolo Seilo's PAT completed the scoring.
Catholic Central outgained

the Cubs, 293-240, in total offense.

Brown was CC's leading



Catholic Central's Victor Dirita returned this first-quarter punt 54 yards for a TD.

rusher with 90 yards on 11 carries and was 5-of-12 passing for 71 yards. Cameron Ryan added 75 yards rushing on nine attempts.

Sims was 14-of-32 passing for 153 yards and one interception (by CC's Alex Bock in the first quarter). The Cubs rushed for only 87 yards, but had the edge in first downs,

The Shamrocks' top tackler was Isaac Darkangelo, who had five solo and six assists. Austin Darkangelo and Tyler Morland also got into the act with two solo and four assists each. Jack Ross had four assisted tackles and a half-sack, while Tyler Laurentius contributed three solo and one assist.

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CC freshman quarterback Austin Brown (19) turns the ball upfield on U-D tackler Jimmy Pierce (77).

#### **USA HOCKEY**

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Danton Cole, will play another game at USA Hockey Arena 2 p.m. Sunday against Notre

Tickets (\$12 and \$10) are available by calling the USA Hockey Arena box office at (734) 453-8400. Season tickets (full and partial) and group rates are also available.

» The USA Hockey U-17 team had a better time of it Saturday, posting a 6-3 win over the Muskegon Lumberjacks at L.C. Walker Arena.

A four-goal first period propelled USA. Joey Cassetti, Michael Pastujov, Logan Cockerill and Brady Tkachuk each found the back of the Muskegon goal during the opening 20 minutes.

Rounding out the scoring for the victors were Grant Mismash and Sean Dhooghe, in the third frame.

An unbelievable 56-save performance by USA netminder Adam Scheel was a key

factor to the victory.

USA's U-17 squad won't skate on the USA Hockey Arena ice until competing in back-to-back 7 p.m. games against the Madison Capitols - Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17.

BROADCASTS: The Schoolcraft College Sports Network produces broadcasts of all NTDP home games. Pete Krupsky provides the play-by-play with Sean Baligian as analyst. The game are show online on Fasthockey.com; the games will also be shown on a delayed basis on CN-900. Airdates are set for Sturdaw Germ and Morday @ 90m Sunday @ 6pm and Monday @ 9pm.
Twelve games are scheduled to be shown live on
CN-900, starting with Friday, Oct. 30 when the NTDP
U18's host the Chicago Steel.

**OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS** ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

**Overall record** 

ALL GAMES / F.M. UNLESS NOTED			
Friday, Oct. 9	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Farmington Harrison (5-0, 5-1) at Farmington (3-2, 4-2)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Rochester Adams (1-4, 2-4) at North Farmington (2-3, 3-3)	Adams	Adams	N. Farmington
Livonia Churchill (3-1, 4-2) at Livonia Franklin (2-2, 3-3)	Franklin	Churchill	Churchill
Westland John Glenn (0-4, 0-6) at Wayne Memorial (0-4, 0-6)	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Canton (3-1, 5-1) at Plymouth (4-0, 5-1)	Canton	Canton	Canton
Garden City (1-3, 2-4) at Belleville (4-0, 5-1)	Belleville	Belleville	Belleville
Redford Union (0-4, 1-5) at Redford Thurston (2-2, 3-3)	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Dearborn (3-1, 3-3) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-3, 1-5)	Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn
Saturday, Oct. 10		KIND OF HER	NAME OF STREET
Parkway Christian (4-0, 4-2) at Lutheran Westland (1-3, 1-5), 1 p.m.	Parkway	Parkway	Parkway
Livonia Stevenson (3-1, 5-1) at Salem (2-2, 3-3)	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Last week's record	11-2	11-2	8-5
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#### **ROCKS**

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"She's rock steady, she's

third overall at the tourna-

been that way all year," said Nimmerguth, about Scott. "She shot 78 that day for third overall which is not her best score, but was a great score for that day. There must have been some tough conditions."

Scott along with seniors Kiley Flynn (11th, 85) and Hope Warkoczeski (23rd, 90) were all-conference medal winners for their efforts.

"Great trio right there." the seventh-year Salem coach continued. "They've really done great things for the program."

Meanwhile, Scott was second overall in the KLAA individual standings for the season, trailing only Plymouth's Katie Chipman.

Rounding out the Salem scorecard with a respectable 95 was Grace Grelak.

"That was a tough golf course that she (Grelak) handled very well," Nimmerguth said Other Salem finishers

were Genevieve St. Jean and Hannah Saad, who tied for 114th with scores of 102. Nimmerguth tipped his

cap to the Wildcats, overall medalist Chipman (who shot a 71) and head coach Dan Young.

But he noted that his team is starting to feel it is able to hang in the same lofty vicin-

"We were happy for Plymouth," Nimmerguth said. "We practice at the same course, our girls are really close.

"We want to beat Plymouth just like everybody else does. But if we can't win it, why not keep it at the Park?

#### **Bright future**

Nimmerguth added that it's not a bad thing to model a program after the Wildcats, who have won state championships in recent seasons.

"We've tried to model our practice habits and play (like) them," he said. "Why not? We've got a great opportunity to learn from them and see what they do and learn from that, apply what we

It remains to be seen whether the Rocks can qualify as a team Thursday, but Nimmerguth is optimistic this season will catapult the program to great things in the near future. "We've been building slow

and steady," he noted. "The last couple years we've had some graduating classes that added to this. ... now these girls have just taken it to another level.

'Hopefully, our younger players can learn from what these older girls are doing.'

For starters, Nimmerguth said with a laugh that it won't hurt to have Scott back in 2016. "Darby is back, that always helps."

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**OUTDOORS** 

# Logjam Classic showcases Rouge upgrades

#### Three-mile canoe race is Saturday

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

One of the big highlights of the Rouge-A-Palooza festival this Saturday (Oct. 10) in Wayne is the annual Logjam Classic canoe race.

The three-mile canoe sprint that ends at Goudy Park in downtown Wayne cuts through the heart of the Lower Rouge Parkway - undeveloped Wayne County parkland that is starting to show off its beautiful fall colors.

Rich Lauth and Mike Garon, last year's winners, finished in an impressive 27 minutes, 55 seconds, shaving nearly 10 minutes off the winning time from 2013. They beat 2013 champs Steve Landfair and Westland's Michael Parsons,



2014 Logjam Classic winners Rich Lauth and Mike Garon (36) pass another team near the finish line in Wayne's Goudy Park.

who finished in second place, by about five minutes.

According to organizer Kurt Kuban, a dozen teams competed in the race last year.

"I'm hoping we can get a few more teams involved this

year," said Kuban," who has been helping clean up the Rouge River for more than a decade. "It's a pretty challenging course, with lots of twists and turns, and a few duckunders - as we like to call

"I know there are a lot of canoeing enthusiasts living in the area. If they're looking for a challenge, this is it. I've canoed the route many times, and I can say the Rouge River is full of surprises.'

Winners will take home a cash prize, as well as trophies made of wood cut from an actual Rouge River logiam. In addition, the winning team will have their names engraved on the Logjam Classic "log.'

Despite the name of the race, however, there are currently no logjams that will cause contestants to get out of their canoes or portage around obstacles, Kuban said.

"We've had volunteer crews out there opening up all of the obstacles," he said.

Rouge-A-Palooza, which focuses on the ecology and recreational aspects of the Rouge River, features live music, food trucks, kids activities and paddling on the Rouge.

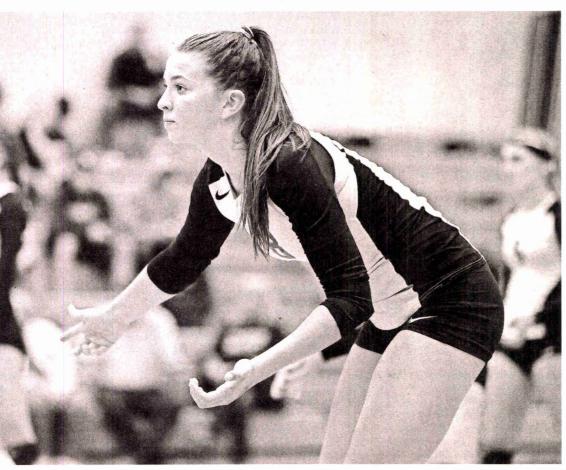
The cost to enter is \$30 per team. Each contestant will get a Rouge-A-Palooza T-shirt as part of the registration cost.

Some of the proceeds will help restoration efforts on the Rouge River. If you don't have a canoe, but would still like to partici-

pate, Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental will be renting canoes for the race, as well as during the Rouge-A-Palooza festival which takes place from noon to 10 p.m. at Goudy Park. Contact Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental at 248-685-2379 to reserve a

#### Will you be this year's champ?

To register your team for the race, or for more information visit https://rougeapal ooza,wordpress.com/logjam classic or call Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783



Waiting for the action to resume Tuesday night against Livonia Churchill is Plymouth's Jordan Schamp.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

## All-around effort lifts **Chargers over Wildcats**

Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill senior volleyball standout Rayna Yetts was hitting like Miguel Cabrera Tuesday night against Plymouth, finding gaps in the Wildcats' defense with regular-

ity while bashing more than a few ground-shaking kills. But it was the across-theboard consistency the Chargers displayed that impressed head coach Mark Grenier more than anything else in his team's 25-17, 25-21, 25-22 vic-

tory over Plymouth. Churchill improved to 26-16 overall and 7-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division while the

Wildcats slipped to 4-4. "We're starting to jell and play play well together," said Grenier, whose team will faceoff against unbeaten South Division front-runner Canton on Thursday at home. "We have a lot of kids contributing in a lot of different ways."

While Grenier was in a complimentary mood, Plymouth coach Dave Nichols was understandably frustrated by the performance of the Wildcats.

who were snake-bit all night by errors – both forced and other-

"I'm highly disappointed in how we played tonight," Nichols said. "I don't want to take anything away from Churchill they played extremely well – but we were unfocused and unprepared to play.

"We had been playing better the past couple of weeks, but we took a step back tonight."

After falling into a one-set hole, the Wildcats bounced back and led briefly, 13-12, in the second stanza after Jordan Schamp threw down a floordenting kill. However, Churchill rode a productive service run by Annabelle Dunn to seize a 17-13 lead, which they would never relinquish.

The third set pretty much mirrored the first two. After trailing by as much as 19-11, the Wildcats showed some spunk to rally to take a 22-21 lead thanks to long service run by Daniella Barile and spectacular front-row play from Schamp, Alexa Ebeling and Kaitlyn Rocker.

However, an off-target serve by the Wildcats - one of few errors from the service

line by either team throughout the match – knotted the set at 22-all before Churchill earned the final three points on two consecutive Plymouth errrors (both unforced) and a matchsecuring kill by Gendjar.

SALEM 3, S.LYON 1: On Tuesday in a KLAA Central Division tilt, the visiting Rocks overcame a slow start (losing 18-25 in the first set) to prevail in

Salem won 26-24, 25-19, 26-24 thanks largely to Salem Won Lev L.4, 25-19, 26-24 thanks largely to stellar serving (14 aces, led by Madison Saal's five). Tess Ganich (21 kills, 15 digs), Kendall Gillen (13 kills, 15 digs), Drew Smiley (11 digs) and Sara Soltis (40 assists) were key performers while Rachel Watson contributed some blocks up front. "We had a really great match tonight," Salem coach Becca Middleton said. "We were tied for third in the division point into the match so we had a lot

in the division going into the match, so we had a lot

quickly countered that with three sets of strong

play."

Extra work on defense in practice paid off as the Rocks totaled 64 digs.

CANTON 3, WAYNE 0: In a KLAA South Division girls volleyball matchup Tuesday, the Chiefs rolled to 25-9, 25-12, 25-8 victories thanks to a mix of solid serving, good defense and effective attacking. Leading the Canton attack were middle hitters Hannah Madis and Gabrielle den Boer, with six kills

Sharing setting responsibilities were Emily Meredith (17 assists) and Sabrina Giacomini (11 assists). Helping the cause were Victoria Porter, Makenzie

istler and Olivia Zander.
PCA 3, OAKLAND 1: The Eagles lost 26-28 in the opening set Tuesday to Oakland Christian, but bounced back with 25-14, 25-19, 25-21 wins. Grace Kellogg led the Plymouth Christian cause with 16 kills, while Jessica Paulson (34 assists, eight digs), Olivia Mady (11 kills, 14 digs) and Robin Alpert (six kills, 17 digs) each had strong performances.

(Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this



Plymouth senior Allison Lennig, shown from earlier this season, was an individual winner at the Wayne County meet.

**COUNTY GIRLS SWIM MEET** 

# Big splash by Rocks, 'Cats

Salem finishes third among 15 teams, Plymouth fifth

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Plenty of sterling performances enabled Salem and Plymouth to finish in the top-5 at Saturday's Wayne County Invitational.

**Host Grosse Pointe South** paced the 15-school field with 500 points, while Northville was runner-up with 433.5.

Right behind the Mustangs were the Rocks and Wildcats, with tallies of 303.5 and 201 points, respectively. In eighth with 94 points was Canton.

Earning a first-place finish right off the hop for Salem was the 200-medley relay team of junior Katie Xu, seniors Linda Zhang, Patricia Freitag and Lisa Zhang. The quartet's time of 1:50.03 edged Northville's 1:51.06.

Setting a new county record in 1-meter diving was Salem sophomore Camille Burt. Her total of 367.60 points broke the standard set in 2014 by over four

Also a first-place winner among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams was senior Allison Lennig in the 100 freestyle with a time of 54.10 seconds.

The Salem relay, Burt and Lennig all earned Division 1 state cuts with their showings.

#### P-CEP breakdown

Following is a look at how Salem, Plymouth and Canton swimmers performed by event (top-20):

200 medley relay: 1. Salem (Katie Xu, Linda Zhang, Patricia Freitag, Lisa Zhang), 1:50.03; 8. Plymouth (Meghana Somsaale, Vy Nguyen, Kathryn Waters, Isabella Giacobone), 2:04.30; 10. Canton (Federica Russo, Rachel McGue, Emily Osi-

ka, Ally Schwinke), 2:04.99.

Lennig (Ply.), 1:58.18; 6. Meghan Mans (Cnt.), 1:59.03; 14. Grace MacLellan (Ply.), 2:06.85; 20. Jessica Zhang (Slm.), 2:10.89.

200 IM: 3. Linda Zhang (Slm.), 2:11.77; 4. Katie Xu (Slm.), 2:15.71; 7. Molly Rowe (Slm.), 2:19.71; 16. Grace Harding (Slm.), 2:30.56.

**50 freestyle:** 11. Waters (Ply.), 26.64; 13. Giacobone (Ply.), 26.73; 14. Kelsey Peregord (Ply.), 26.86.

1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Slm.), 367.60 points; 3. Jordyn Williams (Slm.), 320.30; 6. Elizabeth Henderson (Ply.), 270.20; 8. Olivia Richmond (Ply.),

253.60. 100 butterfly: 2. Lisa Zhang (Slm.), 59.62; 5. Freitag (Slm.), 1:01.40; 7. Osika (Cnt.), 1:01.67; 8. Mans (Cnt.), 1:02.49; 15. Annie Patterson (Slm.), 1:08.62; 17. Russo (Cnt.), 1:09.42; 18. Meghan Maikowski (Slm.), 1:09.67

100 freestyle: 1. Lennig (Ply.), 54.10; 15. Peregord (Ply.), 58.53.

**500 freestyle:** 3. Waters (Ply.), 5:25.57; MacLellan (Ply.), 5:36.44; 18. Sydney Darnall (Cnt.), 5:59.72.

200 free relay: 3. Plymouth (Giacobone, Peregord, Waters, Lennig), 1:45.97; 9. Salem (Rowe, Harding, Maikowski, Cassidy Sargent), 1:52.12; 11. Canton (Darnall, Adrienne Paton, Schwinke, McGue), 1:56.24.

100 backstroke: 2. Freitag (Slm.), 59.25; 3. (tie) Lisa Zhang (Slm.), 59.98; 6. Xu (Slm.), 1:00.57; 8. Rowe (Slm.), 1:01.83; 13. Osika (Cnt.), 1:03.95; 16. Kate Cousino (Slm.), 1:06.44.

100 breaststroke: 2. Linda Zhang (Slm.), 1:08.56; 9. Harding (Slm.), 1:14.93; 10. J. Zhang (Slm.), 1:14.94; 11. Nguyen (Ply.), 1:15.09; 15.

McGue (Cnt.), 1:16.63. **400 free relay:** 2. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Xu, Freitag, Linda Zhang), 3:39.92; 5. Plymouth (MacLellan, Kaylee Lang, Audrey Roth, Lennig), 3:59.63; 6. Canton (Mans, Osika, Russo, Dar-

nall), 4:02.55.

#### **Bucs waive Brindza**

Plymouth High School alum Kyle Brindza, who was in training camp with the Detroit Lions, was released by the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers according to wire reports.

The young kicker's struggles the past two weeks cost him his job Monday, a day after the rookie from Notre Dame missed two field goal attempts and an extra point during a 37-23 loss to Carolina.

For the season, Brindza went 6-for-12 on field goals in four games, with a long of 58 yards against the Tennessee Texans.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

He was 6-for-8 on extra points. **Salem tennis** 

Salem's varsity boys tennis team finished the dual match season Tuesday with a 5-3

scrimmage victory over Dex-

Senior Keerthi Sajja won at 1 singles. Senior Steven Bloxsom, normally a 1 doubles player, played 3 singles and went down in defeat in three sets. Abi Thiruvenkat, Bloxsom's partner at 1 doubles, played 2 singles and played well in defeat. Freshman Andrew Clarke fought valiantly

but lost at 4 singles. All four doubles teams were

victorious, with senior Charles Liu and freshman Taha Zirapury coasting to an easy win. The steady Sweet Brothers, Caden and Conor, overpowered their opponents in straight sets.

The duo of AJ Choukair and Jacob Rumptz played up to 3 doubles from their usual 4 position and swept to an easy win. Seniors Ryan Toth and Damian Serafimovski played their first varsity match and squeezed out a three-set victory.

The Rocks will complete their season Thursday with the regional tournament held on the Park courts.

200 freestyle: 3. Allison

#### **OCTOBER ANIMAL BLESSING**

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday,

Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Dogs. cats. hamsters. goldfish, ferrets, snakes, spiders rats and other pets may attend this outdoor blessing, on leash or carried in appropriate containers for their species. The Rev. Leonetta Bugleisi will talk about the importance of animals and Bell, Book and Canto will provide the music

#### Contact: 248-478-7272

**CONCERT** Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

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

**Details:** Detroit Lutheran Singers perform Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and more. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and older, children under 12 are

admitted free Contact: detroitlutheransinger-

#### **FAMILY DINNER** DANCE

Time/Date: 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

Location: 5s. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, Westland Details: Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under and include dinner, live entertainment. The event also includes a raffle of cash prizes from \$100-\$3,000, a gift basket raffle and 50/50 raffle

Contact: www.stssimonandjude.com; stssimonandjude@gmail.com

#### **FILM**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: The documentary, A Chorus in Miracles by James Twyman, was created as a homage to the book A Course in Miracles. Admission is \$10

Contact: 734-421-1760; office@unityoflivonia.org

#### **PEACE WALK**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10

Location: Wellspring Lutheran Services New Directions Centers for Youth Achievement, 28000 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will sponsor its annual "Footprints of Peace Track & Trail 5K Fun Walk." Includes an obstacle course for kids. Register at footprintsofpeace.com

#### Contact: 248-553-3380 **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: Grand opening with 20% mark-up on items, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9; and bag sale, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Includes specialty boutique, housewares, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash

#### Contact: 248-477-1410 **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 Location: First Farmington

United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner Street, Farmington

Details: Bag sale, \$4, will be

#### Contact: 248-474-6573 **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Oct. 16, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 Location: St. Genevieve-St.

Maurice, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: \$5 admission Oct. 16 and free admission Oct. 17; \$1 bag sale 2-3 p.m. Oct. 17. Sale items accepted 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 14-15 at the church activity

Contact: 734-261-5920

#### **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north side of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Sale includes clothing, household goods, furniture small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books, boutique, baked goods and \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday. Contact: 248-553-3380

#### **ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

**Our Lady of Loretto** 

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 **Faith Community Wesleyan** 

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one Contact: pastor Tom Hazel-

#### wood at 734-765-5476 **CLOTHING BANK**

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

**Details**: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

#### **EXERCISE** Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Location: Clarenceville United

Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile,

**Details:** Instructor-Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

#### Contact: 313-408-3364 **FAMILY MEAL**

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

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

**HEALING SERVICE** 

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free-will offering in the vestibule of the church.

**Contact**: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com **MOMS** 

#### **Christ Our Savior Lutheran**

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

second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**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: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday Friday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Canton Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests

welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

#### RECYCLING **RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023 **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 time; 7:30 p.m., announcements;

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

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 Hebrew

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, Livonia

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-retire-

#### ment.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 offers support for addictive

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

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second

Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church 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 Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or

734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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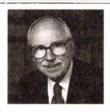
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#### BARTUSH. J. ADDISON

CORRECTION ON TIME: Memorial Mass 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 9 at St. Paul on the Lake Church, 157 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. Memorial visitation 5:30 to 7:30 pm Thursday at the A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods



#### GRAVES,

**CAROL MAE (AWS)** Died June 27, 2015 Carol Mae Aws was born Oct 23, 1922 in Madison Minnesota to parents Manford O and Anne (Graven) Aws. Carol enlisted in the U.S. Navy WAVES in

1943,

making one of the first women ever serve on active duty in an American military service. She met and married Grady Etheredge Graves in 1945 while they were both stationed at Patuxent Naval Air Station in Maryland. They moved to Michigan when Grady joined Ford Motor Company. Grady preceded her in death in 1973. Carol received her degree from the University of Minnesota and remained active in the Minnesota Women's Club all her life. She was also active in Lutheran church affairs, often as a representative to state and national conferences. Carol loved her country and displayed the flag proudly. She and Grady were both very active in the local VFW and American Legion. Carol received commendation for her decades of loyal assistance at precinct voting locations in Birmingham, Michigan. Carol is survived by her brother Robert Aws of Shoreview, Minnesota, her daughters Patricia Moss of Salem, Oregon and Debra Farron of Traverse City, Michigan, as well as granddaughters Janel Farron and Kathryn Moss, grandsons Kevin and Andrew Farron, great-grandson August Pityo and numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends will gather for a celebration of Carol's life on October 23rd at II a.m. at the Mausoleum at Roseland Cemetery in Berkley, Ml. A luncheon will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests remembrance contributions to the Birmingham Next (formerly the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council), 2121 Midvale St, Birmingham, MI 48009. Please visit www.lifes torytc.com to sign the guestbook and share a message. Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City,

#### NEIDHARDT, **DOUGLAS PAUL**

Age 56, passed away in Garden City after a brief illness on October 4, 2015. Beloved husband of Stephanie Buchanan for 16 years. Loving step father Emberley and Neidhardt. Memorial Gathering Friday 5 - 8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Rememberance Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Cherry Hill and www.santeiufuneralhome.com

#### SCHMIDT, MICHAEL J. Age 60, of Paradise, died at his home with his wife by his side

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Hospice on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. Born on December 4, 1954 in Highland Park, MI. he was a son of John H. and Kathleen M. (Celaschi) Schmidt Mike graduated from Plymouth High School in the class of 1973. He then went to the University of Detroit and earned a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature in 1977. On October 13, 1979 he married Catherine Voytas in Ann Arbor. Mike's love of restoring antiques became a vocation when he became owner and operator of his own business. He did this until his move Paradise happened, and he continued, only at a lesser pace. Mike is preceded in death by his father. He attended Our lady of Victory Catholic Church in and Companions of Christ the Lamb Catholic Retreat near Paradise. Mike loved the beauty of nature and travelling to Europe in the summertime. He absolutely enjoyed all different foods, and restoring antiques, reading literature, and walking his dogs. He also enjoyed going to Township meetings, volunteering at community events and the library, and also at the Haunted trail. One thing he despised though, was leaving Paradise for whatever reason Mike is survived by his wife Cathy of Paradise; his mother of Plymouth, MI: Kathleen siblings David of Milford and of Gaylord; niece Daniel Christina of South Lyon and nephew Matthew of Laredo, TX; special friend Theresa Schmidt. Friends may call at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Paradise on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the church on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. Jack Fabian and Fr. Dan Zaloga concelebrating. Rite of Committal will take place Tuesday, October 6, 2015 following the 12:00 noon daily Mass at the Companions of Christ the Lamb Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Our Lady of Victory and Companions of the Lamb Catholic Christ Churches in his memory. Condolences may be extended at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com Beaulieu Funeral Home Newberry is assisting the family with their arrangements.



#### TYSZKIEWICZ, RONALD Long time Garden City resident,

Ronald Tyszkiewicz, age 75, passed away after a lengthy A selfless community servant, Ron was dedicated to the community and residents of Garden City for many years. Ron served 3 terms as Mayor Pro Tem on the City Council. Ron was also past president and trustee, serving 2 terms on the Garden City School Board. Ron was very active for many years with the Garden City Jaycees, where he served as president. Ron was involved in the early years of Santaland, Santaland Parade and the Junior Miss Program. Following the Garden City Jaycees, Ron became a member of the Michigan and U.S. JCl Senate. Ron was a past president and life member of the MI JCI Senate and past national vice-president of the U.S. JCI Senate. Ron was a board member of the JCI Senate Foundation. While his children were going up, Ron was involved with GCYAA Baseball program, a Boy Scout Den Leader, the Garden City High School Athletic and Band Boosters. Ron was ever present at all of his children's events, either on the sidelines, in the bleachers or coaching. He was their biggest supporter. He was also present at his grandchildren events, attending as many as possible. Ron is survived by his wife Millie, his children, Kimberly Hodges, Kenneth (Sheri), Kurt (Kimberly) and Kristin (Shawn) Green and grandchildren, Emily, Bradley, Natare, Ethan and Taylor, Trevor, Brooke, Quinn. Visitation will be Friday October 9 from 2 - 8 pm, at the John N Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd, (between Ford Rd and Cherry Hill), Garden City. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday. October 10 at 10:00 am at St. Church, Evangeline Street (corner of Hass), Dearborn Heights. Heights. Memorials suggested to the JCl Senate Foundation,

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ZAHN, SUSAN
October 2, 2015, age 68.
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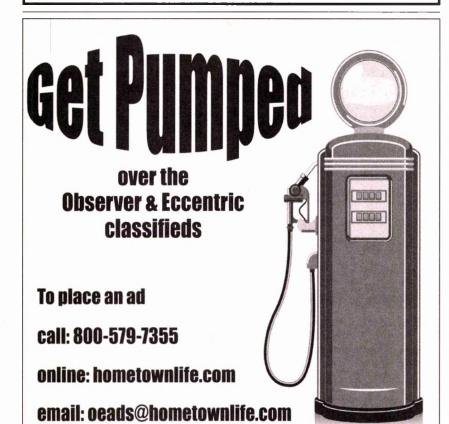
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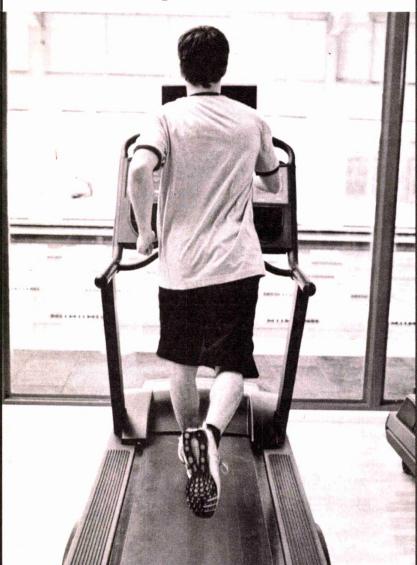
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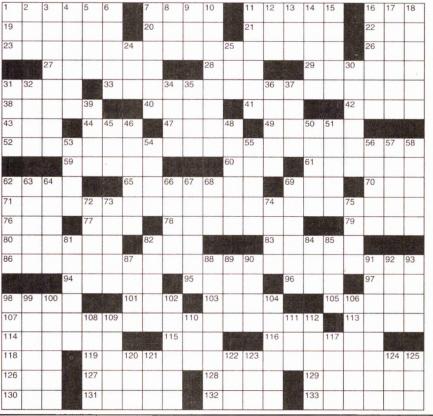
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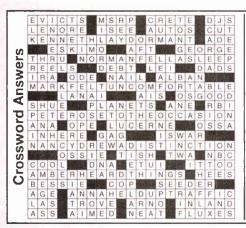
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# World view: Gina Yashere jokes at being British with Nigerian roots

**Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

British comedian Gina Yashere will make her Detroitarea debut Friday, Oct. 9, at the Kola Restaurant & Ultra Lounge, in Farmington Hills.

Yashere, raised in London by Nigerian parents, now lives in New York, and performs to sellout crowds throughout the world, including in Japan, Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, Canada, South Africa, and in Europe. She made her comedy debut at the Edinburgh Festival in 1997, selling out almost immediately, and then broke into the American comedy scene on Last Comic Standing. She's also known for her appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno as Madame Yashere, The Surly Psychic.

The Observer caught up with Yashere to find out more. Q: How would you describe your comedy? What inspires you to write and

perform humor? A: My comedy is a mixture of observation, and storytelling, covering my life and what interests me. I'm inspired by

Q: Was Last Comic Standing your first appearance in the U.S.? Why did you appear on the show — and then move to the U.S. — after having such success in the U.K?

A: It was my first TV appearance in the U.S. The previous year I'd flown myself out to Oakland to compete in the Bay Area comedy competition, to test if I could perform to American audiences. It's been a dream of mine to live in the U.S. since I was a child. I always felt that my Mum had chosen the wrong country! As a comedian, the way I see it, if you make it in the U.S., you've automatically made it everywhere in the world. I'd reached as far as I could go in the U.K. as a black, female comic. I wanted to expand worldwide. And I love a challenge. I get bored very easily, and I'd been in the U.K. all my life. Time for new experiences.

Q: How does your Nigerian heritage, your British upbringing and being a woman influence your comedy?

cuses on my experiences, and being black, British and Nigerian form a big part of that. I was born and raised in England, pounded yam and okra stew was my staple at home, not fish & chips. My experiences differentiate me from

the average U.S. comedian.

Q: Do you change or tailor your act to suit different audiences around the world? Do some observations play better in say, Minneapolis or Detroit than they would in Singapore or Malaysia?

A: My act is pretty much the same wherever I go — me talking about me. The difference is, that when I go to a new place, I like to immerse myself in the local culture, and then incorporate what I've experienced into the opening few minutes of my show. So I have routines about Australia, Malaysia, India, China, and all the place I've traveled to.
Q: Any idea why you are

highly sought-after in Asia?

A: The comedy scene in Asia is about to explode. I've been doing shows there on and off for the last 10 years, and I've built a following of people who enjoy my stuff. It's that simple. I've been hustling!

Q: Where have you found the most receptive, comedyloving audiences to be?

A: One of my favorite audiences are Malaysians. English is not their first language, but they speak it well, and understand foreign humor to boot. They come out to enjoy themselves, and there is none of the "seen it all before" cyn-

Q: Who is funnier, U.K. or

A: Hard question. Neither. But the best places in the world to see comedy are New York and London.

Yashere will perform at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$40 for VIP admission. They're available at Kola Ultra Lounge after 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, at 32523 Northwestern Highway.

For more about Kola, visit kolalounge.com. For more about Yashere, visit ginayashe-



Gina Yashere

#### Friday, Oct. 9

99 Homes: In this timely thriller, charismatic and ruthless businessman, Rick Carver, played by Michael Shannon, is making a killing by repossessing homes — gaming the real estate market, Wall Street banks and the U.S. government. When he evicts Dennis Nash, played by Andrew Garfield, a single father trying to care for his mother and young son, Nash becomes so desperate to provide for his family that he goes to work for Carver. As Nash falls deeper into Carver's web, he finds his situation grows more brutal and dangerous than he ever imagined. Rated R.

Freeheld: Film tells the true love story of Laurel Hester, played by Julianne Moore, and Stacie Andree, played by Ellen Page, and their fight for justice. Rated PG-13.

Goodnight Mommy: The film, opening exclusively at the Birmingham 8, tells the story of twin boys who play a dangerous game of make-believe that blurs the line between nightmare and reality as their mother recovers from cosmetic surgery. Stars Susana Wuest, Elias Schwarz, and Lukas Schwarz. Rated R.

He Named Me Malala: Opens in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Grand Rapids. The film is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. Rated PG-13.

Pan: Peter, played by Levi Miller, is a mischievous 12year-old boy with an irrepressible rebellious streak, but in the bleak London orphanage where he has lived his whole life those qualities do not exactly fly. Then one incredible night, Peter is whisked away from the orphanage and spirited off to a fantastical world

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#### Friday, Oct. 16

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Crimson Peak: When her heart is stolen by a seductive stranger, a young woman is swept away to a house atop a mountain of blood-red clay. It's a place filled with secrets that will haunt her forever. Stars Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain, Tom Hiddleston, Charlie

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Hunnam and Jim Beaver. Rat-Goosebumps: Upset about moving from a big city to a small town, teenager Zach Cooper, played by Dylan Minnette, finds a silver lining when he meets the beautiful girl, Hannah, played by Odeya Rush, living right next door. But every silver lining has a cloud, and Zach's comes when he learns that Hannah's mysterious dad is in fact R.L. Stine, played by Jack Black, the author of the bestselling Goose-

bumps series. Rated PG. Steve Jobs: Set backstage at three iconic product launches and ending in 1998 with the unveiling of the iMac, Steve Jobs takes viewers behind the scenes of the digital revolution to paint an intimate portrait of the man at its epicenter. Michael Fassbender plays Steve Jobs, the pioneering founder of Apple, with Kate Winslet starring as Joanna Hoffman, former marketing chief of Macintosh. Steve Wozniak, who cofounded Apple, is played by Seth Rogen, and Jeff Daniels stars as former Apple CEO John Sculley. Not rated.

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Burnt: Chef Adam Jones, played by Bradley Cooper, wants to land his own kitchen and his third elusive Michelin star, but will need the best of the best on his side, including the beautiful Helene, played by Sienna Miller. Not rated.

Jem and the Holograms: As a small-town girl catapults from underground video sensation to global superstar, she and her three sisters begin a one-in-a-million journey of discovering that some talents are too special to keep hidden. Stars Aubrey Peeples, Stefanie Scott, Aurora Perrineau, Hayley Kiyoko, Ryan Guzman, Molly Ringwald and Juliette Lewis. The film is based on the Hasbro animated television

series. Rated PG.
The Last Witch Hunter: Kaulder, who has spent centuries hunting down rogue witches, discovers the Queen Witch he killed long ago has been resurrected. She seeks revenge, causing an epic battle that will determine the survival of the human race. Starring Vin Diesel, Elijah Wood, Rose Leslie, Ólafur Darri Ólafsson, Julie Engelbrecht, and Michael Caine. Not rated.

Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension (In 3D): The horrifying conclusion to the Paranormal Activity films stars Chris J. Murray, Brit Shaw, Olivia Taylor Dudley, Dan Gill, Ivy George, Jessica Brown, Chloe Csengery, Don McManus, Hallie Foote and

Cara Pifko. Not rated. Rock the Kasbah: A hasbeen rock manager from Van Nuys, Calif., stumbles upon a once-in-a-lifetime voice in a remote Afghan cave in this dramatic comedy inspired by stranger-than-fiction, real-life events and directed by Oscar winner Barry Levinson. Stars Bill Murray, Zooey Deschanel, Leem Lubany, Kate Hudson, Danny McBride and Scott Caan. Not rated.

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## Prevent home break-ins when traveling or selling your home

Julie Brown Staff Writer

There are steps you can take to reduce the likelihood of a home break-in while you're

away for vacation. "First of all, you should contact your neighbors you know and trust," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard in a county podcast on crime prevention. A family member or trusted neighbor can pick up mail and newspapers while you're away, Bouchard said.

He noted the U.S. Postal Service and newspaper offices can also be notified to stop delivery, although Bouchard prefers having a trusted family

member or neighbor handle this job. That limits the knowledge out there that you're out of town, he said.

Local police departments and sheriff's departments can often check on home security while you're away, he said, even checking to be sure doors are locked. You should always make your your doors and windows are locked before you go

Your home alarm should be activated, along with making plans to plow and shovel snow, as well as keeping up with lawn care. A neighbor can make sure fliers aren't left on your front porch. "It's an obvious, tell-tale sign you are not home," Bou-

He also recommends putting lights on timers that switch on and off at slightly different hours, to avoid obvious patterns. Exterior lights should be on motion detectors, and shrubs trimmed to help your neighbors watch out for your home.

Those selling homes also need to think about safety. The Berkley police recently reported a rash of home break-ins of homes up for sale on the mar-

Berkley police noted that home photos had been posted online of properties for sale; they recommend furniture be put in such rooms before pho-

tos are taken and posted online to advertise homes for sale.

"Unfortunately it's one of the dark sides of our business." said Realtor Tony Schippa of Remerica United Realty of Novi. He's a Plymouth resident and past president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

"When it comes down to it if thieves are going to break into a house, there are a couple things they look at," said Schippa, in the realty business about 15 years. He noted a lot of builders no longer use copper piping, rather choosing something like PVC, as thieves have targeted copper piping.

"We tell our clients 'Put your

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34730 Rhonswood St

31636 Rocky Crst 23520 Sans Souci St

27216 Winterset Cir

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27486 Albert St

29912 Tanglewood Dr 36686 Valley Ridge Dr 33469 W 14 Mile Rd # 18

29455 Sylvan Ln

23700 Paddock Dr 22820 Purdue Ave 30772 Ramblewood Club Dr

28850 Lorikay St

valuables away" such as jewelry or artwork, the Realtor said. He had a condo listed with valuable artwork a potential buyer found offensive. "That's probably my most valuable piece," the condo owner later told Schippa.

"If they're going to break in, they're going to case the neighborhood," Schippa said. On photos of homes being sold, he noted, "You never know if somebody's just moving in or moving out."

"We tell people to keep the home staged because it shows better than an empty house," he added. Businesses can stage properties well.

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 18-22, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses

and sales prices.
BEVERLY HILLS

1708 Humphrey Ave

683 Kimberly St

17386 Dunblaine Ave 31243 Fairfax Ave 22332 Metamora Dr 16989 W 14 Mile Rd BIRMINGHAM 881 Arlington St 1158 Birmingham 8lvd 1825 E Maple Rd 2859 E Maple Rd # 14 1657 Hanley Ct 1620 Henrietta St 608 Lewis St 1878 Maryland Blvd 1013 N Adams Rd 1041 N Old Woodward Ave 600 W Brown St # 105 1904 W Melton Rd **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 1541 Sodon Lake Dr 106 E Hickory Grove Rd

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29304 Douglas Dr 40929 Malott

27125 Maxwell Ct

27965 Middleton Dr

134 Wainwright St

24823 Overlook 24901 Reeds Pointe Dr

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#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses

and sales prices. CANTON

41480 Alleghany St 41556 Bedford Dr 1945 Brookline St 8242 Chatham Dr 43412 Cherry Hill Rd 3555 Denton Rd 1072 E Lemont Ct 1485 Fairfax Dr 7085 Foxridge Dr 43730 Fredericksburg St 48591 Gladstone Rd 43132 Hanford Rd 44426 Hanford Rd 241 Harvard St 1468 Hendrie 48538 Ivybridge Ct 6425 Kings Mill Ct 47171 Labana Dr

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19533 Hardy St

14898 Hix St 35877 Leon St

16944 Levan Rd

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\$495,000

49551 Donovan Blvd 40579 Firwood Dr 13440 Glenview Dr \$195,000 \$164,000 \$55,000 \$275,000 19295 Dalby

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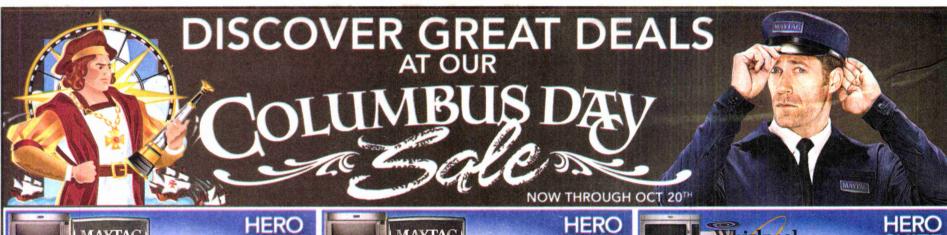
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