



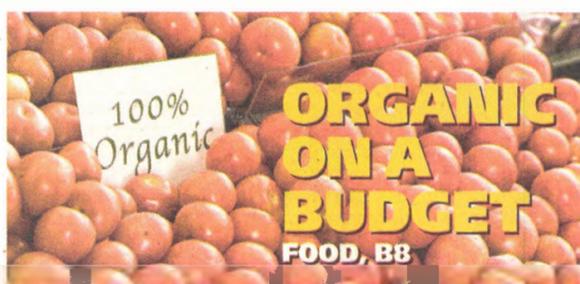
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Township board OKs borrowing plan

Parks upgrades part of 4-3 vote

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township will borrow \$1.9 million over 10 years to help pay for capital improvement projects ranging from new recreation amenities to parks upgrades to a new dump truck for the Division of

Public Services.

The township Board of Trustees voted 4-3 Tuesday in favor of the negotiated sale of 10-year bonds for \$1.9 million, at an interest rate of no more than 3.5 percent. The vote, with Trustees Bob Doroszewitz, Mike Kelly and Chuck Curmi voting no, was identical to last month's vote to boost the township's 2013 capital budget to \$2.55 million to fund the new projects.

Officials are planning a

\$625,000 all-weather pavilion and a \$270,000 amphitheater for Plymouth Township Park, plus a parking lot expansion, pathway improvements, a footbridge over the pond and playscape and sprayscape maintenance. Improvements at Hilltop Golf Course and Lake Pointe Soccer Park are also planned, along with public works purchases, such as of a \$50,500 dump truck.

Grant money and corporate gifts totaling \$524,000 have

been lined up to help pay for some of the parks and recreation improvements.

Interest rate open

Board members in favor of the borrowing plan said that while interest rates have gone up since the board took the first step toward the bond sale in April, borrowing costs will still be relatively low. The money will be repaid in 10 annual installments.

Treasurer Ron Edwards told

the board he favored a negotiated sale over letting the bond market determine the interest rate because doing the latter would mean the rate would be set on the day the bonds are sold. Edwards said that, despite somewhat higher rates since April, Canton Township recently negotiated a rate of 2.44 percent; he is hopeful Plymouth Township will also get a low rate.

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LOCAL WALKERS TAKE ON BATTLE AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Michigan 3-Day walkers find extra energy from the large crowds lining Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Local Dems eye '14 Senate race

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For people who say they haven't made a decision about whether to challenge incumbent state Sen. Patrick Colbeck for the 7th state Senate District next year, Dian Slavens and John Stewart are getting quite a bit of support.

Facebook pages are trumpeting possible campaigns for both Slavens, the Canton Democrat who will be term-limited next year from her 21st House District seat, and for Stewart, the Plymouth attorney and former state representative in the 20th District.

The deadline to file isn't until May 10, but rumors are running rampant about the candidacies for both Democrats. Stewart, who was a Republican when he served in the House, ran against Colbeck as an independent four years ago.



Slavens



Stewart

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A path to a cure

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The 1,000 walkers who made the three-day, 60-mile trek in the annual Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day to beat breast cancer drew a lot of praise and love from supporters along the route.

But one woman who came in for a large batch of support, as well as providing her own dose of inspiration, traveled the entire 60-mile course without ever setting foot on the path.

JoAnn Thomas of Sterling Heights, a one-year breast cancer survivor, spent the entire walk in a wheelchair, the victim of a broken foot suffered just two weeks before the event. Even more impressively, her boyfriend Frank Woodward pushed Thomas the entire 60 miles in her wheelchair.

"I wanted to walk last year, but my oncologist wouldn't allow it," said Thomas, who said she immediately began focusing on this year's walk. "Then this (pointing to the large cast on her leg) happened. I was devastated."

Not missing it

Woodward, who said he and Thomas have been dating for some six months, saw the disappointment in his partner's eyes and the answer was simple.

"I couldn't let her miss out on this," he said.

Rhonda Miller of Canton, in her first time walking, found the event to be inspirational. Miller walked in honor of her best friend, three-year survivor Amy Siebert, to raise money "so they can find a cure so younger kids don't have to go through" breast cancer.

Miller was moved to tears by the support shown as the walkers made their way along Ann Arbor Trail through downtown Plymouth, where thousands of supporters lined the streets to offer hugs, water and other support.

"It's just overwhelming," Miller said Saturday. "They're cheering and I didn't really do anything. All the women who fight (cancer) did something. It's so emotional, it's an amazing event."

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Walkers can't help but be attracted to the fountain in Kellogg Park, the water in which is always dyed pink for the occasion.

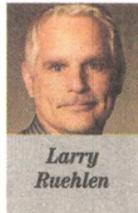
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RHONDA MILLER
Canton

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Old Village hosts unguided eateries tour

Area foodies flock to fun fiesta Monday evening

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Gourmands had a field day Monday evening in Plymouth during the Old Village Restaurant Crawl, an unguided tour of five eateries and a microbrewery in the city's oldest neighborhood. The weather was picture-perfect and the sidewalks crowded as ticket-holders made their way between Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Station 885 and three other places, in no particular order. Just over 200 tickets for the event were sold, said Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, which helped organize the event. "It's been great. Everybody came out early," said Nick Hermann, co-owner of

Hermann's, which was serving chicken chili, soft pretzels and Caesar salad. Hermann's has been a Crawl destination every year since it opened about 10 years ago, Hermann said. "It gets people in here who normally don't come in here," he said.

Sweets stops

"I'm having a great time – and it's Monday," said Mary McGahan of Farmington Hills, who stopped at Hermann's with sister Dorothy Hanlon of Livonia. Both were first-time Crawlers, McGahan said she is a longtime friend of JoAnne McGinn, the owner of JoJo's Treats 'n' Sweets, the event's dessert stop. "She has some raspberry cake that's fabulous," McGahan said of her friend.

At Jeff Zak Catering, the patio was hopping despite noise from a utility crew doing underground construction work on Mill Street in front of the building. "I paid extra for the construction and the dust," owner Jeff Zak joked. The event, the second for Zak, is a good marketing tool, he said.

Zak's place, which is open for lunch weekdays between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., offered a multi-course sampler: chicken quesadillas, peas-and-apple salad, fruit and cheese, an Italian stew (dubbed "Pavarotti's Picnic" after the late opera star Luciano Pavarotti) and desserts.

Beers, cheers

At Liberty Street Brewing Co., Old Village's nearly five-year-old microbrewery, a quiet upstairs lounge suddenly became crowded with Crawlers lining up for samples of four of its craft beers: Starkweather Stout, Red Glare

Amber Ale, The American IPA and Steamy Windows. "This will likely be my favorite stop," visitor Randy Crites of Plymouth said. Crites and his wife Susan were both first-time Crawl participants, having just moved to Plymouth a month ago from southern California because of Randy's job transfer and promotion with Ford Credit. They had lived in Canton Township a couple of decades ago. "We said if we were ever coming back, we would love to live in Plymouth," Susan Crites said. "We love Plymouth, with all the diversity of restaurants downtown and here," her husband said. "Totally different atmospheres. Totally different styles."

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Northville Fire Department-Plymouth station firefighters Jim Allen, John Bourne, Alex Loisselle, Chris Fey and John LaBeau greeted walkers as they passed by the city hall station.

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Nearly everyone walking the route was doing so in honor of someone or in memory of loved ones who've passed away.

It's about family

Luckily for Alicia Paulina of Milford, her honoree is still battling. Her sister, Angela Horvath of Gregory, is a one-year survivor who couldn't make the walk. So Paulina made it for her.

"I want to support her and all of these other women," said Paulina, who made the walk for the first time. "She's my sister. You do anything for your family."

Not all of the support for the event comes in the form of walkers. Nearly as many volunteers as crew, safety and medical



Livonia residents Abe and Debbie Vinitzki, along with Debbie Hieronymus, cheer on family members participating in this year's walk. TOM BEAUDOIN

folks are on hand, supporting the walk in various ways.

Lisa Kubany of Westland parked her car at the entrance to one of the pit stops along the route Friday. Walkers stopped

by to sign their names in a show of solidarity.

"I'm doing this out of pure love and hope that one day we will never have to fight this disease again," Kubany said. "I lost a good friend's moth-

er to this disease and my mother-in-law is now a five-year survivor. So I do this out of love and hope."

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been constant, but just about everything else has changed. The biggest difference between then and now is how fast news travels. Papers still arrive at the house and our readers – some with scissors in hand – still want to know who is getting married, which family welcomed a baby into the house and what business is opening down the road.

But Observer & Eccentric readers also want to know what is going on as news develops, and we are evolving to meet the challenge. In case you haven't noticed, we have even changed the name of our company to Observer & Eccentric Media to better reflect not only what we do, but our commitment to the future of community journalism.

The name of your hometown paper hasn't changed, but the way our journalists cover the news certainly has. We are committed to breaking news online and engaging readers as stories unfold through social media. When a beloved prep football star died unexpectedly, Sports Editor Ed Wright reached out to the community, wrote a compelling account of what happened and had it online at our website, www.hometownlife.com, within hours. A link to the story was posted on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/OEHometown and within two days thousands of people had read the story before it hit newsstands.

Photographer Bill Bresler was shooting video a short time after a major fire broke out in Westland. Our digital readers knew that a serious situation was unfolding, and we reported that a firefighter was missing long before other outlets had a sense of what was going on.

Again, thousands of our readers were aware of the news as it occurred and many mourned the loss of the firefighter on our Facebook page. Earlier this month, voters defeated a \$222

million bond proposal for Farmington Public Schools and the results were posted online within 90 minutes of the polls closing. By the following Wednesday afternoon, staff writer Aileen Wingblad had updated the story with in-depth analysis of why voters rejected the bond and what would happen next.

We also post crime news online every day, not just Thursday and Sunday.

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"It's still cheap money, very cheap money," Edwards said.

"Just because interest

rates are cheap doesn't mean you have to borrow money," Curmi said.

Joining Edwards in approving the bond sale were Supervisor Richard Reaume, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold.

Equipment OK'd

Later in the meeting, the board approved the purchase of the dump truck and a \$39,750 machine workers use to clean sewers in hard-to-access areas. Kelly and Curmi voted against those purchases, with Reaume, Edwards, Conzelman and Arnold voting for them (Doroshe-witz had left the meeting to tend to a family matter).

Some of the planned

parks and recreation improvements, such as asphaltting of parking lots and site preparation, could be done later this year, but the majority of construction for the pavilion and the amphitheater is expected to begin in the spring, with funding carried over to the 2014 budget.

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Two hospitalized after crash

Police suspect alcohol, speeding

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Jeff Buck was sitting on his deck with friends when they heard a speeding vehicle crash and overturn Friday night not far from his driveway, along a hilly, gravel stretch of Napier north of Warren.

They ran to the scene and saw the driver getting out of the vehicle while his passenger remained pinned inside, conscious but in pain as authorities arrived to pry him out of the car, Buck said.

"It was very scary," he said. Canton police blamed alcohol and excessive speed on the one-car crash that occurred shortly after 11 p.m. Police say a 23-year-old Canton man apparently lost control of a 2002 Honda CR-V,



Two people were taken to a hospital from this accident on Napier north of Warren in Canton. JEFF BUCK

struck some trees and rolled the vehicle over on Napier.

Police said the driver and passenger, a 25-year-old Plymouth man, were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Lt. Patrick Sullivan said it appeared the men didn't have life-threatening injuries.

Buck said he has seen other serious accidents along the 25-mph stretch of Napier, a place where he said some drivers tend to speed even though the road is

hilly and gravel-covered.

Though the investigation was continuing, Canton police say Friday night's crash apparently involved speeding and alcohol.

"I heard the car zooming down the road and I sort of heard a skidding and a thump - I assume the thump was when it turned over," Buck said.

Buck and his friends went to the scene and, without interfering, stayed with the accident victims until police and fire department paramedics arrived.

Police haven't released the names of the driver and passenger.

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate the crash. Sullivan said police will await toxicology results to determine if a warrant will be sought in the case.

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As of Tuesday morning, the page supporting Slavens (Friends to Elect Dian Slavens) had drawn "likes" from 162 people. The page supporting Stewart (John C. Stewart for State Senate) had been liked by 118 people.

While she appreciates the support, though, Slavens insists she hasn't made a decision.

"It's so nice of people, but I need to focus on what I have to do," she said. "It's very nice, but I'm going to focus on doing my job. I have plenty of time to make that decision."

The district will be redrawn next year. Gone will be all of the Downriver communities, traditionally supportive of Democratic candidates. The district next year will include Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Wayne.

Stewart thinks that might make the district tough for Slavens, whom he says has a more liberal voting record, to win. He thinks his more moderate approach would be a better fit.

"In the (21st District), you have a democratic base of Van Buren and Belleville, and all you have to do is go 1-on-1 with someone in Canton," Stewart said. "In the new district, it'll also be Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Wayne. I would be the only one (if he runs) who's won a precinct in any of those places."

Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, said the political climate at the time of next year's election will have as much to say about who wins as anything else.

Colbeck, Ballenger pointed out, rode a Republican wave as a Tea Party candidate to win the seat in 2010. If 2014 is a Republican year, he said, Colbeck would be tough to beat. If not, the seat could be had.

"It could be a pretty

close year, so either one conceivably could have a chance to beat Colbeck," Ballenger said. "I don't think (Colbeck) is impregnable. A lot will depend on the climate next year. If it's like 2010, it'll be tough to beat him."

The other problem, according to Ballenger, might be name recognition. While Stewart is well-known in the Plymouth-Canton area, he hasn't held public office since 2006. Slavens would be running as an office-holder and might have an edge there.

"The problem is he's been out of office so long," Ballenger said. "In politics, six years is an eternity. Slavens is an incumbent office-holder, her name has been out there. She can't be underestimated ... I think she's done very well as a candidate."

In the end, it may not matter, for a couple of reasons. For one thing, Stewart doesn't believe he could win a primary against Slavens if turnout were low. Stewart believes straight-party voters would dominate, and Slavens would get the bulk of them. He believes he'd need to draw strong support from moderate and independent voters to have a shot.

"We're less than 12 months away from the primary," Stewart pointed out. "If the independents and moderates would vote in the primary, I could win it. But when you have primaries that turn out 7 percent of the voters, you only get the far-left and far-right."

Aside from that, Stewart's decision hinges on Slavens' choice. He said if Slavens gets in, he will not.

"Would I like to run? Yes, but if (Slavens) files, I will not run," he said. "I have made an iron-clad promise to my wife and daughters that if Dian gets in, I'm not getting in. If she doesn't, it's highly probable that I will."

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1 arrested, none hurt in chase, crash

By Matt Jachman
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A police chase that started in Plymouth and reached speeds of more than 80 mph ended with a one-vehicle crash in a wooded area in Northville Township late Sunday. No one was seriously hurt.

Police later arrested a man suspected of being the driver in the chase, and he faces multiple charges.

The chase stemmed from the report of an assault in progress in the area of Harvey and Church Street that police received at about 11:30 p.m., said Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski. Police were told several people had left the scene in a Jeep, and a patrolling officer saw a dark sport-utility vehicle heading east on Farmer from Adams and followed it, Grabowski said.

Amid a report that someone in the vehicle was armed with a gun, officers tried to stop the Jeep on Starkweather, activating lights and sirens on their patrol cars, but the Jeep's driver didn't pull over, Grabowski said.

City OKs liquor license for new downtown bistro

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Northville Township couple planning to open a bar and restaurant in Plymouth say they'll be good downtown neighbors.

Jim and Jennifer Dales on Monday won a recommendation from the Plymouth City Commission for the transfer of a Class C liquor license from the license-holder for the closed Rock Bar and Grill on Penniman.

Their Post Plymouth Bistro should open this fall pending final license transfer approval from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

"I was really attracted to the town and thought it would be a good fit," said Jennifer Dales after

the commission's voice vote. She and her husband have made an offer to buy the building and hope to soon close that deal.

The couple says their Post Plymouth Bistro will be a casual dining and drinking place serving Michigan craft beers and as much Michigan-sourced food as possible. It will have table seating for 69, 18 seats at the bar and a refurbished patio seating area in back, they said.

The Daleses said they will work hard to avoid problems that plagued the Rock - litter, excess noise and disturbances that were blamed on drunken patrons - and led to complaints about it. The Rock, which opened in late 2009,

closed in January after city officials threatened to seek the revocation of its liquor license.

"We had to convince them (commissioners) that we were not planning the same thing," said Jim Dales. The Post name is associated with several now-closed Michigan bars, including locations in Auburn Hills, Novi and Detroit. That business came from Jennifer's family, was sold in 2006 and went bankrupt in 2011. Jim Dales said that, aside from a small share of an East Lansing location, they had retained no interest in the business after the 2006 sale, but had licensed the Post name, which a bankruptcy judge recently returned to them.

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Domestic assault

A 68-year-old Canton woman called for help after she said her husband assaulted her during a domestic violence incident that was reported Aug. 13 in the 8200 block of Alton, southeast of Joy Road and I-275, a police report said.

When police arrived, the husband said he and his wife of 52 years had been arguing over money. He told police she has been spending thousands of dollars but he didn't know how the money was being used, the report said.

The man said he pushed the woman, but she said he punched her with a closed fist on the side of her head. She also said he tried to choke her. The woman reported the man had taken the phone away from her and threw it across the room when she had tried to call for help.

The reported noted dispatchers had lost contact with the woman while she was on the phone. A police report said the man was placed under arrest on the night of the incident, with possible charges pending with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Teen found

Canton police helped a mother find her 18-year-old son after she reported he was running through a wooded area and yelling for help Saturday night, a police report said.

The woman told police her son had used LSD in the past and smokes marijuana, and she was fearful he might hurt himself.

Police met up with the woman in an area near Warren Road and I-275 after receiving a call around 10 p.m. Saturday. Authorities brought in a police dog and also surrounded a wooded area, but the mother managed to get her son on the phone and learned he was sitting on top of a semi-truck near Haggerty and Koppernick.

Police found him in the roadway at the intersection, the police report said. He told authorities he had smoked what seemed to be highly po-

tent marijuana. He said he couldn't remember anything and had been depressed partly over a break-up with a girlfriend, the police report said.

Hoss help

Canton authorities sent a police dog to help in the search for suspects shortly before midnight Sunday after a man said the suspects had taken his wallet in neighboring Plymouth, a police report said.

K-9 Hoss was sent to the scene along with his human partner, Officer Bryan Szostak, to search an area near Hines Drive. Although the efforts of Hoss were stopped without finding the suspects, authorities said an arrest of two suspects had been made through other means.

A man had reported the incident, saying his wallet had been taken during an assault. A Plymouth police report indicated the incident resulted in a car chase that ended in a crash near Seven Mile and Hines Drive before arrests were made that resulted in criminal charges.

No one was hurt during the crash.

Shed break-in

A 68-year-old man notified police to report someone had broken into the shed of his home and taken a bicycle while he was out of town for several days prior to Aug. 3. The incident happened in the Academy Point mobile home community southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

Workplace theft

A woman who works for a company in the area of Haggerty and Warren notified police to report someone had gone into her lunch bag in a locker room, stealing her license, bank card and some cash, a police report said.

The incident happened between midnight and 7 a.m. Friday. She had notified her bank and learned that her card had not been used fraudulently used.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Woman, dog escape unharmed from condo fire

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An elderly Canton woman and her dog escaped unharmed early Monday after a fire started in the basement of her residence at The Winds, a condominium complex southeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty roads, Fire Chief Joshua Meier said.

The woman was alerted by a smoke detector and called for help at 8:23 a.m.

"No one was injured,"

Meier said. "The lone occupant and her dog were able to escape without injury prior to our arrival."

Firefighters initially responded to the Northwind Drive residence from all three Canton fire stations.

"The fire department had a very quick response time and made a very quick interior attack on the fire," Meier said.

The fire appears to have been accidental, the fire chief said. The cause remained

under investigation Monday afternoon.

"There was fire damage to the basement and some smoke damage throughout the condo," Meier said.

The quick response by firefighters kept the blaze from spreading to other residences, some of which Meier said sustained only minor smoke damage.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

A 51-year-old Canton Township man arrested in the shoplifting of a \$35 watch said he had been "stupid" after he was detained at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road on Aug. 14., police said.

The incident occurred around 1 p.m. according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, a store security employee saw the man pick up a watch from a display, walk to the store's luggage department and, with a folding knife, cut the packaging from the watch. The man then put the watch in a pocket and left the store without paying, and the employee confronted him outside, the report said.

The man went to the store's security office without incident, where a responding police officer arrested him on a retail fraud charge. The officer's report says the man said, as if talking to himself: "I shouldn't have done this. This was stupid."

Credit-card theft

Someone went on a spending spree in Pennsylvania and New Jersey with a township woman's credit-card number over a three-day period late last month, police report.

The victim told police Aug. 13 that more than \$2,000 had been charged to her card at gas stations, drug stores, big-box stores like Walmart and Target, and other places, all between July 29 and July 31.

The credit-card account was canceled; the victim told police she did not know how the card number had been compromised.

Identity theft

A township woman reported this month that someone had used her Social Security number to open a cable television service account at an address in the city of Inkster in late 2011.

The woman told police she recently found she had a poor credit record after applying for a loan, and that further research led her to find that her Social Security number had been compromised, a police report said. The phony cable account was opened in October 2011 at an apartment in Inkster, she said, and closed the following January for nonpayment of a bill of \$467.

Yard break-in

A man cut the chain on a locked gate at Plymouth Trailer Storage on Haggerty Road early on Aug. 12 and was on the grounds for more than an hour, but nothing was reported stolen.

The manager told police a security video shows that a pickup truck pulled up to the gate at 2:45 a.m. and a man got out and cut the chain. The video shows the truck leaving just after 4 a.m., a police report said.

There was a similar break-in recently, and the manager suspects the same man was involved in both incidents.

Fuel theft

A middle-aged man with a late-model black Cadillac stole about \$55 worth of gasoline from a gas station in the township on Aug. 12.

The clerk at the Mobil station on Northville Road near Five Mile told police the man drove up shortly before 5 p.m. and that he turned on a pump for him. The man pumped \$55.09 worth of gas and drove off, southbound on Northville Road, without paying, the clerk said.

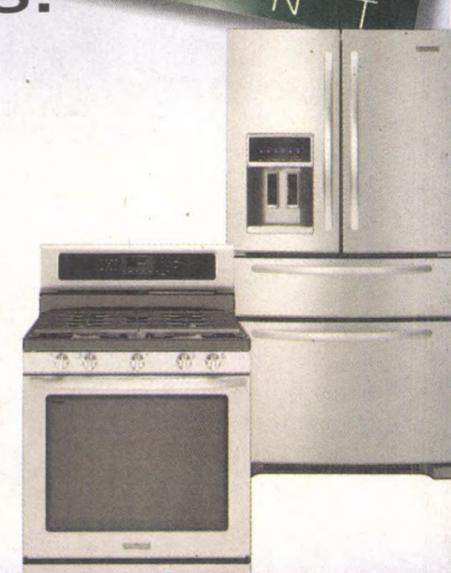
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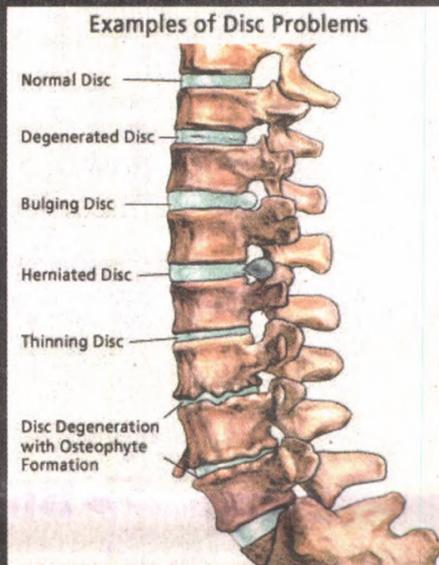
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The Michigan 3-Day begins Friday in Novi as breast cancer fighters stroll along Grand River Avenue west of Beck. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Walkers raise \$2.7 million to fight breast cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Every year, walkers by the thousands join in Susan G. Komen's Michigan 3-Day fight to eradicate breast cancer. This year, the walkers and crew members (some 350 of them) took a big step toward that goal, raising some \$2.7 million toward the cause.

The announcement was made Sunday at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, where a rousing closing ceremony put the finishing touches on the 2013 walk, which wound its way through Novi, Wixom, Lyon Township, Milford, Northville, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Dearborn.

The fundraising total probably didn't surprise Dr. Sheri Phillips, Komen's national spokesperson, who has been watching the success of the events for three years.

"I love the fact the 3-Day community is so powerful," said Phillips, in her third year as the spokesperson. "This is my 32nd event, and it feels like the first one. The participation and love is very inspirational."

Rhonda Miller of Canton did her part this year, becoming one of the 1,000 walkers – down from about 1,100 a year ago – to raise money in the hopes of erasing the disease.

"I wanted to raise the money so they can help find a cure so that young people never have to go through that," said Miller, who walked in honor of her best friend. "All of these women who fight (cancer) did something. It's so emotional, and an amazing event."

Seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders from St. Michael School in Livonia got to see just how amazing it was up close, handing out "Victory" T-shirts at the finish line in Dearborn.

"The walkers loved seeing the girls waiting at the finish line with their Victory T-shirts and they met a lot of encouraging survivors," said Sabrina Gazzarato, St. Michael cheer coordinator.



Frank Woodward was still pushing JoAnn Thomas' wheelchair on the final day of the Michigan 3-Day. Woodward pushed the chair the entire 60-mile route after Thomas, a one-year survivor, suffered a broken foot two weeks before the walk.

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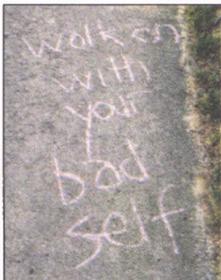


The varsity cheer team at St. Michael School in Livonia worked the closing ceremonies of the Michigan 3-Day walk Sunday. The seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders handed out Victory T-shirts as the walkers crossed the finish line in Dearborn.



Juliana Geckle of Lincoln Park signs one of the ambulances there to support the medical needs of the walkers.

Santa makes a special visit to this year's Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk that went through Livonia. TOM BEAUDOIN



Michigan 3-Day walkers were greeted by supportive signs all along the path.

Crew keeps 3-Day walkers in stride

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The 1,000 walkers making the 60-mile, three-day trek to try to end breast cancer get the lion's share of the attention during the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure, and that's the way the walk is designed.

But organizers, staffers and walkers agree: It wouldn't happen without the efforts of the 350 volunteers who "crew" the event, performing duties as varied as mapping the route and serving meals to acting as road safety guards and simply just cheering the walkers on.

Could it be done without them? "Absolutely not," said the event's national spokesperson, Dr. Shari Phillips, an occupational medicine doctor from Chicago. "They have to get there early, they stay there late. They do the work we'd have to pay someone to do, and they do it all volunteer. There's no way to do it without the crews."

Most of the crew – like most of the walkers – have done it before. Kathleen Sparr and her husband, Jared, alternate between walking and crewing.

Helping 'Feet'

The couple started a non-profit, Team Happy Feet, to help walkers defray the costs (each walker is asked to raise \$2,300) and make the walk easier to complete.

Sparr got involved with Komen through a friend who has since passed away, and because a couple of her current friends have breast cancer.

"They keep giving me a reason to do this," said

Sparr, who was hauling luggage on the walk's first day. "Until there's no reason, I'll keep coming out."

Victor Clement of Lapeer spent the weekend helping walkers get safely across the street at a variety of intersections. He had a kind word, a fist bump or a smile for all 1,000 walkers.

Clement works the event in honor of his mother, who developed breast cancer. She passed away from other health problems, but it's the breast cancer that keeps Clement coming back.

"The (emotional) benefits to me are phenomenal," Clement said.

Same journey

Ed Doehne's wife, Tara, is a four-year cancer survivor. He displays a photo of her during treatment, his head shaved bald just like hers, as a way of paying tribute to her struggle.

Doehne, who posed as "Mr. June 2012" in a fund-raising calendar, has walked the event three times, and this weekend marked the fifth time he has crewed.

Doehne traveled the 60-mile route with loud music, a microphone and a smile. It's a journey he and Tara have traveled, and one he's intent on sharing with others.

"Everyone here has been affected by cancer, so they've all been through, in one way or another, what I've been through," Doehne said. "You try to find a connection with the people on the road. The whole shtick is to make people smile. I saw what my wife went through. I just want to make people happy."

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Ed Doehne of Elyria, Ohio, keeps walkers dancing as part of the crew for the Michigan 3-Day.



Tom Bejma (left) and Laura Smith dish out refreshments as part of the volunteer crew at the first pit stop along the Michigan 3-Day route.

Man dragged by car in iPhone theft

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police say a 61-year-old man was dragged by a moving car after he reached inside to try to retrieve his grandson's iPhone, which was being stolen by two suspects who answered a Craigslist ad.

The incident happened in broad daylight shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday in a business parking lot near Ford and Haggery roads, one of Canton's busiest intersections.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said the grandfather was dragged onto Ford Road but didn't appear seriously injured and refused medical treatment.

The incident arose after a 12-year-old boy sought to sell his iPhone on Craigslist and arranged to meet a supposed buyer who arrived with a passenger, identified only as two males.

The boy and his grandfather approached the car to show the iPhone when the attempted sale took an ugly turn and the phone was seized.

"The grandfather had his hand inside the car (trying to grab the iPhone)," Kerr said. "The car took off and he was dragged onto Ford Road."

Kerr said a police report indicated the victim had abrasions but apparently sustained no serious injuries.

Craigslist offers the following tips online when meeting someone for the first time:

- » Insist on a public meeting place like a café.
 - » Never meet in a secluded place or invite strangers into your home.
 - » Be especially careful when buying or selling items that are high in value.
 - » Tell a friend or family member where the exchange is occurring.
 - » Consider being accompanied by a friend.
 - » Trust your instincts.
- The boy and his grandfather followed many of those tips, but Kerr said it's important to be as cautious as possible. "If something doesn't look right or feel right," he said, "leave the area."

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Crawl benefits Penn, chamber

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, in a joint effort with the Friends of the Penn, sponsors the eighth annual PENN-Taste-Tic Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl set for 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17.

"Crawlers" can walk around downtown Plymouth enjoying delicious samples and treats from many of their favorite Plymouth restaurants.

This year's participants include Candy Trail; Cozy Cafe; Cupcake Station; E.G. Nicks; Greek Islands; Ironwood Grill; Jay's Stuffed Burgers; Kilwin's; Nico & Vali; Panach 447; Sardine Room; Sweet Afton Tea Room; Thai Cafe; Yogurt Padooza and Zin Wine Bar & Restaurant.

Attendees will get a chance to vote for their favorite taste and restaurant.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail) and Sun & Snow (388 S. Main St.) in downtown Plymouth. Adult tickets are \$20 each; tickets for children 10 and under are \$15. All proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Penn and the Chamber of Commerce.

For more information visit www.plymouthmi-ch.org.



E.G. Nicks, a popular choice last year, is among more than two dozen restaurants participating in the Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton recently added Dr. Arsala Bakhtyar, a board certified pediatrician, to its medical staff.

A Canton resident, Bakhtyar specializes in both general pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases. She is now available to see patients at the Canton practice.

"I am very excited to provide care to the people in my own community," Bakhtyar said. "It means a lot to treat children who live in my neighborhood and go to school with my own children."

Bakhtyar received her medical education at Dow Medical College at the University of Karachi in Pakistan. She completed her pediatric residency at the University of Toledo, followed by a specialization in pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Michi-

gan - Ann Arbor. She is currently on staff at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn.

"Dr. Bakhtyar is a valuable addition to our care team," said Dr. Richard Grucz,

medical director of Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton.

"She is very personable with patients and their families, and her specialization in pediatric infectious diseases is quite unique."

Bakhtyar's clinical interests include general pediatrics, tuberculosis, travel medicine, vaccinations, fever of unknown origin and caring for children exposed to HIV in utero.

Bakhtyar offers same-day and walk-in appointments. Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton is

located at 7330 N. Canton Center. To schedule an appointment, call 734-454-8001.

Development workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its business development workshop, "Prospecting: How to build a plan to hit your goal," 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, in the chamber meeting room at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth.

Organizers said prospecting is "one of those skills everyone needs to expand their client base, but one of the hardest to do." This workshop will show attendees how to build a cookbook approach to prospecting, unlike a typical salesperson. In the end, the steps and tactics presented at this workshop are designed to make prospect-

ing more productive and therefore more enjoyable.

The presenter is Rich Austin, partner at Sandler Training Ann Arbor, who helps business owners change their culture from a passive, reactive model to an active sales model, where salespeople become assertive and comfortable not only prospecting, but learning low-pressure selling skills and building trusted adviser relationships.

RSVP by Aug. 23 to teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Chamber lunch

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its September lunch 11:30 a.m. Sept. 4 at Antonio's Cucina Italiana.

Guest speaker for the event is Katie Franks of Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, talking about "Building a Culture of Great Service." The event is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union.

Antonio's is located at 2220 N. Canton Center in Canton. Cost is \$25 for members.

For more information, call 734-453-4040.

First Friday Club

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

The event, sponsored by Showroom of Elegance, is an opportunity for one-on-one network-

ing in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

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

Expanding footprint

Metro Consulting Associates, LLC, a full service land surveying

and civil engineering consultant, has relocated its headquarters from Belleville to Plymouth to accommodate the firm's growth.

The new metro Detroit office, located at 45345 Five Mile, will house approximately 50 employees as well as a new Ecological Services division. MCA also announced the opening of a northern Michigan office located at 830 East Front Street in Traverse City.

Last year MCA opened offices in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Westerville, Ohio.

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I was talking to a client recently who was going through his safety deposit box and discovered a substantial number of U.S. Savings Bonds he had forgotten about.

He looked at it as found money and figured he would cash out the bonds. However, I told him there is a strategy to cashing out U.S. Savings Bonds. In addition, before cashing out, he needs to determine the interest.

It would be nice if I could tell you that all U.S. Savings Bonds are paying so-and-so rate of return. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Your interest rate is determined by when the bond was issued. In fact, some bonds that were issued in the 1990s are still paying upward of 4 percent.

In today's world, that is a great rate of return for a fixed-income investment and probably a bond you should keep.

Keep in mind also, if you have a U.S. Savings Bond that is more than 30 years old, it is no longer paying any interest.

U.S. Savings Bonds pay interest every six months. In addition, the interest is not prorated. In other words, if you



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

have a bond that pays interest in January and July and you cash the bond out in December, you don't receive the five months interest; you forfeit that. Therefore, it always makes sense when you cash out U.S. Savings Bonds to redeem them after interest has been credited to your account.

Cash out matured bonds

The numbers are astounding as to how many people have U.S. Savings Bonds that have either matured and are no longer paying interest or that are lost. Either way, you are losing money.

If you have a U.S. Savings Bond that is no longer paying interest, cash it out. There's no reason to keep it. On the other hand, if you know that you have U.S. Savings Bonds, but you can't locate them, it's time to do something about it. You can search for lost bonds through the U.S. Treasury Department's website (www.treasury-direct.gov). The website

will also determine the interest rate that you are receiving.

It's a good idea for everyone to do a lost bond search. After all, let's not forget that particularly for those of us over 40, it wasn't unusual for us to receive those \$25 savings bonds for birthdays and holiday gifts. The search is easy, quick and certainly worth a few minutes of your time.

One last note on U.S. Savings Bonds. It's a good idea to determine what interest rate they are paying. After all, if you have high-interest rate charge cards and you're receiving very little on a U.S. Savings Bond, why not cash them out, pay the tax on the interest and use the proceeds to pay down your debt?

Whether you use U.S. Savings Bonds to pay down debt or just to leave them as is, they are an investment and you should know what they are paying you.

Good luck!

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



Ann Crespi of Livonia (left) is joined by her husband Gerald Crespi at the grand prize presentation last week by Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance in Canton.

CHOYA JORDAN

Winners announced for Christmas in July contest

Ann Crespi of Livonia said she had never won "anything" until this year's *Observer & Eccentric* Media Christmas in July contest.

The Livonia resident was among the 27 percent of entrants who found all the holiday icons and her name was selected in a random drawing earlier this month.

Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, presented Crespi with the grand prize – a \$500 gift card to the Canton jewelry store and a bottle of fine wine, courtesy of Showroom of Elegance.

Crespi said she searched *Inspire* cover to cover three times to make sure she found the icons. She said one icon – on page 44 of the July publication – was hard to locate, but she found it.

Other eligible entrants who found the icons and won a prize in the *Observer & Eccentric* Media's third annual Christmas in July giveaway included:

Carol Banaszak of Northville, second place of a \$100 gift certificate to the Rugby Grill in the Townsend Hotel in down-

town Birmingham.

Linda Laird of Farmington won the third-place prize of a \$50 Meijer gift card.

The following fourth-place winners received a movie pass for two to any area Emagine Theatre:

Molly Robinson of Bloomfield Hills, Kathy Steiner of Westland, Louise Dодt of Milford, Michael Webster of Northville, Nicole Memmer of South Lyon, Patricia Shelton of Farmington, Sandra Kalagian of Livonia, Ernesta Cisco of Garden City, Cindi Heintzelman of Canton, Pamela Burke of Northville, Clare Maitland of Milford, B.J. Lay of Southfield, Yvonne Lax of Plymouth, Janice McDavid of Detroit, Roland Makowski of Novi, Jean Ulko of Plymouth, Lewis Underhill of New Hudson, Estelle Wozniak of Redford, Sharon Eby of Wayne and Patricia Czach of Walled Lake.

Contestants could enter via Facebook or by mailing in an entry form. More than 6,000 people either viewed or shared the contest on Facebook. Twenty-seven percent of

the more than 345 mailed entries correctly identified pages on which icons were published. Twenty-seven percent of Facebook entries also correctly identified all 14 icons.

Pages with holiday icons included the cover and pages 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 30, 42, 44 and 50.

The icons most often missed were on the cover and pages 4, 6 and 44.

Some readers cut out the icons and sent them with entry forms as proof, others took the time to decorate their entries. Others just had a good time searching.

"This was a fun, fun, fun contest in the *Inspire* section of the *O&E*. Never tried something like this before. It fit my fancy! Thanks *Inspire*," one contestant wrote.

Thank you to the 346 readers who mailed in entries and the others who viewed the contest on our Facebook contest page and entered or shared with others.

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County hosts annual fun fest

The Wayne County Department of Public Health hosts its popular, free, annual back-to-school Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., today (Aug. 22), on the department grounds, 33030 Van Born, at Vevey, in Wayne.

The fair helps Wayne County families prepare for a healthy start to the school year. Services include: back-to-school immunizations, health and dental screenings, information about nutrition and exercise and how individuals can live healthier lifestyles. Free book bags and school supplies will be provided to the first 300 school-age children in attendance.

Parents whose children are in need of back-

to-school immunizations are asked to bring children's immunization records to the event. In addition, adult immunizations will be available.

This year's Fun Fest will feature mobile "Health on Wheels" medical units from local health providers that offer dental and health screenings/education for adults and children, along with individualized follow-up referrals.

Among the participants are Golden Dental and the Garden City Hospital Health Coach.

Health services include: blood pressure, glucose, dental, hearing and vision screenings; lead safe and smoking cessation information; West Nile virus prevention guidelines; HIV/STD education; infant safe

sleep guidelines; maternal infant care and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program information.

The fair will feature more than 80 health-related vendor booths.

Child safety photo/video IDs that include CDs containing digital fingerprints, dental impressions and vital information will be provided by Wayne Masonic Lodge 112.

Parents or guardians must accompany children and complete a consent form for this service.

For more information about the Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest, call (734)727-7000 or (734)727-7030, or visit www.waynecounty.com, click on tab for "Featured Event."

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OUR VIEWS

Back to school

Education choices are many in 2013

School starts soon for the majority of students in the Plymouth-Canton area. But back to school in 2013 is a lot different than it was just a few years ago.

Students, parents and teachers have many choices when it comes to education in 2013. While Plymouth-Canton Community Schools continues to be the tie that binds our communities together, other choices – charter schools, online schools, home school, year-round schools, private schools and parochial schools – have dramatically changed the landscape of K-12 education in recent years.

Charter schools are establishing a large footprint in Plymouth and Canton (the first charter high school in the district is slated to open in September 2015) while religious schools remain the choice of many. The number of students being home-schooled has increased exponentially over the last decade and, as technology marches on, online education is attracting many more students.

Private schools have always attracted those with the ability to pay. Oakland County boasts some of the best private schools in the country and they have long been a destination for those seeking an alternative to public schools.

But some public schools – in spite of funding issues – have risen to the competitive challenge. Specialized academies – such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), IB (International Baccalaureate) and others – along with an increase in honors and AP classes, and many schools of choice options have provided the choice many parents were seeking.

Some believe the increased competition has pushed public schools to change. Others point to technology and/or political polarization as reasons for change and choice in education.

While most parents already have opted for a school that best suits their child's needs, some are still searching and their choices are many. The quest for the perfect educational environment, however, will never end and that is a good thing.

The issue of quality education must always be at the forefront of any discussion about the future of Michigan.

STAFF COLUMN

Walk provided more than I bargained for

I thought this would be an easy column to write. Walk 60 miles in three days. Listen to people's stories. Relate those stories. End of column.

But it's not an easy column to write, because nothing is that simple. You try to be the outsider, the journalist along for the walk. The stories don't really affect you and so you think it'll be easy to just repeat them.

Then you listen to the mother whose 27-year-old daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer or you watch the woman whose oncologist wouldn't let her walk last year, so she prepared for this year's Susan G. Komen 3-Day, only to break her foot two weeks before the event. And you watch her boyfriend push her in her wheelchair the entire 60 miles.

And you can't help but be drawn into the stories. The wheelchair lady, JoAnn Thomas of Sterling Heights, cried her eyes out at Sunday's closing ceremony and she hadn't technically walked an inch. But everyone in the place wanted a piece of her, to be a part of her story, to hug her (and her boyfriend, Frank Woodward).

For years, I've heard how emotional the walk is from folks like Dan Dwyer and Ed Hingelberg and Dorothy Twinney and Deb Madonna and Michele Potter and I'd always jot down their thoughts, relate them in a story and then move on to the next assignment.

After walking the event this year with Potter (OK, technically I walked it *far behind* Potter), it's not as easy to move on to the next story. This one, I think, will stay with me for a very long time. I will forever remember the woman whose T-shirt read "Walking in memory of ..." followed by more than a dozen names of friends and family members she'd lost to breast cancer.



Observer editor Brad Kadrach signs a volleyball along the trail in Novi during the Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Or Alicia Paulina from Milford, walking for her sister, a one-year survivor. And Rhonda Miller of Canton, who cried while walking through Plymouth, affected by the love and support of the gazillion or so people who lined Ann Arbor Trail. Miller's best friend, Amy Siebert, is a three-year survivor, and Miller was walking for her.

Of course, it would be surprising if anyone made it through Plymouth with completely dry eyes. That's something else Dwyer and Hingelberg and Potter have always said: Everyone gets a huge boost of energy and emotion walking through Plymouth.

I always wondered if that was them being "homers." But it wasn't. After walking 20 miles Friday, I listened to a lot of very tired walkers reminding others that Plymouth was coming. I admit to waking up in the wee hours of Saturday morning and drawing my own energy from the presence of Plymouth on the schedule.

And the community didn't disappoint, as it never does. The supporters were great in Novi and Northville, in Wixom and Livonia. But nothing matches the

sheer excitement of walking through Plymouth, with its pink-watered fountain and die-hard supporters and the pure rush of genuine love for what we were doing.

Traci Sincok asked me, "Have you ever had anyone say 'thank you' that much?" and I told her I hadn't and I wasn't sure why they were thanking me. The walk is all about these amazing women (and men) who walk for their own reasons, who hope someday to eliminate the need to have the walk at all. It's not about me. I never wanted my walk to be about me. It's about them.

But when I got up Monday morning and opened my email, I found a note from a Livonia woman who said she'd been diagnosed just a few days ago with breast cancer. She'd read in the *Livonia Observer* that I was walking and just wanted to thank me. It was the first time I felt like – just maybe – it was a little about me.

When we finished up Sunday at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, the walkers all lined up and marched into the closing ceremony. They were followed by breast cancer survivors and suddenly it was clear what the walk was about.

In the 17th mile on the first day of the walk, I was already wondering what I'd gotten myself into, wondering how I'd make it the last three miles. I decided to do it by just putting one foot in front of the other and then it dawned on me.

That's exactly how all of these people are determined to beat breast cancer: One step at a time.

Brad Kadrach, the community editor of the *Plymouth and Canton Observers*, was honored to walk in the Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day last weekend. He can be reached via email – as long as he doesn't have to walk far to get it – at bkadrach@hometownlife.com.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you fear the city of Detroit's bankruptcy will have a negative effect on your community, and, if so, what might that be?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



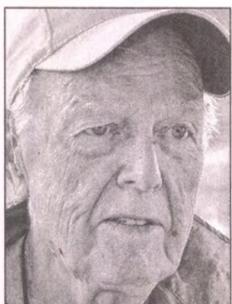
"I think the bankruptcy will have an impact that's going to affect interest rates in Plymouth Township, and Plymouth Township likes to borrow."

John Schmidt
Plymouth Township



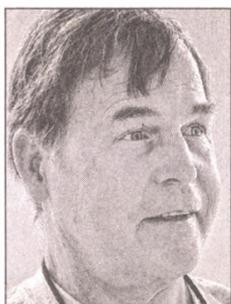
"I think Detroit has a lot to do with all the communities around here, and let's hope for the best."

Phyllis Hasky
Livonia



"No, I don't think so. ... It's a totally different market."

Bob Gaberson
Plymouth Township



"I don't know what the long-term impact is going to be. ... Those people who earned their retirement and were promised that should get that."

Rian Hermes
Plymouth

LETTERS

Superior alternative

I had the pleasure of attending a seminar in Lansing regarding an alternative to Medicaid expansion.

Senator Patrick Colbeck, sponsor of Senate Bills 459 and 460, was part of a panel which included Dr. Rob Steele, Dr. Matt McCord, state Rep. Nancy Jenkins, Avik Roy, Senior Fellow—Manhattan Institute of Policy Research, Tom Valenti, Blue Sky Health, a direct primary care service, and Dr. Josh and Dr. Doug of Atlas, MD, a direct primary care service.

The short version was that there are alternatives to Medicaid expansion that expands access to a higher quality of health care for a lower cost than government-run programs such as Medicaid. Approximately 40 percent of the total cost of today's health care is consumed by administrative costs.

By eliminating the middlemen of expensive health insurance and the federal government, the monthly access fee for normal and preventative medical service is down in the \$100 to \$150 per month range for an adult. Senate Bill 459 is all about the positives of patient-centered care and reducing needless costs of large insurance companies, hugely burdensome federal bureaucracies and laborious new coding schemes.

This allows doctors to do what they do best, taking care of patients and guiding them to wiser health choices while improving care and reducing overall costs. One of the crowning benefits of Senator Colbeck's approach is that it will benefit all 10 million Michigan citizens and not just the 400,000 extra persons that the Medicaid expansion bill is projected to address.

Contact your own state representatives and senators to vote yes on SB 459 and 460. This vote could come as soon as Aug. 27.

Bob Cushman
Canton

Wildcat thank-you

On behalf of the entire Plymouth Wildcat Football family we would like to thank the community for their support and generosity during our annual coupon card fundraiser. Our football players went door-to-

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door and sold over 2,800 cards raising funds for jerseys, helmets and necessary equipment. This is not always an easy or enjoyable task, but under the direction of head coach Mike Sawchuk these young men were respectful and courteous and were rewarded with the same.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for offering special savings, BOGO items and free items with purchase: Al-Basha Pizza & Subs, Applebee's, Arby's, Big Apple Bagels, Bailey's, Bigby Coffee, Burger King, Chili's, Compari's, Crow's Nest, The Cupcake Station, Hayden's, Jet's Pizza, Los Tres Amigos, Park Avenue Cleaners, Penn Grill, The Picnic Basket, Plato's Coney Island, TC Gators, TCF Bank, Tim Horton's, Trading Post, and Valvoline.

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of a community that supports not only the Wildcat Football Team but the drive and determination of each player. We invite you to visit www.plymouthwildcatsfootball.com or like us on Facebook for more information and our current Wildcat Football schedule. We look forward to your continued support.

Plymouth Wildcat
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It sounds good

John Rosengren accused me of either "attacking the First Amendment rights" of the proprietor of a Plymouth business or "hoisting a liberal banner for Obama." I did neither. Mr. Ro-

sen's Palin-esque accusation sounds good at first blush but is actually absurd on its face. The First Amendment protects citizens from government making laws abridging freedom of speech and has nothing to do with interactions between citizens.

Likewise, the "hoisting a liberal banner" charge may sound good, but none of the economic realities I listed could remotely be identified as solely liberal outcomes or objectives. Most, like those that indicated increased inequality or upward redistribution of incomes and wealth, are specifically opposed by liberals.

Mr. Rosengren simply refuses to acknowledge that based upon the evidence President Obama has presided over an era that has been particularly good for capitalists. If I used cherry-picked facts, I must have won the Traverse City Cherry Festival grand prize. Again the cherry-picked facts accusation sounds good but has no substance. In a cursory review I was able to identify 10 irrefutable facts in my piece representing factors of the economy that are indicators of robust capitalism.

Apparently Mr. Rosengren thinks using fancy Latin terms like *ad hominem* is cool because they sound good. Perhaps he should familiarize himself with the term *non sequitur*. That one sounds good too. His mention of slow GDP growth designed to counter in one fell swoop all the evidence that I listed that Bolsheviks are not on the march is in fact a non-sequitur.

Rosengren's logic doesn't follow. Mr. Rosengren also accuses me of mudslinging and issuing an *ad hominem* attack based on my statement, "his claim was so easily debunked that some may consider him lazy or gullible or even dishonest, all bad for business." I was merely speculating on how some within the proprietor's customer demographic may react to his attempt to perpetuate a mythical narrative unsupported by the facts because you know, (wink, wink) these kinds of things (communist takeovers) can happen with a Kenyan socialist in the White House.

Mitch Smith
Canton

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Taste Fest

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 6, 6-8 p.m.
Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 sponsor Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Bennigan's, Brann's Sports Grille, Canton Buffalo Wild Wings, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBisteca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's-Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Co., Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Scrambler's Marie's, Station 885, U.P. Pasties, Vintner's Canton Winery, Zin Wine Bar and Zoup Soup Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.
Contact: Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street. There will be a cash bar available.

Perennial exchange

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.
Location: East end of Kellogg Park
Details: The Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, is sponsoring a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Bring perennials to exchange or just stop by and see what is available. Garden club members will be there to answer any questions.
Contact: For more information, contact Darlene at 734-459-7499.

Corn roast

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Cady/Boyer Barn, Ridge just north of Cherry Hill in Canton
Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts its annual corn roast. For a donation of \$5, visitors get corn roasted to perfection, hot dogs, baked beans, ice cream, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and watermelon. The club is also selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, which will give the buyer a chance to win \$500 cash first prize. The second-prize winner will receive \$200 cash, with the third-prize winner receiving a gift certificate from N.A. Mans Lumber for \$100. The Lions Club has invited the Michigan Eye Bank, which will advise members about the Gift of Sight and organ donation. The Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind will be available to reveal how it assists the blind and removes barriers that are impediments to their daily living.
Contact: For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions, contact Lion Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404 or email govbill1@wow-way.com.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help clients understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options.
Contact: Call 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

'Come and See' dinner

Date/Time: Sept. 7, 5-7 p.m.; Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.
Details: Catholics and non-Catholics within the parish boundaries are invited to a free "Come and See" dinner introducing the parish's new Alpha Course starting this fall. Alpha is a 10-week program aimed at answering the call to the New Evangelization. Child care is available on site for dinner participants free of charge.
Contact: The parish at 734-453-0326 or visit the OLG website at www.olgparish.net. Register for the dinner online at <https://olgparish.wufoo.com/forms/q7x1k9/>

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » Monday, Aug. 26, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth.
 » Thursday, Aug. 29 1-6:45 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors several blood drives in the area. Tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, will be raffled off at these drives.
Contact: To make an appointment, contact Diane Risko at 313-549-7052.

Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours
Location: Plymouth
Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.
Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com or

734-455-1614.

Vendors wanted

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.
Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers.
Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://fumcnorthville.org/#missions-and-service>, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Bipolar support

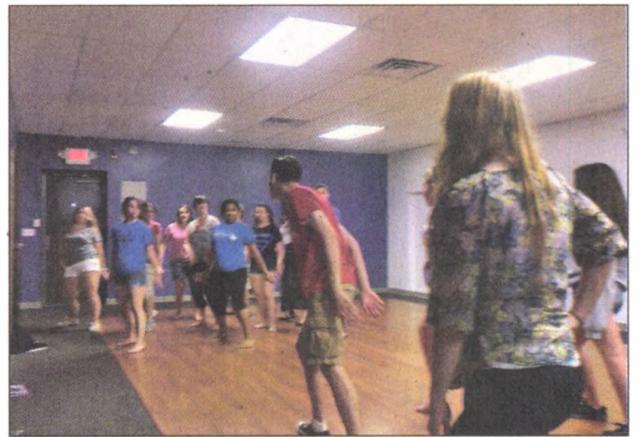
Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.
Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.
Contact: Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Diabetes support

Date/Time: Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.
Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

Support group

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.
Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.



On-Stage cast members get ready for the debut performance of "A History of Broadway," which plays this weekend at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Musical revue traces history of Broadway

BeckRidge Productions' Youth Theater program, On-Stage, opens this weekend with its debut performance of *A History of Broadway*.

This musical revue takes its audience through the highest critically acclaimed to the most obscure musicals of the time.

The cast of 25 young people range in age from middle school through college, and is directed by Greg Wiklanski.

Wiklanski has directed many shows at the Village Theatre, including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Grease*, and *Hairspray*, among many others. Wiklanski is an adjunct instructor at Rochester College.

"Greg is not only a great director, but an amazing teacher," said cast member Brandon Waldenmayer. "He takes the time to break down each song with us so we can learn what we're really singing about, which is a big part of what makes this show so much fun."

While Wiklanski will direct, his wife, Kristyn, is choreographing the production. Kristyn, a three-time Radio City Rockette, pushes the kids to reach their full potential as dancers.

"Kristyn is an unbelievable

dancer, but an even better teacher," said cast member Cara Gross. "When we dance, we dance hard. We leave sore and sweaty, but with a feeling of pride, like we've accomplished something none of us thought we were physically able to do."

Michael Gross, artistic director of BeckRidge Productions, serves as the show's music director. He allots time for private instruction, as well as leading group rehearsals. All of his time is used in an effort to bring out each individual's best musical performance.

Songs included in the revue come from a wide range of musicals, including (but not limited to) *A Chorus Line* and *The Producers*, and even lesser-known shows such as *Chess* and *Flora the Red Menace*.

A History of Broadway runs in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater in Canton Aug. 23-25 with tickets priced at \$15. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., with the Sunday matinee scheduled for 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.beckridgechorale.org. For additional information, contact the BeckRidge Chorale at 734-667-3127.

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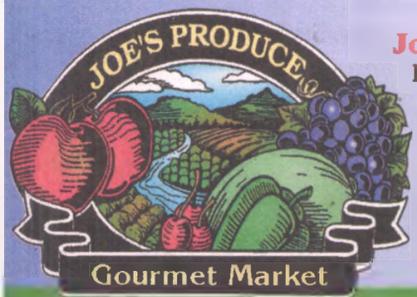
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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Plymouth gridders eager to start

Wildcats ready to leave 2012 turmoil in the dust

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For most of the 2012 season, opponents had trouble stopping the Plymouth Wildcats.

Plymouth rolled to a 7-2 regular season and knocked off Livonia Churchill in the Division 1 district final, handing the Chargers their only loss of the season.

The Wildcats couldn't get past Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in the regionals, but that loss did not spoil a wonderful year on the gridiron itself.

A couple of months later, however, the MHSAA ruled Plymouth had to forfeit all nine wins due to an administrative

oversight involving the eligibility of a reserve player.

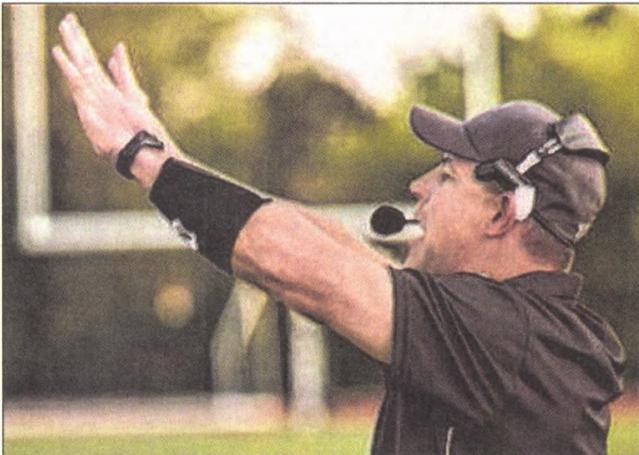
That ruling probably still stings returning players, who know from personal experience that the team — from head coach Mike Sawchuk on down — prides itself on doing everything the right way.

But with the 2013 season about to begin (Plymouth faces Salem on Thursday, Aug. 29), it's time for wearers of the black and silver to trample any residual effect from that nightmare.

Focusing on 'family'

They can do just that by racking up victories. And the Wild-

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It could be an interesting season for Mike Sawchuk and the Wildcats. Several players will look to help fill voids left by the graduation of big-time playmakers. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

To the Max

It doesn't hurt to have family and friends willing to go through a wall for you.

Max Merget definitely has that going for him.

The Salem graduate (who played varsity baseball and boys hockey for the Rocks) is fighting a brain tumor as he gears up to begin his college career at Grand Valley State University.

At his recent graduation party, Max (through his website, MaxYourBrain.org and generous donations) announced he had raised about \$20,000 to help advance brain cancer research efforts.

Friday night at Salem High School, the Salem and Plymouth volleyball teams are picking up the crusade with a special program to take place between the season-opening junior varsity and varsity matches.

The varsity contest will begin about 6:20 p.m., following the JV game and a presentation including the Merget family.

"There is going to be raffles, auction, T-shirt sales and bracelets," Salem varsity coach Amanda Nies said. "We are very excited to help out this amazing kid."

Nies, who said Max's older sister Nicole was a four-year mainstay for her squad, said the teams will be "Playing for Max" in hopes of continuing to raise money and awareness.

She added that, although Canton won't be on the volleyball court that night, the Chiefs also are participating in the effort.

The program with the Merget family will take place at approximately 6:15 p.m., Nies added.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Rocks one step away

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With each passing season, Salem head football coach Kurt Britnell seems to be securing the next stepping stone in his quest to transform the Rocks into a KLAAs contender.

Injuries to key players have at times derailed those efforts and in 2012 the Rocks (finishing 5-4) slumped down the stretch and missed out on the magical six-win mark.

In 2013, however, Britnell and company look poised to take that last step into the MHSAA playoffs. Teams with six victories earn an automatic ticket to the postseason. If the Rocks do so, it would be the first playoff spot landed during Britnell's coaching tenure, which began at the start of the 2009 season.

"At a minimum, I promise you that we will be very competitive in all games," Britnell said at the podium during the recent KLAAs football media day. "I'm very excited about the season. Going into my fifth year, this will be the best Salem team, the strongest and most athletic."

"We're very excited about the year and we look forward to getting better as a program."

For any playoff berth to be landed, Britnell noted the Rocks will be called upon to show poise along with the already abundant promise of excellence.

"The outlook for our season, we lost a lot of seniors, so we're going to be very young," Britnell said. "The big question is how they're going to be able to adapt to the speed and intensity of Friday nights."



Justin Sydlowski (No. 10), shown from a 2012 game, is one of Salem's mainstays. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Job to do

One key returnee who is confident Salem will reach six wins and finally enjoy Week 10 is senior co-captain Justin Sydlowski, a 6-0, 218-pound linebacker

and tight end.

"On August 29 against Plymouth (the season opener) we're looking to come out strong and hopefully get the win," Sydlowski said during the recent KLAAs football media day. "We got a lot

of young players, but we're also stronger than we were last year, bigger and faster."

"We lost a lot of good players, but the young guys are looking

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW



On this play from last season, Canton quarterback Greg Williams (No. 7) tries to elude a Plymouth defender. Williams is looking to take things up a notch in 2013, both for himself and the Chiefs.

Hard-driving Chiefs won't skip a beat

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The more things change with Canton football, the more things stay the same — and that's a good thing.

When the Chiefs square off Thursday, Aug. 29, against West Ottawa, standout lineman Cameron Dillard won't be there, as he is starting his college career at Division I Florida. Also having graduated are spectacular running back Malcolm Hollingsworth, sturdy tight end and free safety Matt McKoy and linemen Dan DeRoso and Mike Ditzler.

"When you lose an offensive lineman as great as he (Dillard) was, he's still one guy and he can only block one guy," veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "That's not as concerning as maybe losing your starting quarterback or your leading rusher."

Still, all signs point to another big season for the Chiefs, a preseason pick of Kensington Lakes Activities Association coaches to top the Kensington Conference.

"Offensively, we lost some playmakers, but I think we got some guys back who are very capable of making plays," Baechler said. "They just need to be consistent. We've got three experienced offensive linemen back (K.J. Wooley, Stephen Lyle, Nathan Michalik) and we really just need to find a tackle and a couple tight ends."

"But I think we got the guys. I think our depth on both sides of the ball, on the line, is much improved, better than it's been for a couple years. I'm excited about this group."

Leading the charge

Canton, finishing with a 6-4 record in 2012, will bank on junior quarterback Greg

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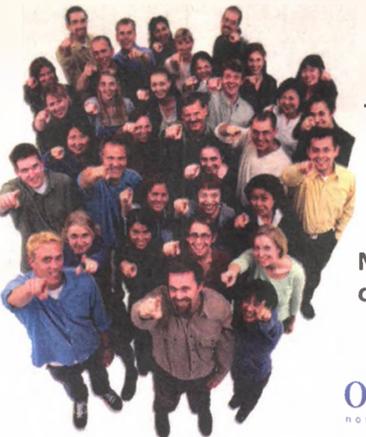
Heroes on Hines races

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

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

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Local bowlers capture gold at AAU Junior Olympics

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Bowlers from the Park literally are knocking over the competition and it doesn't matter what time of year it is.

At the recent Amateur Athletics Union Junior Olympics at Super Bowl in Canton, gold-medal-winning boys and girls teams featured a decided Plymouth-Canton Educational Park imprint.

"It's nice to see the kids from the Park do well in these tournaments," said co-coach Karl Brubaker, who during the high school season coaches Canton's varsity boys bowling team. "This was real good competition."

Echoing Brubaker was another tourney co-coach, Kathie Hahn, the Salem varsity coach.

"I think the AAU Junior Olympics is wonderful for kids," Hahn said. "Especially for high school kids to put on the resume, to say that they've bowled in Junior Olympics."

"We had three teams for Super Bowl and they all finished wonderful."

There were two Super Bowl entries in the boys 15-and-over division and one in the girls 15-and-over division at the tournament, which took place from July 28-30.

"The kids pretty much pick the teams themselves," Brubaker said. "We're just here as coaches to help them out. But it's a combination of all the schools in the area. The kids all know each other from other leagues and stuff."

"It's all high school. Some of these kids have graduated; as far as AAU, they can bowl until



Members of Super Bowl's gold-medal-winning 15-and-over boys and girls bowling teams unite for this photo. Standing (from left) are Ryan Winters, Nick Bell, Zack Colosimo, Jarrett Cutting, Aaron Madsen, Maddie Klein, Steven Cadwell, Caitlyn Webb, Kevin Williams, Daniela Perez, Allison Morris, Kurt Kowalski and coach Kathie Hahn. Kneeling (from left) are coaches Karl Brubaker, Glenn Clark and Tom Colosimo. Also on the team are Sara Shulz and Kristin Larkins.

they're 20. Some of them are older, but they wanted to compete."

Local ties

The boys team that won gold included Canton's Aaron Madsen and Salem's Steven Cadwell (who both will again bowl for their high schools in 2013-14), Redford Thurston's Nick Bell, Zach Colosimo (Livonia Stevenson), Ryan Winters and Jarrett Cutting.

Colosimo, who will bowl at Siena Heights University, led the way with a 235-236-471 scoreline in regular games.

In the team standings, Super Bowl No. 2 finished first with a total of 4,462 for two regular games and 10 Baker

games. In second with 4,457 pins was Team Skore No. 4.

Another Super Bowl boys team won a medal for fifth place (4,366 total). On that squad were Canton grad Kurt Kowalski and Salem alum Kevin Williams, plus Josh Pozan (Canton), Brandon Allison (Salem), Jacob Peltz (Canton) and Nolan Rudis (Salem).

As for the gold-medal winning Super Bowl girls team, which topped the field with 4,194 pins (well ahead of the 3,980 chalked up by Team Skore No. 3), members included Salem grad Kristin Larkins (high grade of 278), Plymouth's Caitlyn Webb, Sara Schultz (Novi), Allison Morris (Ann Arbor Huron), Maddie

Klein (Walled Lake) and Daniela Perez (Belleville).

Both Brubaker and Hahn said it is beneficial for bowlers to stay sharp over the summer in such competitive tournaments.

After high school season ends, they move over to various travel leagues. From there, those interested in joining the AAU squad for Junior Olympics begin practicing in late spring, Brubaker explained.

"I think it helps them going into college," Hahn added. "Most of these kids are already on their high school teams. There's a few of them who go to Livonia schools and unfortunately Livonia won't recognize bowling as one of their sports

for high school. "But all the other kids are all high school bowlers already or have graduated and going on to college to bowl."

Both Larkins and Williams told their former coach they would be trying out for club teams at Schoolcraft College.

Meanwhile, several P-CEP bowlers made their mark in lower age divisions.

Meghan Macunovich, entering ninth grade at Canton, won the girls 14-and-under singles event with 234. She also was part of the first-place doubles team in that division with Lucy Pugh. They rolled 170 and 189.

In the boys 14-and-under division, Salem freshman twins Shane and Mitchell Rusinek teamed up to place second in the doubles event. They bowled 198 and 162.

North stars

Brubaker, who said this was the fourth AAU Junior Olympics but first in Michigan, said there were 10 boys teams (virtually all from the state) and three girls teams.

One of the teams, from Rogers City (located north of Alpena), featured 300 games by Justin Hazel and Nicko Robison.

"These two shot 300 the same game, on pairs next to each other," Brubaker said. "That was something."

Hazel and Robison also won gold in the boys 15-and-over doubles event; Justin's brother, Zach Hazel, won gold in the boys 15-and-over singles event for the second consecutive year.

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Power-packed Schoolcraft spikers show plenty of promise

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Fourth-year Schoolcraft College volleyball coach Rod Brumfield has assembled a potentially potent lineup for the 2013 season - not to use a pun - that is fit to kill.

"The girls I have are significantly more technical," said Brumfield, who guided the Lady Ocelots to a 20-15 overall record in 2012. "And that's important to me. It's not just not athleticism and talent, you've got to be technically sound. And we're getting there very quickly. That's kind of what we've been seeking in this recruiting class. You're going to see an entirely different roster."

Schoolcraft is coming

off a third-place finish (9-3) in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and a first-round setback to Muskegon CC in the quarterfinals of the NJCAA Division II District E tournament.

The most notable losses to graduation were the Kempinski twins from Livonia Churchill, Kara and Nicole, a pair of second-team All-MCCAA picks who will play this fall at Marygrove College.

Two All-MCCAA freshman players, however, return, including 5-foot-11 outside hitter Emily Bondar (Allen Park Cabrini) and 5-6 outside hitter Stephanie Gibson (Brighton).

"They've already represented very well,"

Brumfield said. "They lead on and off the court very, very well. They know what their jobs are and part of our initial success will be a result of how they're leading."

Two other sophomores will be on the roster, including 6-1 outside hitter Alyssa Kainz (Wyandotte), a transfer from Concordia University, and returnee Megan Wright (Taylor Kennedy), a 5-5 defensive specialist.

"She (Kainz) needs to get in shape, but she's very hungry and knows college ball, so she should be able to ramp up quickly," Brumfield said.

Meanwhile, the 11-member freshman class is led by 5-10 outside hitter Ajsha Davie of

Romulus.

"She comes to work every day and enjoys the game," Brumfield said. "She's lean and mean and will be an impact player."

Also expected to contribute will be three players with Observerland ties, including 6-foot right side hitter Morgan Copperstone (Livonia Stevenson), 5-9 opposite hitter Cayla Bone and 5-5 setter and defensive specialist Julene Pummil (both of Garden City).

Breanne Rudolph (Waterford Mott) will also play the back row and possesses good jumping ability and a 65 mph jump serve, according to Brumfield.

Other incoming freshmen include 5-9 setter Lindsey Umin (New Bos-

ton Huron); 5-10 middle hitter Katie Summers (Cabrini); 5-10 right-side hitter Sydnee Miller (Monroe Jefferson); 5-4 setter-defensive specialist Amber Staudt (Novi); and 5-9 defensive specialist Karlee Harding (Kennedy).

"I think we're going to ramp up comfortably," Brumfield said. "The first couple of scrimmages have been a lot of nerves. We're predominantly freshmen, so everybody is pretty nervous. But we've recovered very quickly and very well, as I've expected with this team. The kids look good. They're healthy and athletic. They have skills and they're getting better each day an inch at a time."

Brumfield has a couple of concerns, however, as the Lady Ocelots open their season Friday and Saturday in the Oakland CC Lady Raider Block City Classic.

"We have to adapt to the level of competition that we play," he said. "The speed and physicality ... we need to adapt. That's our weakness for now."

But the fourth-year coach remains highly optimistic.

"I've watched Schoolcraft between 10 and 15 years and this has to be nicest looking, balanced freshman class that I've seen come in, certainly since I've been here," he said. "It's very promising."

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Mercy High reloading varsity for promising new girls golf season

Marlins hope to be state-title contenders again in 2013

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Mercy High School had some major graduation losses after an outstanding 2012 season in girls golf, but coach

Vicky Kowalski has a new set of players ready to step up and fill the void.

Instead of lowered expectations, the result could well be another successful campaign for

the Marlins, who were the Division 1 state runners-up to Plymouth last fall.

All-state selection Brenna Hammond was among the graduates. She was a first-team all-area player, as were fellow Class of 2013 members Sarah Montone and Gillian Hickey. Hammond is playing at Eastern Michigan University, Montone at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Senior Jess Geer and junior Erica Heath are returning players who were part of the state finals team and they'll be supported by a group of capable players who were on the varsity 'B' team.

"In the back of their

minds, they're wondering, 'Can we do this? Can we take it all?'" Kowalski said. "We don't have the superstar. But we didn't have the superstar last year. If we can put five girls in the 80s, we'll be in contention (for the state title)."

"Brenna did get all-state. Part of that was where she finished in the state finals. In the overall scheme of things, it was a balanced, team effort that made Mercy successful. We went to a lot of tournaments where we put four kids in the 80s and that put us in contention."

Geer, a second-team all-area player, is ready to assume the role of team leader as the No. 1

player in the lineup, according to Kowalski.

"She said, 'I don't care who we're playing against; I can play against them,' so she's ready to take on the best competition in the state," she said. "Last year, I think she surprised some people at the state finals. She was our second-best golfer behind Brenna."

"She was a young lady who steadily improved. You can never discount her effort. She works harder on her short game than any player I've ever coached. She's a real workhorse."

Senior Alysa Graf, who was injured most of last season, has played well early and moved into the No. 2 position.

She attended a boot camp for golfers in the winter and played a lot of tournaments in the summer to get ready.

"I really liked what I saw in tryouts," Kowalski said, adding the girls played 18 holes three days in a row. "I really like the way she carries herself around the golf course. She's very sure of her game."

"It was too bad she couldn't play too much last year, because she might have been a known name, too. I'm hoping she'll shine this year and open up some eyes."

Senior Katie Baird was the sixth varsity player last year and went to the state meet as a potential substitute.

At the present time, sophomore Julia Shaw and senior Kristin Swad complete the six-person 'A' team. Shaw played in five varsity events, but both were on the 'B' squad for much of last season.

Junior Olivia Asta, who also was on the 'B' team for two years, and senior Natalie Bozimiowski are pushing for a spot in the varsity lineup, too.

Senior Lizzie Schmitt, junior Amy Vlachos and sophomore Kendyl Kirkland complete the 11-player varsity team. All three were on the JV squad last year.

The Marlins hope to have another undefeated season in dual matches and repeat as Catholic League champions.

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Just like the old days! D'Angelo head coach again

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

It's been 14 years since Joe D'Angelo strolled onto the football field as a high school head coach.

But there he was this week barking instructions, teaching drills and sauntering through three-a-day practice sessions on the picturesque Cranbrook Kingswood campus, like he did in the old days at neighboring Detroit Country Day.

Yes, D'Angelo is enjoying his return to the gridiron. He was particularly excited by a solid two-minute drill where his offense completed 24-of-25 passes at the tail end of Thursday's late practice session.

"It's been really good," D'Angelo said. "We're

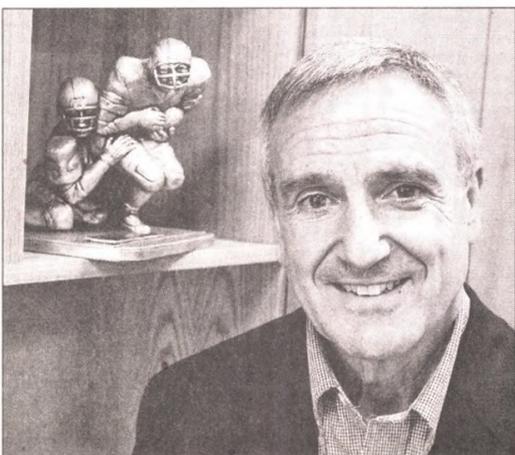
getting a lot done and I'm excited.

"We have some great young kids and our practices have been going very well," he added. "We have some skilled players and I see a lot of potential. I think they were surprised at the demands we have put on them so far, but they are responding very well."

D'Angelo coached for 21 years at Country Day, where he had only one losing season (4-5 in 1997).

He led the Yellow-jackets to 11 playoff appearances and three state championship games, which resulted in a pair of state titles.

D'Angelo retired as DCD's head coach following the 1997 season. He stayed away from coaching until last year, when he returned as an assis-



Joe D'Angelo has returned to the gridiron as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood's head coach. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

stant coach at Cranbrook Kingswood under then-head coach Steve Graf. Graf, also the school's athletic director, stepped

down as head coach last year after three years at the position. D'Angelo was offered the job as head coach and accepted

in February.

"Certain things from an organizational standpoint come back easy," said D'Angelo, elected to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1990. "I have to say, it's been fun getting back into it. Even when you are away for so many years, things tend to come back quickly."

"The game has changed to some extent, like offenses are a bit different now, and to those things I defer to my assistant coaches," he said. "My role is basically to bring things together. We have a great coaching staff with a lot of experience and they are really helping me out."

Cranbrook Kingswood has enjoyed just one winning season — 5-4 in 2009 — over the past sev-

en years. However, D'Angelo optimistically looks forward as the school has invested in a new artificial turf football field, new uniforms, new locker rooms and an upgraded weight room.

"Our numbers are a little bit better than last year, but we're looking for a little bit more participation right now," said D'Angelo, whose preseason roster consisted of 40 total players. "But I think it's just a matter of winning some games."

"Once you get going and start winning, you begin building momentum," he added.

"That's the way it was at DCD, too. But I like the potential here and I still have a passion for the game. They have been really good to me here."

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to step up right now. They're working hard. Things are looking good for us."

Sydowski will be at the other end of throws from strong-armed sophomore quarterback Alex Nicholson or junior Colin Savage.

A number of players will be vying for a share of reps at wide receiver, too. Candidates include seniors Michael Hoover, Brenden Sherrod, James Upshaw, Zaid Hanif, Joshua St. Laurent, Josh Boctor and Jon Nushi.

Underclassmen in the mix at wideout are juniors Miles Newton, Chris Cook, Brayden Abundis, McCoy Mason, Joe Miazek, Anthony Polce, Lewis Campbell,



One of the veterans who will be counted on to spark the Rocks is senior Michael Hoover (No. 81), shown from last season. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Campana, Alex Petrarca and D.J. King.

Of course, a major cog in Salem's offense will be senior running back Drake Jordan, who amassed more than 1,200 all-purpose yards in 2012. Augmenting Jordan in

the backfield will be seniors Gu-woin Ingram and Andrew Hunt. Others expected to carry part of the load are juniors Devin Cameron, Anthony Gueorguiev, Lawrence Cook and Ty Traylor.

Lining up

Britnell's blueprint for success obviously features stellar work in the trenches, underlined and highlighted.

Junior co-captain Ben Howie packs a blocking wallop despite being just 5-9 and 205. He also will be a key component of the defensive line.

Another key lineman is 6-1, 270-pound junior Lucas Callahan.

The list of two-way linemen is long, with other hopefuls including seniors Tony Avant, Ray Williams, Travis Babb, Paul Sommerville, Vince Troher, Cody Olive, Joshua Branch and Andrew Auquier.

If the offense can't finish off a drive with a touchdown, the Rocks can rely on the steady work of senior kicker and co-captain Alex Ken-

FAST FACTS

School: Salem.

Head coach: Kurt Britnell (fifth year).

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

2012 record: 5-4.

Notable losses to graduation: Kyle Cameron, Yousef Barakat, Ivan Rhodes, Danny Stropes, Nick Howie.

Key returnees: Drake Jordan, Sr. RB-DB; Justin Sydowski, Sr. LB-TE; Michael Hoover, Sr. TE-DB; Andrew Hunt, Sr. LB; Alex Kenrick, Sr. K; Lucas Callahan, Jr. OL-DL; Ben Howie, Jr. OL-DL.

Britnell outlook: "This will be the best Salem team (the) strongest and most athletic. We're very excited about the year. We look forward to getting better as a program."

2013 schedule (all games 7 p.m., except where noted): Aug. 29, at Plymouth; Sept. 6, Walled Lake Northern; Sept. 13, at Novi; Sept. 20, at Northville; Sept. 27, South Lyon East; Oct. 5, South Lyon (6 p.m.); Oct. 11, Livonia Stevenson; Oct. 18, KLAA crossover; Oct. 25, Royal Oak.

risk.

Justin Sydowski, Hunt, Hoover and juniors Shane Morgan, Everett Czarnota and Cole Selby head the linebacking depth chart. Junior Jacob Sydowski is another linebacking candidate. Patrolling the defen-

sive secondary will be speedy Jordan and Britnell, along with Sherrod, Newton, Upshaw and Cook, among others.

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CHIEFS

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Williams spearheading the offense and senior linebacker Jake Boucher being the defensive catalyst.

Baechler noted that Williams is "a year smarter, more experienced. He's faster and stronger, he's going to be more assertive when he runs the ball. I think he's going to be excellent."

Early projections are for junior Chuck Turfe and senior Robert Daoud to be the go-to runners, with Boucher a prime target out of the backfield.

Baechler said one challenge is finding "some more guys who catch the ball and make big plays on the other end," but he is confident that the Chiefs' offense

will put plenty of points on the scoreboard.

"Obviously, we're Canton, so we're going to be running the ball with power, using the play-action," Williams said. "But Jake (Boucher) can go out there and be a wideout and catch the ball. We got some other guys that possibly could do that. I think we can spread it out a little bit."

Williams added that he will be on a mission to "step up and make more plays. ... Be more of an effective player, not just to throw the ball and hand it off, but to be like a dual-threat quarterback. But I'm excited for the season."

One challenge will be to find a kicker to take over from graduated Connor Shennan and pin opponents inside their own 20-yard line thanks to through-the-end-zone kickoffs.



Veteran Canton varsity football coach Tim Baechler goes over instructions with players before a practice drill.

Make things happen

And then, the defense will go to work on forcing as many turnovers as possible to help set up the offense.

"We must create more turnovers, tackle better and eliminate the big play defensively," Baechler said.

Boucher will be gearing up to do just that, with considerable help from senior defensive backs Weston Price, James Hall and Daniel Kilgore and junior Turfe. "Hopefully, our defense comes through this year with bigger plays and holding our opponents to less points,"

FAST FACTS

School: Canton.

Head coach: Tim Baechler (16th year).

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

2012 record: 6-4.

Notable losses to graduation: Cameron Dillard, OT; Dan DeRosio, OT; Mike Ditzler, G; Malcolm Hollingsworth, FB; Matt McKoy, TE-DB.

Key returnees: Greg Williams, Jr. QB; Jake Boucher, Sr. LB-TE; Chuck Turfe, Jr. RB-LB; KJ Wooley, Sr. C; Nathan Michalik, Sr. G; Steve Lyle, Sr. G; Robert Daoud, Sr. RB; Weston Price, Sr. DB; Daniel Kilgore, Sr. DB; James Hall, Sr. DB.

Baechler outlook: "We play in a very competitive division and our three non-league opponents are traditionally very good. We will be extremely competitive."

2013 schedule (all games 7 p.m.): Aug. 29, West Ottawa; Sept. 6, Brighton; Sept. 13, at Wayne Memorial; Sept. 20, Westland John Glenn; Sept. 27, at Livonia Churchill; Oct. 4, Livonia Franklin; Oct. 11, at Plymouth; Oct. 18, KLAA crossover; Oct. 25, at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Boucher said. "We really need to work on every angle of defense. I wouldn't say it was terrible last year, but it definitely wasn't Canton defense, where we want it to be."

When asked for a

definition of Canton defense, he called it "nose on the ball, hitting people hard, just not letting them get past the line of scrimmage."

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WILDCATS

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cats are expected to do a lot of winning, at least according to an informal coaches poll ranking them second in the Kensington Conference.

"We just got to look past it," senior lineman Jacob Lackey said during a media event kicking off the season.

"We can't focus on that as much we just got to focus on the season coming up."

Whatever transpired a year ago might be a motivating factor for the 2013 Wildcats, or maybe it won't even matter. That's because they are as united as ever, according to senior wideout and defensive back Connor Stella.

"I think we should be good, we've got a lot of young kids that are really going to step up," Stella said. "Everyone's really excited for the season. We're coming together as a team."

"Everyone loves each other, that's what we focus on. We focus on family, that's the chant we say after everything we do — 'Family!'"



Exploding through defenders to score a touchdown last season is Plymouth running back DJ Rossell. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior leaders

The man at the head of the table sets the tone.

"I need my seniors to be good leaders, as always, but I need my young kids to grow up quick," Sawchuk said. "They've had a really good summer in the weight room, in the 7-on-7s."

"We could be starting anywhere up to three to four sophomores, so I'm going to need the maturity to come quick."

A four-way scrimmage Thursday against South Lyon will help Sawchuk gain further clarity about any linger-

ing questions.

It looks as though the coach has no worries in the leadership department, especially with Stella and Lackey.

"Nate (Emminger) was a great player, but this year we're focusing on the team as a whole," Stella said. "We need everyone to do their part for the team. We've got a lot of young kids, so we're going to have to coach them up and do everything great."

Echoing those sentiments was Lackey. "We're young, like coach said," Lackey said. "It's going to be really exciting and interesting

to see how we do, because we need everyone to grow quick."

"We need everyone to fill in the roles because we only have a small amount of returning starters."

Sawchuk already knows not to take anything for granted in the ultra-competitive KLAA. "Our league, there's so much parity in it and it keeps getting better," he said. "It's going to be a grind every game."

As always, the quarterback position will be crucial to how much success the Wildcats enjoy.

Sophomore Christian Walls is putting some heat on senior A.J. Convertino, who was a back-up in 2012 to now-graduated Jamarl Eiland.

Go-to players on offense include senior running back DJ Rossell (more than 1,000 yards rushing) and Stella at wide receiver.

Other targets for the quarterbacks could include juniors Deji Adebisi, Phil Avormoski, Tim Kays and seniors Josh Morris, Matt Busch and Doug Lyons.

When Walls isn't under center, he'll be another player Convertino can throw to.

FAST FACTS

School: Plymouth.

Head coach: Mike Sawchuk (seventh year).

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

2012 record: actual, 9-3; due to state-imposed forfeitures, 0-12.

Notable losses to graduation: Jamarl Eiland, QB; Nate Emminger, WR-DB; Matt Janke, WR-DB; Brenton Zuzo, K-P; Josh Dennard, DB; Stefan Turrentine, RB-LB; Mike Kennedy, RB-LB; Kyle McMillan, OL-DL; Chris Mattei, TE.

Key returnees: Derrick 'D.J.' Rossell, Sr. RB; Jacob Lackey, Sr. OL; Connor Stella, Sr. WR-DB; Shane Raymond, Jr. LB; Logan Luttrell, Jr. DL; Viet Nguyen, Sr. K-P.

Sawchuk outlook: "We have to replace lots of really good skilled starters; play great defense in a multiple 4-3 scheme; be great on special teams."

2013 schedule (all games 7 p.m.): Aug. 29, Salem; Sept. 6, at Milford; Sept. 13, Livonia Churchill; Sept. 20, Livonia Franklin; Sept. 27, at Westland John Glenn; Oct. 4, at Wayne Memorial; Oct. 11, Canton; Oct. 18, KLAA crossover; Oct. 25, at Grand Blanc.

Winning blueprint

It will help to have a strong offensive line (featuring Lackey), as well as yet another strong-legged kicker in senior two-sport athlete Viet Nguyen — who also is on Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team. The soccer-football connection is by design.

"He's one of the first guys I talked to when I got here," Sawchuk said about soccer coach Jeff Neschich. "I said, 'Listen, we need to be great on special teams and control field position.' So he's

done a great job as far as getting kids interested."

Junior Logan Luttrell (also a tight end) will anchor the defensive line, with junior middle linebacker Shane Raymond another force to be reckoned with.

"We've been fortunate to have some great athletes the last three years," Sawchuk said. "We're going to be very, very young."

The Wildcats might be younger than previous seasons, but they'll still pound the football, control the clock and play shut-down defense.

Local players lead Detroit to international crown

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

One of the most intense United States vs. Canada athletic battles in recent memory played out Sunday afternoon at Windsor's Mic Mac Park – and (surprise!) there wasn't a hockey puck in sight.

The sport was baseball and the eventual championship team in the International Children's Games wore red, white and blue uniforms and calls places like Garden City, Canton, Southfield, West Bloomfield and Dearborn home.

In one of the most riveting games head coach Craig Cotter has ever taken part in, his Detroit team edged Windsor, 3-2, in the ICG's gold medal contest.

The Americans' victory avenged an earlier 3-2 setback to the host team in a pool-play classic.

Detroit upended a team from Marion, Ind.,

7-0, in a semifinal match-up. Japan and Pakistan were also represented at the tournament. Each team consisted of 14- and 15-year-old players.

"The atmosphere for that championship game was absolutely unbelievable," said Cotter, who is an assistant baseball coach at Dearborn Divine Child.

"It was standing-room only – I'd estimate there were over 1,000 people there. The Canadians' horns were blaring, there were 'USA! USA!' chants. It was so much fun to be a part of."

"The most impressive thing about the entire game was that both teams played like major league teams. There was one remarkable defensive play after another. Our kids had a lot of fun with all their free time during their stay there, but when it was time to play ball, they were dead-on serious."

The Detroit entry finished with a 4-1 record



Members of the Detroit team celebrate after defeating Windsor, 3-2, in the championship game of last week's International Children's Games. Four Garden City players and a Canton resident played on the team. WINDSOR STAR

in the tournament. Led by Southfield native Amani Godfrey's five-hit, complete-game gem in the title game, the locals yielded just two runs over their final 23 innings of competition.

"We didn't hit the cover off the ball," Cotter

said, "but our pitching and defense were amazing."

The four players who represented Garden City – Dakota Mahkimetass, Tyler Kelly, Alex Centofanti and Kyle Wladysiak – all made huge contributions, Cotter noted.

"Dakota had some timely hits and pitched extremely well in our first game against Windsor," Cotter said. "Tyler pitched twice and was flawless, while making several great plays in the outfield. Alex gave us solid defense in center,

right and left – his versatility was huge. And Kyle is one of the best defensive first basemen I've ever seen at this age."

Canton's Ryan Radwan also played a key role while serving as the team's leadoff batter and starting third baseman.

"Ryan is probably the most popular kid on the team," Cotter said. "He's always laughing and smiling. But once he steps foot on the field, he's all business."

An RBI single by Mahkimetass gave Detroit a quick 1-0 advantage in the top of the first before Windsor countered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Detroit evened the ledger at 2-2 when Mahkimetass was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the top of the fifth.

The eventual winning run scored on Godfrey's bases-loaded fielder's choice ground-out in the sixth.

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Getting hooked on hockey



Compuware Arena is hosting a 'Try Hockey for Free' program 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, specifically for potential players who have never played hockey. Equipment will be provided and participants must be new to hockey. Anyone interested must preregister at www.maha.org. As shown from this 2012 photo, Plymouth Whalers players will be in attendance. Here, Whalers alum Alex Aleari (Farmington Hills) greets youngsters. Another perk? A Detroit Red Wings jersey will be raffled. PETE KRUPSKY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

SPORTS SHORTS

Learn To Skate

Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer a seven-week Learn To Skate (Session I) on Mondays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 21, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Monday's class schedule includes: 5-5:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1 and intro to synchronized skating); 5:25-5:50 p.m. (Basic 1-8); 6-6:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1-3); 6:25-6:50 p.m. (hockey skills with no sticks or pucks used).

The fee is \$66 (Livonia residents) or \$69 (non-residents). All classes and time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free skate rental is available.

Registration for new students or missed mail-in will be 6:30-8 p.m.

(residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the LCRC.

Other learn to skate classes offered include Session 2, Oct. 28 to Dec. 16 (preregistration deadline Oct. 16); and Session 3, Jan. 1 to March 3, 2014 (preregistration deadline Jan. 1).

Ice show rehearsal will be March 9-29 with show dates March 28-29. For more information, call 734-266-2412.

Pro wrestling card

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will be taping four episodes of its Collision card for WMYD-TV (Channel 20) beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, at the VFW Post No. 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the event is free. For more informa-

tion, visit MPWAwrestling.com.

Soccer officials

The United Federation of Officials is offering a soccer referee training class Monday, Aug. 19, at Cabrini High School, 15305 Wick, Allen Park.

The target audience for the class is high school juniors and seniors, who will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentoring Program. It is also open for interested adults.

Class fee includes MHSAA registration fees. Those completing the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO games in the fall 2013 season.

For more information, contact Byron Beattie at 734-775-4134.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST CANCER CURE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: "Stand UP for a Cure" will honor 3-Day walkers, celebrate cancer survivors, and will include prayers and encouragement for those suffering from cancer. The congregation will ask God to aid in the process of finding a cure for cancer. Refreshments will be served after the worship service

Contact: 248-476-8222

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries.

Contact: 734-427-8743

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, at Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Car entry fee is \$10. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Prizes will be given to top three cars voted on by spectators. A special prize will go to the fan favorite 1953 model. All makes and models are eligible for the show.

Contact: Shon Murphy at 734-658-0250 or Bob Metzger at 734-732-1718

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: The church shows the movie "Angels in the Outfield." Admission is free. Hot dogs, chips and ice cream will be available for a donation

Contact: 248-553-3380

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 28

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Details: Early Childhood Program offers toddler, preschooler, pre-K and daycare sessions. It's open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, in a Christian-based center

Contact: 734-513-8413

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 22-23 and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God" will include water science, crafts, music and Bible fun

Contact: 734-464-0990

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY



Martha Munizzi performs a benefit concert Sept. 13 for the Salvation Army.

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

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

Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta leads a study of 1 and 2 Peter. The study is open to all, regardless of religious or parish affiliation. Attendees should bring their own Bibles

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

CATHOLICISM PROGRAM

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28

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

Details: An in-depth study of the program, "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" by the Rev. Robert Barron, focuses on the mission of the Christian church within the boundaries of contemporary culture, including atheism and moral relativity. Barron's series has been seen on many PBS stations. Registration for the program is required and study guide materials cost \$25

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

CONCERT

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

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

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

Contact: www.salarmythrift.com; 313-965-7760

EUCHRE NIGHT

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Mass, followed by games

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

Details: The church's singles group for ages 30-60 will attend Mass and play euchre. Board games also will be available. Event organizers ask attendees to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. Participants may bring alcoholic beverages. The event will be held in the convent basement. RSVP by Sept. 18

Contact: 313-255-6330

Contact: catholicings@livoniastmichael.org

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2 and 9

Location: St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is designed to be prayerful, practical and personal and is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.

Contact: Parish phone is 248-476-4700; email kay@saint-priscilla.org

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, from Sept. 26-Nov. 21, excluding Oct. 31

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The eight-week workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," is free and open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Call the church for registration information

Contact: 734-427-1414

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 22-Jan. 5, 2014

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, south of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally-respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. The program is designed to offer encouragement, comfort and help with grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. Participants will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and will receive grief-related handouts each week. Registration fee is \$15, which will include a workbook.

Contact: Pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Admission \$1, strollers after 10 a.m.

Contact: sttimothypcusa.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, at Puritan, in Redford

Details: Bargains, including dishes, clothing, furniture, toys, seasonal, and miscellaneous. Baked goods will be available for purchase.

Contact: 313-255-6330

WORLD PRAYER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. prayer vigil, 7:30 p.m. worship service, Thursday, Sept. 12

Location: Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Celebrates World Day of Prayer, "Living Well: Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit"

Contact: 734-421-1760

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation.

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

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Mark your calendars for Livonia's outdoor flea market

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Stories of finding inexpensive crystal pieces and hard-to-find artifacts are legendary among the bargain-hunters at the Livonia Historical Society's annual fall flea market.

"One of our volunteers has a Waterford sense and she can spot Waterford anywhere. She'll tell you, 'Oh, my gosh, I got this for a dollar or that for two dollars.' Another member found a beautiful footed silver tray for 75 cents," said Linda Wiacek, program supervisor at Greenmead, Livonia's historic village. "People have been thrilled about what they got. I've seen birdbaths, lawn statues, antique sewing machines, toys — it runs the gamut. I know Olympia Stadium seats have been purchased here."

Robert Legel of the society recalls that a volunteer and Civil War buff once found a coveted "reverse trumpet" at the show.

"It goes over your shoulder and the horn points backwards so that when they were marching, they'd hear the sound," Legel explained. "There's a lot of Civil War stuff, old records, glassware, it's a whole panorama."

They guarantee shoppers will find many treasure-hunting opportunities at this year's show,

set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Admission is \$2 for adults; children under 12 are admitted free. Food and refreshments will be available and from noon to 3 p.m. the village will be open for tours.

Wiacek said more than 170 vendors will sell their antiques, collectibles and garage sale items, making the upcoming fall show the biggest yet.

Proceeds for preservation

The fall show is one of two flea markets held annually at Greenmead. The June event benefits Greenmead. The society co-sponsors the fall show with the Livonia Historical Commission, but its proceeds also benefit the historical village.

"Money from the flea market goes for preservation and restoration of the buildings here at Greenmead," Wiacek said. "Our biggest project ever attempted is coming to conclusion — the Simmons Hill house. We've been raising money for that for decades and working on it less than a year."

A restoration company is refurbishing the house from floor to ceiling, fixing plaster, the roof, radiators, upgrading electrical, plumbing, heating, repainting and re-doing floors. Air conditioning was added to help keep the building at



Vendors sell antiques, collectibles and garage sale items at the fall flea market at Greenmead in Livonia.

a consistent temperature in the summer, aiding preservation of artifacts.

"We're not done with the project. The exterior looks fabulous and the interior looks good. We hope to have it open in December."

The June show drew more than 4,000 visitors to Greenmead. Wiacek expects a repeat next month if weather stays dry.

"In June, we had so many people walking out with kitschy-looking artifacts, decorative things you'd find in a home. There was a lot of interesting stuff."

She found a 1940s telephone that reminded her of her childhood. "I was thrilled with it," she said.

For more information about the flea market, call 248-477-7375.



Shopper Judy Opiela checks out pottery at a previous Livonia Historical Society flea market.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to

10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward,
Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sun-
days; storytelling, performances;

free with admission

Exhibits: Printmaking by Ells-
worth Kelly, through Sept. 8

Contact: 313-833-7900,
www.dia.org

GALLERY @ VT

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10
a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday,
during public performances and
by appointment. Upcoming
exhibit runs through Aug. 28

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

Details: The Canton Historical
Society shows photos and arti-
facts

Contact: www.cantonhistori-
calsociety.org; 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednes-
day-Saturday, through Aug. 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, North-
ville

Details: "Collaboration and
Continuum: The Carnival Photo-
graphs of Bill Rauhauser and
Carlos Diaz," curated by Mary
McNichols, Ph.D.

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

FILM COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30
p.m., with movies starting
around 9:20 p.m., daily, through
Sept. 1

Location: 14900 Beck between
Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth
Township

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8
for children, 4-12; kids 3 and
under are admitted free of
charge. Students with proper ID
are admitted for \$8 Sunday
through Thursday. Patrons listen
to the movies on the FM band of
their car radio

Contact: 734-927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug.
23, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-
Sunday, Aug. 24-25

Location: 760 Penniman Ave.,
Plymouth

Details: "Man of Steel," admis-
sion, \$3

Coming up: "Monsters Univer-
sity," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, and
4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-
Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; "The
Internship," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-7, and
4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday,
Sept. 8

Summer Matinee: "Chitty
Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22;
"The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29.
Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-453-0870;
www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug.
23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sat-
urday, Aug. 24

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of
Grand River Avenue, Detroit

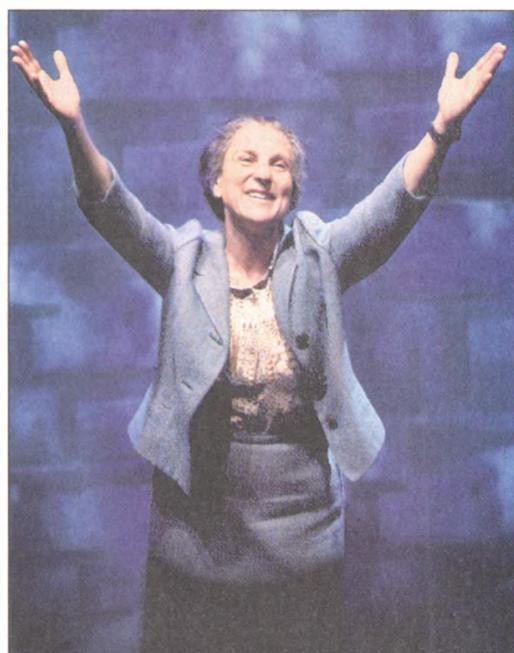
Details: "Jaws," with Richard
Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider, \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Germaine Gebbard is among the comedians, and storytellers that will appear in The UFO Show III, 8 p.m. Aug. 29 at The Mix Studio Theatre in Ypsilanti.



Tovah Feldshuh performs "Golda's Balcony" Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield.

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

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

Contact: www.plymouth-

history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge
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Plymouth
Details: Tommy Good Quartet performs, with Ray Tini on bass, Jim Ryan on drums and Chuck Shermatero on keyboard, on Tuesday, Aug. 27. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN
Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday
Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday and Saturday featured artist: Mike Galbraith and Mike Anton, Saturday, Aug. 24; Sentimental Value, Saturday, Aug. 31. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.
Contact: 734-454-0178

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

Details: Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Seger Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacquez, Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone, Sept. 13; The Yellow Room Gang featuring Mustard's Retreat, Annie Capps, Matt Watroba and Kitty Donohoe, Sept. 14; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Sept. 20; The Boogie Woogie Kid Matthew Ball, Sept. 21. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE SERIES
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

SOMETHING DIFFERENT CAR CRUISE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25
Location: Hines Drive from Outer Drive to Ann Arbor Trail

Details: Wayne County Parks Cruisin' Hines draws approximately 40,000 classic cars and hot rods. Hines Drive is closed to regular traffic during the Cruise. Cruisers must enter Hines Drive from Merriman. All spectators can enter at Merriman, Telegraph or the Warendale picnic area in Dearborn Heights. Food concessions will be available at spectator areas
Contact: Wayne County Parks, 734-261-1990; www.cruisinhines.com or www.waynecounty.com

DETROIT ZOO
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Wednesday during the summer
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Zoomance: Designed for the 21-and-older crowd, Summer Zoomance allows grown-ups to relive their fond memories of the Detroit Zoo while creating new ones during a twilight stroll among the animal habitats. The event will feature complimentary carousel rides, tram tours, animal enrichment and zoo-keeper talks. Blues guitarist and vocalist Laithe Al-Saadi will perform, and food and adult beverages will be available for purchase. The event runs 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, rain or shine. Admission is \$14. Parking is free for Detroit Zoological Society members and \$5 for nonmembers. Buy advance tickets online at www.detroit-zoo.org.

Run Wild: A 5K run starts at 8 a.m., followed by a 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and an untimed fun walk at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 15. The event benefits the Zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care. Registration cost is \$25 for the fun walk, \$30 for the 5K race and \$35 for the 10K race. Register at www.detroitzoo.org/runwild until Sept. 11. Register at the zoo Sept. 13-15.

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older, from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, along with their caregiver, will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4. The event includes live music, bingo, tractor train tours, zoo-



Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo offers a fun run, 5K or 10 K race on Sunday, Sept. 15. Sign up at detroitzoo.org.

keeper talks and a senior resource area.
Contact: 248-541-5717

UFO SHOW III
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29
Location: The Mix Studio, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Emergent Arts presents an evening of standup, storytelling and original songs, featuring Chevy Hungerford, Drew Grimaldi, Germaine Gebhard, Brad Wenzel, Andy Jentzen, Marty Smith, and Marc Holland. Tickets are \$8, available at www.emergentarts.com
Contact: 734-985-0875

THEATER BERMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 1
Location: On the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit campus, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Tovah Feldshuh takes on the role of Golda Meir in this one-woman show. Tickets are \$67; \$62 for Jewish Community Center members.
Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH PLAYERS

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

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

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23-24 and Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 29-31
Location: MacKenzie Fine Arts Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

Details: The college's Humanities and Social Science Division and Theatre Arts Department will present Eric Bogosian's "Drinking in America." Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 for faculty, students and seniors. Buy them online at theatre.hfcc.edu
Contact: 313-845-6478

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 13-14, 20-21 and 2 p.m. Sept. 15 and 22
Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 24-25
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The senior troupe performs the musical comedy, "Father Bingo," penned by Dearborn Heights resident Bill Nillson. The troupe is accompanied by a live orchestra. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and youth
Contact: 734-394-5300, 734-394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater

TLC PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: TLC Productions presents an anthology of rock and roll music. Performers include Dave Schmidt of Northville, on guitar, John Fitzgerald of Commerce, on bass guitar, Cheryl Chanko of South Lyon, on keyboard, and Bob Espinoza of

Canton, on drums, along with vocalists Tim Chanko of Canton, Maureen Paraventi of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$15, call 734-3945300 or 734-394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater or tlcprouductions.org. Or buy tickets at the door up to one hour before show time.
Contact: christopher@tlcprouductions.org or tlcprouductions.org

Comedian Gordon "Big" Dooley will kick off a monthly stand-up comedy series next month in the banquet room at Wayne Bowl in Wayne.
 First Friday Funnies will feature comics from Comic View, Last Comic Standing, Def Comedy Jam along with local talent, the first Friday of the month. Doors will open at 8 p.m. and the show will start at 9 p.m.
 Charlie Nerwhart, Jason Keacher, Mic Larry and Kevin Zeoli will take the stage on Sept. 6, with Dooley, who's known as "Big Dooley Jokes," hosting the show. Drink and food specials will be available and DJ Keyvd

Friday Funnies series brings comedians to Wayne Bowl



Gordon "Big" Dooley brings comedians to the stage Sept. 6 at Wayne Bowl, in Wayne.

case, Laff Tracks in Novi, and Starter's Bar & Grill in Plymouth, among many other comedy venues in Metro Detroit. He's the founder of Dooley BoyzENT and works as a show host and promoter in addition to performing his own comedy act.
 Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, or buy three and get one free. They're available at Finishing Touch Hats & Clothier, 35006 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne, and United Sonz, 105 W. Michigan Ave. Tickets also are available at bigdooleyjokes.com.

The Wayne Bowl is located at 36900 Michigan Ave; 734-721-7530.

will be on hand.
 Dooley, of Ypsilanti, has appeared at the Ann Arbor Comedy Show-

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LOCAL MOM GOES ORGANIC ...

ON A BUDGET

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

The word “organic” seems to be popping up everywhere. Most grocery stores now offer some organic fruits and vegetables. There’s organic yogurt, organic milk and even organic snack foods. It’s enough to make a mainstream eater think twice.

Organic, a label regulated by the U.S. Food & Drug administration, means the food was produced with no genetically-modified organisms or other chemical additives. Is it really better? And is it worth the extra money?

Yes, says Julie TwoMoon, a naturopathic doctor and the founder of Seven Directions Center for Restorative Medicine in Plymouth, who feeds her family of five only organic foods.

“The most poignant importance is not eating genetically-modified foods and the residues,” TwoMoon said. “They’re directly related to dramatic cellular changes,” also known as the precursors to diseases like cancer.

Studies on mice have shown the results of eating genetically modified corn. There’s immediate bleeding in the digestive tract, and cancerous cells have developed within two years, TwoMoon said.

Granted, it’s TwoMoon’s business to support organic foods as a naturopathic doctor. But her arguments were enough to win over her office manager, Elizabeth Dunham, a Plymouth resident with a 10-year-old son.

Making the change

“It was something I had been thinking about for about a year,” Dunham said. “One day there was that tipping point.”

Dunham went all organic last winter. During her first week on the new diet, she paid \$50 more for groceries because she bought staples, including a big bag of organic flour. It turned out that with a little planning, buying organic wasn’t nearly as expensive as she thought.

“I was feeding a family of five for \$150-\$200 per week,” she said. At that time, her household included herself, her son, her husband, her mother-in-law and brother-in-law.

Dunham’s prime sources for organic are Better Health and Pure Pastures in Plymouth, along with some farmers markets.

Coupons are available for 10-20 percent off groceries at Better Health, depending on the day you shop, she said. At Pure Pastures, it’s



Naturopathic doctor Julie TwoMoon uses many medicinal herbs harvested from her organic garden.

not uncommon to find a deal that entitles you to a free chicken if you spend \$50.

Dunham noticed one other savings perk. “What I noticed first was I was able to buy less (of the meat) and it went further.”

She said the taste of the food seemed to improve — no “soapy after-taste” — and best of all, her health improved.

“When I started working here (at Seven Directions), I was about 100 pounds heavier,” Dunham said. “Once I made the switch to organic, I started melting.”

It’s a phenomenon Dunham attributes to the chemicals in the food she previously was eating. “It would be like putting sugar in the gas tank of a car,” she said. Your body just doesn’t work as efficiently as it does without those additives, she explained.

And it’s not that she isn’t eating fat or is consuming only low-calorie foods. Dunham said she is choosing a higher standard — organic — for her food.

Growing their own

Dunham recently collaborated with TwoMoon to create an organic garden that will supply her food and cut costs even more. It’s called a hugelkultur garden, and it’s poised to yield more produce and herbs than other gardens. It needs little to no water.

Originally developed by Austrian agricultural consultant Sepp Holzer, the garden starts with a trench filled with 200-pound tree trunks and other large pieces of wood. The wood acts as a sponge in absorbing water and continually providing moisture to the soil.

TwoMoon has two such gardens — one in her front yard and one in her back yard — and said they cost next to nothing to build.

The trees and wood came from local companies that were happy to donate them for gardens, rather than pay for their removal. But it does take work to dig the trench.

“Ours is down about a foot and a half,” TwoMoon said. “To the naked eye, it looks like a landscape berm,” she said.

Since Dunham helped build the gardens, she has “joint custody.” As harvest time draws near, she’ll have access to free produce. TwoMoon also uses the produce to feed her family, and she harvests herbs like dill, fennel, Echinacea, basil and oregano for cooking and medicinal purposes.

TwoMoon encourages patients to eat organic, but understands it’s not easy at first. “I have a philosophy that we’re going to take giant baby steps,” she said. “It’s all about making that choice to start.”

TwoMoon recommends starting with meat sources, since chemicals fed to animals can be the most toxic. Seek out grass-fed beef and chicken as well as organic eggs. Next, she recommends moving to organic grains, and then produce.

“We have sources right here in Plymouth,” she said. She shops at Pure & Local Food in Plymouth as well as People’s Food Co-op in Ann Arbor and Zerbo’s in Livonia.

Dunham, for one, is happy she made the switch.

“You’re still able to eat normally,” Dunham said. “You’re just making different choices. I’ll still eat a bagel and cream cheese. It’s just really the quality of the food.”

Ready to eat organic? Try these recipes from Julie TwoMoon, Seven Directions Center for Restorative Medicine, with organic ingredients:

SUMMER SALAD WITH HERBS AND BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

Salad
2 cups red leaf lettuce
1 cup chopped red cabbage
1 cup shredded golden beets
½ cup shredded carrots
1 tablespoon fresh mint
1 tablespoon fresh basil
1 tablespoon fresh sage
1 cup fresh purslane, (this is a common weed best when found in your yard)
½ cup sprouted sunflower seeds
½ cup raw, smoked cheddar or any other raw, grass-fed cheese

Dressing:
2 cloves garlic
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ cup balsamic vinegar
½ cup olive oil
¼ cup flax oil (cold pressed)
½ tsp sea salt

Combine dressing ingredients in a mason jar. Once together, place lid on jar and shake to combine. For a light vinegar taste adjust oil and vinegar to your liking. Toss salad ingredients together with dressing and enjoy!

SUMMER BLUEBERRY QUINOA MUFFINS

2 cups quinoa flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons arrowroot powder
¼-½ cup maple syrup
¼ cup yogurt
¼ cup water
¼ cup melted coconut oil
1 ½ cup blueberries

Preheat oven to 400. Mix dry ingredients. Mix melted oil with maple syrup, yogurt and water. Blend dry and wet ingredients until smooth. Add berries and spoon into muffin cups with paper lining or oil pan with coconut oil. Bake for 20 minutes.



A red kuri squash and a butternut squash grow in the organic hugelkultur garden.

CITY BITES

Sample 12 restaurants

Plymouth — Tickets are available for the annual Penn-TasteTic Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. Adult tickets are \$20 and tickets for children, 10 and under, are \$15. “Crawlers” will taste samples and treats from Cupcake Station, E.G. Nicks, Greek Islands, Ironwood Grill, Jay’s Stuffed Burgers, Kilwin’s, Nico & Vali, Panache 447, Sardine Room, Sweet Afton Tea Room, Yogurt Palooza, and Zin Wine Bar & Restaurant. Attendees will get a chance to vote for their

favorite taste and restaurant. Get tickets from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and at Sun and Snow, 388 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Penn and the Chamber of Commerce. www.plymouthmich.org.

Food Truck Rally

Northville — The Downtown Northville Food Truck Rally, 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, will include live music by JustPushPlay from 1-3 p.m. and The Shawn Riley Band, 6-8 p.m.,

a “Bier Garden” and nine food trucks, all at Wing and First Street. The food trucks scheduled to be on site are El Guapo, Treat Dreams, Grindhouse, Kona Ice, MacShack, Meen Weenie, Ned’s Travel Burger, Rollin/Stone Wood Fired Pizza, and Time2Chill. Each truck will have a minimum of two menu items that will be offered in conjunction with a suggested beer pairing from the Bier Garden which will have brews from Right Brain Brewery and Sierra Nevada on tap. Admission to the Rally is free, but trucks will charge for food and beverages. Wristbands

for admission to the Bier Garden will cost \$2. The Bier Garden will be open from 1-9 p.m. Trucks will serve food from 3-8 p.m.

Benefiting MDA

Nationwide — Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt, with locations at 6427 N. Canton Center Road, in Canton, 29619 Plymouth Road, in Livonia, and 48010 Grand River Ave., in Novi, is accepting donations through Sept. 3 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Anyone who donates \$1 or more to the cause will receive a 15 percent off coupon.



Good to know good neighbors in times of need, joy

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Denise Semion of Plymouth Township values neighbor Joanne Wibright. "When I'm gone, she waters my pathetic little garden," said Semion, who lives by Wibright in the Lake Pointe subdivision in northern Plymouth Township. "She has a magnificent garden. She's bringing over a bounty of tomatoes soon."

Semion, communications manager for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and her husband alert the Wibrights when they're out of town. "It's always a comfort to know you've got somebody to depend on," Semion said.

The women also talk over the fence, gaining emotional support. Semion had a medical issue with her mom. "We talked for a while and she gave me a hug," she said.

Semion moved to the neighborhood in 1994, Wibright shortly after. Semion will give Wibright leftover cake for their three kids at home (there's another off at graduate school) to reciprocate.

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"I think Lake Pointe has always had a good reputation for nice houses and nice people," Semion said of her purchase. She also considered freeway access for commuting.

Realtor Bob Bake of Plymouth, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, has been in the business since 1967. Bake, who grew up in Northville, agrees good neighbors matter when buying.

"I don't think buyers give enough attention to who might live behind them or next to them," he said. He knows Plymouth and Northville well, but still encourages prospective buyers to ask a neighbor or two about living there.

"It makes sense to make an inquiry privately with a neighbor," he said. The prospective buyer can ask about schools.

"It can really help the buyer make the right judgment," Bake said. "I think neighbors are important. They are to me."

You can even visit the local police station to check reports on any safety

issues. "I think that's a good step to do as well," he said.

Due diligence on buying includes schools for those with children. "Schools are always a major influencing factor for young families," Bake said. Walkability and bus stop location are key.

He encourages a visit to the local elementary, middle or high school to check it out.

Bake has been in his Plymouth home 25 years. "Yes, I'm very fortunate," he said of neighbors. "I really had a high comfort level before I made the transition." His work gave him that knowledge.

He knows others who've been adjacent to a lighted, pro basketball court in the rear yard. "It's a real noise-maker," Bake said. "You really have no privacy on your patio or terrace."

That can happen with a backyard pool, too, he said, although the season is much shorter.

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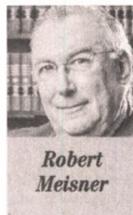
Expect to pay in Rome

Q: Are residential housing prices any more reasonable in Rome than has been the case in the past?

A: Generally not, since the availability for building new residences is limited by space and stringent municipal regulations. If you want to purchase an apartment or house overlooking the city, perhaps 20 minutes away from the Coliseum, it can be even more expensive, similar to Paris or New York. As in the U.S., you should retain a lawyer, along with an experienced real estate broker, before you sign any agreement.

Q: I am thinking about buying a villa either around Sienna, Italy, or Florence, Italy. Am I better off buying a condominium or a villa and where?

A: Both cities are quaint and majestic and offer housing at relatively reasonable costs depending, of course, on the location. If you want a reasonable apartment, you can find one in Sienna near the center of town at a reasonable cost, but in Florence you will have to go outside of the core city if you want anything resembling a high rise. As to a villa, anywhere in Tuscany can be lovely, but more pricey, look carefully before you leap!



Robert Meisner

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Seminar

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

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 15-19, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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15509 Buckingham Ave \$192,000
17115 Kinross Ave \$240,000
31085 Rivers Edge Ct \$284,000
30220 Steinar St \$277,000

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1001 Abbey St \$300,000
205 E Southlawn Blvd \$268,000
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2805 Ayershire Dr \$381,000
6342 Dakota Cir \$410,000
1641 Fairford Dr \$290,000
1281 Fox Chase Rd \$600,000
1736 Hamilton Dr \$235,000
1237 Lone Pine Rd \$425,000
2071 Stone Hollow Ct \$277,000
2685 Warwick Ct \$255,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
3629 Beagle Dr \$235,000
5611 Blackmoor St \$80,000
201 Bobolink Ave \$92,000
9499 Chaumont Dr \$145,000
8581 Golf Lane Dr \$155,000
1879 Union Cir \$475,000

5056 Wavewood Dr \$399,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
34581 Fendt St \$157,000
28882 Kendallwood Dr \$200,000
23460 N Stockton Ave \$95,000
31880 Nottingwood St \$156,000
30986 Pine Cone Dr \$275,000
32701 W 13 Mile Rd \$155,000
36111 W Lyman Rd \$160,000
FRANKLIN
30133 Cheviot Hills Dr \$648,000
MILFORD
1860 Dunhill Dr \$275,000
1647 Hunters Lake Dr \$510,000
4475 Pommore \$75,000
4901 S Duck Lake Rd \$299,000
NORTHVILLE
22297 Hillside Dr \$130,000
21332 Lujon Dr \$278,000

NOVI
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44573 Ellery Ln \$183,000
43041 Emerson Way \$252,000
44737 Huntington Dr \$227,000
27005 Maxwell Ct \$270,000
30799 Palmer Dr \$184,000
27183 Victoria Rd \$260,000
39570 Westminster Cir \$327,000
SOUTH LYON
24473 Brompton Way \$319,000
SOUTHFIELD
27305 Berkshire Dr \$74,000
30830 Everett St \$90,000
24800 Farmbrook Rd \$130,000
17260 Mount Vernon St \$95,000
WHITE LAKE
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636 Buchanan St \$195,000
7554 Capri Dr \$169,000
47903 Cardiff Ave \$115,000
39810 Coronation Rd \$175,000
41782 Coventry Way \$140,000
50229 Grant St \$268,000
50319 Grant St \$327,000
43590 Hanford Rd \$200,000
451 Highlands Dr \$335,000
1515 Manton Blvd \$178,000
6172 Meadowview Dr \$299,000
44498 Palmer Rd \$218,000
44475 Savery Dr \$51,000
3747 Shepherd Ln \$195,000
46999 Sherwood Ct \$228,000
48918 Stanton Ct E \$425,000
48269 Wadebridge Dr \$362,000
1438 Wagon Wheel Rd \$189,000
42124 Woodcreek Ln \$262,000

2674 Woodmont Dr E \$171,000
GARDEN CITY
31715 Cambridge St \$58,000
29613 Chester St \$80,000
32251 Elmwood St \$42,000
5651 Gilman St \$55,000
6119 Helen St \$29,000
LIVONIA
31550 Six Mile Rd \$230,000
34092 Angeline Ave \$243,000
36754 Angeline Cir \$127,000
36796 Angeline Cir \$130,000
38971 Ann Arbor Trl \$120,000
19684 Antago St \$84,000
27615 Bentley St \$128,000
32015 Bretton St \$173,000
9455 Cardwell St \$137,000
11985 Chase Blvd \$213,000
38888 Donald St \$145,000
18948 Doris St \$130,000
15926 Ellen Dr \$195,000
30021 Fairfax St \$114,000
20305 High St \$125,000
11791 Hunters Park Ct \$260,000
19759 Inkster Rd \$30,000
14521 Merriman Rd \$102,000
16023 Merriman Rd \$199,000

31457 Merriwood Park Dr \$118,000
16547 Middlebelt Rd \$32,000
35340 Minton St \$120,000
19261 Newburgh Rd \$125,000
18361 Norwich Rd \$120,000
29509 Nottingham Ct \$96,000
29538 Pickford St \$147,000
14368 Ramblewood St \$145,000
20125 Rensellor St \$105,000
37571 Saint Martins St \$365,000
NORTHVILLE
44456 Broadmoor Blvd \$370,000
16860 Dover Dr \$130,000
39468 Edgewater Dr \$2,000
16584 Lyonhurst Cir \$308,000
15561 Prestwick Ct \$785,000
41340 Windsor Ct \$93,000
PLYMOUTH
850 Arthur St \$70,000
12313 Duxbury Ct \$345,000
50447 Elmwood Ct \$330,000
40320 Gilbert St \$172,000
46041 Green Valley Rd \$321,000
1441 Linden St \$605,000
8830 Morrison Ave \$145,000
11711 Paciocco Ct \$585,000
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9028 Rucker Ave \$180,000
41370 Schoolcraft Rd \$202,000
12062 Talltree Dr \$300,000
REDFORD
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11404 Inkster Rd \$13,000
17714 Kinloch \$55,000
19958 Lennane \$30,000
18284 Lexington \$35,000
14225 Marshall Dr \$166,000
9944 Nathaline \$65,000
20565 Negaunee \$15,000
9621 Seminole \$68,000
11396 Virgil \$65,000
26345 W Six Mile Rd \$66,000
12831 Winston \$32,000
WESTLAND
36050 Abbey Dr \$135,000
6356 E Morgan Cir \$95,000
30400 Ledgecliff Ave \$115,000
32248 Melton St \$65,000
34871 Poplar Ln \$100,000
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ACROSS

- Man's best friend
- Type of sock
- Trunk possessor
- Want-ad letters
- Realtor's offering
- Scream and shout
- Braincases
- Notorious Idi
- Actress — Martinelli
- Generously
- Burrow dweller
- Sassy talk
- Microbiology gel
- Fragrant firs
- Well-worn pencil
- Rugged vehicles
- Ring combatant
- Listening post
- Splinter group
- Cross-examine
- Lab glassware
- Vicious elephant
- hygiene
- Slippery — eel
- Reviews, for instance (hyph.)
- Move like a butterfly
- Warm up
- Lay down
- Weight units
- Good old days
- 1040 pro

DOWN

- Holiday mo.
- Above, in verse
- Region of India
- Dish with beans
- Waken rudely
- Jane Austen heroine
- Unseled of the NBA
- Walks heavily
- Incline
- Wicked
- Counting-rhyme start
- Wyo. neighbor
- Feels crummy
- Social standing
- Malaria symptom
- Overindulge
- Relay segment
- Drone
- Jungle swingers
- Stime
- Mil. officers
- Canseco or Ferrer
- Taiga denizen
- Stomping grounds
- Department store event
- Monk
- Espresso with milk
- Inflatable item, maybe
- King Harald's capital
- Narrow the gap
- Sandwich cookie
- A question of motive
- Checkout ID
- Kind of tent
- RR terminal

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ALMA	STUD	OAF
FOAL	CITE	FLU
RICE	REACH	FOR
ONEROUS	EASEL	
	TAB	BIL
WHISK	KITTIES	
AMT	FIG	CRI
YODELED	HEIRS	
	DAM	PAM
RADAR	LUMBERS	
TURMERIC	ABUT	
ERE	DIRK	ROBE
SAG	ODES	KNEW

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		6	3	7				
2		4	5					
	9			2		8	7	5
	1	8		3		4		
		9		4	6	2		
	2		9			6		
			4		1		8	
8					3		4	
3	4	1	8	2				

Level: Beginner

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WORDS

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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6	9	7	2	5	8	3	4	1	3
5	4	1	3	8	2	6	9	7	8
4	1	3	8	2	6	9	7	8	2
3	8	2	6	9	7	8	2	6	9
8	2	6	9	7	8	2	6	9	7
7	8	2	6	9	7	8	2	6	9
5	4	1	3	8	2	6	9	7	8
2	7	4	1	3	8	2	6	9	7
3	6	9	7	8	2	6	9	7	8
4	1	3	8	2	6	9	7	8	2

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