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Email the photos as JPEG attachments to **Canton Observer** Editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com), making sure to include your family's name, address (not for publication), the names of anyone who might be in the picture and a phone number (also not for publication) we can call if we have any questions.

## Goodfellow help

Friendly adult Canton residents are needed for morning and afternoon shifts Saturday, Dec. 1, to distribute, for donations, the Canton Goodfellows "No Canton Child Without a Christmas" newspapers at locally secured businesses.

Additional volunteer opportunities may be available that day.

For more information or to sign up, email Paula Kosbe at [paula.kosbe@cantonmi.org](mailto:paula.kosbe@cantonmi.org).

## Voter guides

The League of Women Voters of Northway County is providing voters several opportunities to learn about their candidates in advance of election day Nov. 6.

Videos of the candidate forums for the 11th District Congressional race, held Oct. 1, and for the election of the 20th and 21st District state representatives held Sept. 24, can be accessed on the League's website at [www.lwvww.org](http://www.lwvww.org).

Non-partisan voter guides are now available in all of the public libraries. Local candidates are highlighted, as well as statewide candidates. Additionally, the voter guides include pro and con arguments on the state ballot proposals.

Those who wish to review their election information online should visit [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org).

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## Ford fix could disrupt business

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Despite a persistent push by Canton for a solution to Ford Road traffic woes, local officials say any fix chosen by the Michigan Department of Transportation is certain to disrupt the community's core shopping district.

to spend money at retail shops, restaurants and other companies along the vibrant commercial strip.

More than 300 businesses have made their home along the Downtown Development Authority district that extends from the Canton-Westland boundary to just west of Canton Center, a three-mile stretch that could face upheaval as MDOT moves to improve traffic flow — whenever it happens.

"It's going to impact our district, whatever is done," said Kathleen Salla, DDA coordinator. "If nothing is done, it's going to impact it, too. It's just so important if there is construction that those business areas are accessible and that people can get in and out of them."

### Growth spurt

Local leaders say Canton has become a victim of its own success. Decades of growth

along the Ford Road corridor made the area a popular shopping destination and even lured retail giant IKEA, yet the burgeoning district has spurred traffic bottlenecks that frustrate even the most patient drivers.

"We have worked really hard to make the area attractive," Salla said. "We want to keep it vibrant."

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Seventh-grader Ola Young walks to the office at Central Middle School. The multiple additions to the building mean that there are many halls with short sight lines, making it more difficult for staff to monitor student activity.

## The Central issue

### District's oldest building presents learning challenges

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

If anyone knows the unique challenges facing teachers and students navigating the learning environment at Central Middle School, it's probably Debbie Stephens.

Stephens has one child who's already been through the school and went on to graduate. She also has a second child, currently a high school senior, and a third child who is a seventh-grader at Central.

And she has, after all, been a teacher at Plymouth-Canton's oldest school for more than 16 years. She knows it's too hot in the summer, and not warm enough in the winter. She knows there aren't enough electrical outlets and there isn't running water in enough places.

In short, she knows Central — built in the early 1900s and the original Plymouth High School — doesn't

*"We have great teachers here. And there's an opportunity for us to do greater things than we can because of the building we're in."*



DEBBIE STEPHENS  
Central Middle School teacher

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## Church's marathon team shatters fundraising goal

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A NorthRidge Church marathon team has shattered its \$500,000 goal of raising money to bring clean water to two villages in Zambia, a landlocked nation

in southern Africa where people are becoming sick or dying because they drink and use dirty water hauled miles from polluted ponds.

New figures show the Ride

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NorthRidge Church members (from left) Rita Thompson, Cathy Jordan and Kristen Hare run the Chicago Marathon to raise money to bring clean water to Zambia.

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## Making spirits bright

The First Congregational Church of Wayne will host its 66th annual Christmas Fair, "Making Spirits Bright", 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 1-2 at the historical church in Wayne, located at 2 Towne Square on Wayne Road between Michigan Avenue East and West. Delicious a la carte lunches are served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and turkey dinners with all the trimmings from 5-7 p.m. Cost for meals are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Shops are open all day and include a Country Store, Attic Treasures, Boutique, Christmas Shop, Used Book Store, Hand Made Goods, Coffee Shop, Specialties Shop and a Home Made Candy Booth. Shoppers will find beautiful Christmas decorations, canned fruits and vegetables, delicious candies of all kinds and Christmas gifts galore. Pictured are church members Louise Steinhauer (from left), Bob Miller, Bev Wensko and Suzanne Smith with some of the items for sale.

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-availability basis. Send details to [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com)

### MEDICARE COUNSELING

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 1, 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** United Home Health Services office, 2200 Canton Center in Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify & report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.

**Contact:** Call United Home Health Services, (734) 981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at [www.mmapi.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapi.org/pages/about.html)

### CHARITY EVENT

**Date/Time:** Friday, Nov. 2, 6-10 p.m.

**Location:** Genitt's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville

**Details:** United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care company in Canton, hosts its sixth annual charity event. The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater includes a seven-course Italian family style dinner followed by the hilarious audience participation murder mystery, "Murder at Party Beach." Reservations are \$50. All proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond insurance coverage. It is also used to provide food, clothing, emergency medications, transportation, and medical equipment for patients in need.

**Contact:** For reservations or more information, contact Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820.

### QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Canton Newcomers and Neighbors benefits from this fundraiser. Cost: 1 paddle \$5; 2 paddles \$7; 3 paddles \$8. Quarters for bidding (Quarters available for purchase at event). Bids on donated items range from 1 to 6 quarters. Food, drink and cookies available for purchase. There will be drawings for bringing a non-member guest and for purchasing 3 paddles, along with a 50-50 raffle. All proceeds benefit Canton Newcomers and Neighbors.

**Contact:** Kristina Wittner, (734) 787-9954

### BLOOD DRIVES

**Dates:** Various

**Locations:** Various

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at the following dates, times and locations: Monday, Oct. 22, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2-7:45 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 24, VW Post 6695, Plymouth, 2-7:45 p.m.

**Contact:** Donors can contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

### HOLIDAY ART FAIR

**Date/Time:** Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Connection Church in Canton

**Details:** Connection Church in Canton hosts a Holiday Art Fair. If you have a craft and are interested in renting a table (\$35 & \$25).

**Contact:** For more information please email Katy at [cholidayartfair@gmail.com](mailto:cholidayartfair@gmail.com).

### ANNIE, JR.

**Dates/Times:** Nov. 1-4, 7 p.m.; Nov. 3-4, 2 p.m.

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

**Details:** Forever After Productions youth theater company will present Annie, Jr. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. It tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents who abandoned her years ago at the doorsteps of a New York City orphanage. Song favorites include "Maybe," "Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street" and "Tomorrow." Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. The 2012-2013 season includes A Christmas Carol in November/December, Les Misérables School Edition in February and Disney's Little Mermaid in March. Log on to [foreverafterproductions.com](http://foreverafterproductions.com) for more information about auditions and performance schedules. Purchase tickets at [www.foreverafterproductions.com](http://www.foreverafterproductions.com). Tickets are also available at Forever After Productions, 50429 Independence Street, Canton, MI 48188 or at Dance Beat, 1100 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. All tickets are \$15.

**Contact:** [www.foreverafterproductions.com](http://www.foreverafterproductions.com) or call (734) 547-5156.

### HEALING HEARTS

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** Grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system. Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc. provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, [bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com) or visit [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com).



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# Slavens: Jobs, education top priorities

State Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton is seeking a third term representing state House District 21. She recently offered the following thoughts on various issues:

**Observer: What made you decide to run for State Representative?**

Slavens: I had concerns about what was going on in Lansing. I am a mother and a grandmother who is invested in my community. I have 3 children whom I wanted to be able to have a career here in Michigan after they graduated from college. I was concerned about the availability of jobs in this state and wanted to make sure that we were contributing to an environment where we can encourage job creation. I was concerned about the funding for our schools, and wanted to make sure that we are providing a

## THE SLAVENS FILE

**Name:** Dian Slavens  
**Hometown:** Canton Township  
**Family:** Married to Mark Slavens; three children, Molly, Damey and Patrick. We also have a grandson, Evan.

**Profession:** Current State Legislator, HD-21

**Education:** Associates Degree in Allied Health, Certified Respiratory Therapist  
**Previous public-sector experience:** Respiratory Therapist

**Community involvement:** Volunteering in Plymouth Canton Community Schools, former Sunday School teacher at Geneva Presbyterian, and former Girl Scout leader

**Website:** DianSlavens.com

**21st century education for our kids. I am running for reelection to continue my work in the State Legislature to ensure all children in Michigan are healthy, well-educated, and encouraged to build their adult lives in our state.**

**Observer: What are the**

**three biggest issues facing Michigan? How would you address them?**

Slavens: I believe that we need to focus on job creation. We need to support small businesses and make Michigan attractive to green businesses. We need to stand up for middle class priorities



by fighting the attacks on our public schools and by making sure that School Aid Fund money is restored. We also must repeal the unnecessary tax on our seniors' retirements.

**Observer: Education is always an issue in this race. Has the state handled funding, curriculum and other education issues the right way? What would you do differently?**

Slavens: We need to handle the issue of school funding. I believe that cutting \$470 per pupil was harsh and in direct opposition to the needs of Michigan, our schools, and our students. Our K-12 funding should not have been slashed to pay for higher education when we must invest in education at all levels. We should use the rainy day fund and put money back into schools to prepare students for

the 21st century.

**Observer: Every politician who runs for office says they can "work with anyone across the aisle," yet it never seems to happen. What can be done to get the parties to work better together?**

Slavens: I have been known to work on both sides of the aisle. For example, one of the many bills that I worked on with Republicans was the bill I introduced to ban lifetime health care benefits for legislators. I sought and received tremendous bipartisan support. Unfortunately, since the republicans have been in control of all three branches of government, they are often unwilling to work with Democrats and to take amendments from Democrats.

**Observer: What makes you the best choice for the job?**  
Slavens: I've spent the past four years working

to bring jobs and improve the quality of life for the people of our community in Belleville, Canton, and Van Buren. My experience and desire to continue this hard work, sets me apart. I have been an advocate for "Buy Michigan First." I have pushed for more transparency in government and to ban lifetime health care for legislators. I have pushed for — and will continue to push for — aggressive job creation strategies. My first bill signed into law expanded Michigan's first-in-the-nation incentives for companies that make advanced batteries, like those found in hybrid and electric vehicles. Because of this ground-breaking plan, eight world-class companies plan to invest at least \$4.4 billion in Michigan and create nearly 8,000 jobs for our workers.

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## 'Neighborhood' event to answer questions

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton officials say homeowner groups tackling vacant-home blight, unpaid association dues, legal matters, neighborhood ordinance violations and other issues can become frustrated and overburdened, particularly when problems are compounded by housing market woes.

To get answers for local residents, especially homeowner association members, the township has corralled attorneys and ordinance officers for an event dubbed

Neighborhood Know-How, set for 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at Summit on the Park's grand ballroom.

"Canton is filled with homeowner associations, and they call our offices a lot looking for help," Amy Hughesdon, assistant to township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, said. "They might need help with a management company, vacant homes that look bad, ordinance issues or people who aren't paying their (association) dues."

Hughesdon touted Monday's session as a one-stop way Canton homeowner

groups — at no cost — can find the help they need. It's free, and it's open to all Canton residents.

Groups will be divided into homeowners and condominium associations — two groups that can face similar, though different, issues. Attorneys and ordinance officers will be assigned to each group.

Officials would prefer that residents planning to attend notify the supervisor's office by calling (734) 394-5185. However, Hughesdon said those who aren't certain whether they can attend may simply choose to show up.

## MARATHON

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Runners team from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Detroit and other communities has raised \$544,274 — outstripping a goal that was set prior to the Oct. 7 Chicago Marathon.

Bryan Amann, a Canton resident and NorthRidge director of spiritual formation, shifted much of the credit away from the Ridge Runners and toward donors all across metro Detroit who supported the team's efforts to help Zambia through World Vision, a Christian relief organization.

"It's more a reflection of the people in our area who made the contributions," Amann said.

### Child sponsors

NorthRidge members also sponsor nearly 3,000 African children every month through donations to World Vision.

World Vision President Rich Stearns, in a video address to NorthRidge senior pastor Brad Powell and his congregation, said the Plymouth-based church has set the bar high for others.

"I could never have imagined what this church body was capable of," Stearns said in the video, posted on the NorthRidge website.

In one revealing statistic, the 228-member Ridge Runners team accounted for 14 percent of World Vision's 1,600 runners in the Chicago marathon. Yet the church's \$544,274 in dona-



Ed Ollie, a pastor, was among the 228-member NorthRidge Church team to run the Chicago Marathon.

tions, at last count, generated more than 30 percent of the \$1.7 million raised for the Christian relief organization.

World Vision and other marathon charities were amazed at metro Detroit's generosity, considering this area has been much harder hit by tough economic times than many other places, Amann said.

Ridge Runners co-captain Billy Downs of Novi said he and co-captain Tony Hobart had set the \$500,000 goal because they believed NorthRidge could attain it.

"We never gave up on that goal, but certainly the team blew past it," Downs said. "We're so proud of everybody for all the efforts they gave. It was just an amazing thing."

### New plan

Alfred, Downs said, the Ridge Runners team has begun to plan to run the Detroit Marathon next year partly for Life Remodeled, a nonprofit organization that builds homes for struggling families in Detroit and suburban communities such as Redford, Westland, Farmington Hills and Southfield.

"We think it will be a great project," Downs said, saying anyone interested may contact him at tribillydowns@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, Ridge Runners had begun training last January for the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon, though injuries forced some to sit out the actual event. In all, 228 team members made the starting line.

"We only had two people who did not make it across the finish line," Amann said. "We trained and we worked hard, and thank God people really took it seriously."

Aside from helping bring clean water amenities to the Zambia villages of Moyo and Hamau-

du, NorthRidge runners had personal reasons for raising money and running the marathon. Some did it in memory of family members they have lost; others who have young children wanted to help youngsters much less fortunate than their own.

Prior to the marathon, Canton mother Sarah Miller had summed up how many Ridge Runners felt when she said her family didn't get to choose where they were born — and neither did the people of Zambia.

"I don't have to worry about dirty water killing my child," she said.

Before the race, Amann, Miller and a small group of the NorthRidge team had gone to a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting to discuss their initiative in the Chicago Marathon. Supervisor Phil LaJoy commended the Ridge Runners for "doing good work."

NorthRidge's philanthropic efforts have stretched from Detroit to the post-Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast to countries such as Colombia, India, Croatia, Haiti, Nicaragua and the Philippines. The church's initiative to bring wells and other clean-water amenities to Zambia came after Hobart, the Ridge Runners' co-captain, had a conversation last year with a World Vision representative while visiting Zambia.

Now that NorthRidge runners have proved they can meet a goal as large as the one for Zambia, they say they are motivated to continue their efforts to change the world, both close to home and oceans away.

"This is a beginning," Amann said, "not an ending."

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Kim Torres and her whimsical playing card paintings.



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Kim Torres hangs her work on the walls of The Candy Trail.

## Candy shop doubles as art gallery for local painter

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Painter Kim Torres is taking a "flavorful" approach to building an art career, displaying her works at a downtown Plymouth candy store. Torres has dabbled in art since she was a child, but has no formal training. Long a sketcher and face-painter, she took up painting on canvas less than a year ago and now has several acrylics for sale at the Candy Trail on Ann Arbor Trail.

"I'm thinking outside the box as to how to get my name out there," Torres said at the store Thursday. The Canton Township woman is also a full-time caregiver for developmentally disabled people and owns a business, Face Flair, that designs stick-on body art and offers face-painting and caricaturing at fairs, parties and corporate events. (She will be offering free face-painting today at the Pumpkin Pooza Halloween event, which starts at noon.) Torres employs five artists in addition to herself.

"I have all the willpower in the world to make my dream come true," Torres said in explaining her busy life, "and I want to inspire others." Torres's colorful paintings, alongside a rainbow of candy displays, fit the decor at the Candy Trail, and store owner Sandi McGrew is considering dedicating a wall there to Torres's work. The paintings have been at the store for a couple of weeks; the two met when McGrew hired Torres, in a pinch, for a face-painting gig at the store.

The paintings include a crooked Old English 'D,' an abstract of a clown, a whimsical skull and crossbones with a bow in its "hair" and a jumble of images with a "Where's Waldo?"-type theme that Torres calls *My Map*. Painted with acrylics and Sharpies, that's the most expensive painting, at \$200; prices for others start at \$40.

One painting that especially stands out is a detailed depiction of three characters from playing cards — the King, the Queen and the Jack — playing poker. The Jack has just put down the winning hand and the King is gasping in disbelief at the appointment, while the Queen smiles smugly. Torres said the work is inspired by the famous kitsch painting of dogs playing poker and that her husband, Patrick Torres, suggested it.

"I just didn't think I had that kind of talent in me," she said. Painting is relaxing for Torres after a day at what can be a stressful job, she said. "For me to like, end my day sitting there painting, it's awesome," she said.

Torres began Face Flair in 2009 with the stick-ons, which she said were inspired by cell phone bling. But they didn't really take off until she added face-painting, and she sometimes adds the stick-ons to the face-painting designs. She has a design book with dozens of selections. "If it's not in my book, we can find it," she said. "We'll Google it, we'll do it." Face Flair stick-ons were included in the goodie bags given to celebrities during the 2011 Country Music Awards. "I thought Taylor Swift would be calling me," Torres joked.

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## Students building business bravado

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### National honor

Ntambwa Mbyie and Audrey Johnson, seniors at Salem and Canton high schools, are semifinalists in the 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Competition.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented Black American high school students and provide college scholarships for a substantial number of the most outstanding participants in each annual competition.

#### Credit recovery

Alternative education is not what most people think of. The program have faced some obstacle in life that has caused them to struggle in a traditional high school setting. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Starkweather Alternative High School has been helping students meet their goals for years, in spite of their challenges.

One particularly successful student is Kyle Cameron, who took the credit recovery lab at the school. More than 120 students are currently enrolled in nearly 160 course sections. Starkweather offers 40 course sections outside the regular school day for students who are motivated to catch up on credits.

Students start each class with a pretest that allows them to eliminate sections of the class that they already have mastered. Students participate in online lectures, assignments and assessments. Students must complete all assessments in class but can watch lectures and do class work in school or outside of school. This allows motivated students to earn credits at an accelerated rate.

#### Culinary expert

Hospitality and Culinary Arts teacher Diana Woodward joined a panel of some of Michigan's outstanding female trailblazers as they discussed the restaurant industry at the annual Michigan Restaurant Show.

Woodward has been a teacher for 12 years after studying culinary arts at Schoolcraft College and earning a bachelor's and master's degree in Career Technical and Workforce Education from Eastern Michigan University.

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Salem High School senior Abigail Dworzain is working two jobs these days.

By day, she's the accountant for the Rock Shop, the school store located within Salem High School. And by night (and afternoons and weekends), she works at the DSW shoe store in Canton.

And her success in both jobs, the 17-year-old from Canton believes, is directly tied to the experience she's getting in Cristina Guberich's advanced marketing class. The class runs both the Rock Shop and the student-run high school branch of the Community Federal Credit Union.

"I think it gives you a lot of experience with business," said Dworzain, who will study actuarial science once she decides which college she wants to attend. "It's a leadership thing."

The advanced marketing class is all about leaders. Students are responsible for inventory, ordering, accounting, payment



The Rock Shop student-store is run completely by the students, who handle inventory, ordering, accounting and bill paying.

to vendors and other business-related activities, from managing the store right down to manning the cash registers.

"It definitely helps," Dworzain said. "It's a good experience."

The kids also run the credit union branch. Students open and manage accounts, handle the transactions and are responsible for the cash.

Of course, they do all of this with help from managers at Community Financial.

"(CFCU) does the training necessary for the kids to have those business skills they need for the future," said Guberich,

Salem's marketing teacher. "(Kids) also get hands-on experience with a financial base. That's really the most valuable part of it."

The connection with CFCU also helps prepare the marketing students for the annual DECA competition. The marketing, accounting and financial association regional competition is set for Jan. 10-12 at Eastern Michigan University, with the state competition in March in Grand Rapids.

It's part of CFCU's commitment to the communities they serve, particularly the youth. In addition to helping run the



Freshman Alex Schroeck reaches into the money-grab bag held by Salem senior marketing student Kyle Cameron as the student-run Salem High School branch of the Community Federal Credit Union opens for business.

businesses, CFCU staffers do classroom presentations talking about saving, investing, maintaining good credit and how to get good jobs.

Karen Alexander, CFCU's education coordinator, said the credit union comes to the students to make learning more convenient. "We want students to take charge of their own money," Alexander said. "Once they go off to school, they have experience handling their money."

The students believe they'll benefit from the working association with CFCU.

"This will help me learn how to develop relationships with custom-

ers," said Kyle Cameron, a senior at Salem.

"It's going to help me get ready for the real world." That will be key, according to Alexander, who says high school seniors these days will need some \$2.1 million to retire with the lifestyle to which they've become accustomed.

A solid business foundation, she said, goes a long way toward achieving that.

"We want the kids to be financially secure when they become adults," Alexander said. "With the economy the way it's been, that's much more difficult."

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have many of the advantages the newer, more modern middle schools have.

"There are times when I really have to think about my game plan," said Stephens, a science teacher at the school. "I don't have adequate electrical outlets, so I have to rethink everything I'm doing in teaching the same things they're teaching in other (middle school) buildings."

**Other options**

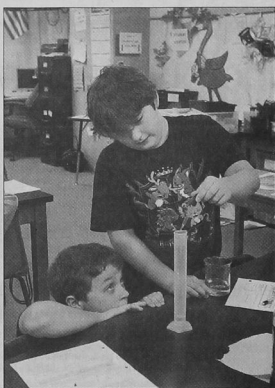
The learning environment at Central Middle School has been a subject of debate for years. There was discussion several years ago that the building has outlived its usefulness as a school, with consideration for closing it in favor of building another middle school in the southern end of the district.

Judy Mardigan, the longest-serving member of the district's Board of Education, has long been an advocate of repurposing Central and building a newer, more modern middle school on property the district owns in Canton.

She said she understands the concerns of teachers, and realizes the district must come up with some kind of solution.

"I think we need to face the issue about the age of the building and the learning environment, and come up with an answer," Mardigan said. "I don't know what the answer is. What we can't do is fail to address the problem."

The three-story building, which originally housed the first high school and has been added on to several times, is simultaneously drafty and stuffy. There is no central air conditioning and classroom temperatures, according to teachers and students, often hover around the 100-



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The Central science labs have running water and not much else. Sixth-graders Jacob Visel and Owen Miller calculate how many drops are in a milliliter.

degree mark in the spring and late summer.

Where the newer middle schools have had improvements paid for from bond money, officials have deemed similar adjustments at Central as too expensive. One such example: The science labs at the other middle schools that dangle from the ceiling over tables; at Central, there's one outlet in the front and one in the back of the room, making a series of extension cords necessary.

**Best temps**

Anthony Ruela, in his fifth year as the principal at Central, said building temperatures present the single biggest challenge (though there are others, he said) to teaching — and learning — at Central.

"There is lots of research that says the learning environment is

best around optimal temperature," said Ruela, who said that temperature is 68-70 degrees. "As temperatures creep toward 75, it's hard to concentrate. (Regulating temperatures) would have the biggest bang for the buck when you're talking about student achievement. And that's what we're here for."

Teachers have other examples of the challenges. Audrey Mammano told school board members at a recent meeting her new classroom used to be a closet. It's so small, it needed construction and Mammano had to find new desks for a while.

Language arts and technology teacher Rick Coughlin said the school struggles with technology because "we're using antiquated software and... a system that's 10 years old." He also said the classrooms are some-



Central features lots of kids in small classrooms.



Large fans help keep the air moving in third-floor classrooms. Teacher Hawanya Uqubart waits for her next class to enter the room where she teaches eighth-grade English.

times small and windows are inadequate for both lighting and circulation.

"There are a number of studies that show students will perform better in buildings with lots of natural light and lots of space," Coughlin said. "When you have 33 kids, (classrooms) get small pretty quickly. It makes it tough."

Ruela said the building presents other, more physical, challenges. With all the additions, sight lines are often skewed



Central Middle School Principal Anthony Ruela talks about the challenges of teaching in a building that began construction over 90 years ago, with multiple additions.

and hall monitors have to vacate one spot in order to observe another as the school's 852 students pass through the halls.

**Still secure**

The entrance is locked and rigged with cameras and a bell, so Ruela doesn't worry that much about security.

"I'd love to have a clearer sight to the front door, but we have a camera and a buzzer system. ... In terms of general security, I'm not worried," he said. "But having three floors,

and all those stairwells, it just takes more manpower."

As much as anything, Ruela credits the kids themselves for making the best of the situation. After all, while it does present challenges, the building does have its good points.

"The kids are great," Ruela said. "They're very flexible. Part of that is they don't know any differently. Kids look favorably on the things we do here. They like that we have a pool, and that we have a big old high school-style gym."

As a parent, Stephens said she likes the school because it's blessed with "a tremendous" staff. She said she chose to have her children attend Central for that very reason.

"We have great teachers here. And there's an opportunity for us to do greater things than we can because of the building we're in."

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6. Pricing information.

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Award of this project shall be based solely on evaluation of these initial proposals. Proposals shall contain pricing information. Costs for these Engineering Services will be negotiated with the selected firm.

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# Women dominate high court ballot

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

Area women are making a place for themselves this fall in the annals of Michigan's judicial history.

Four women are running the state's highest court — three who were nominated by the Democratic Party and one nominated by the Republican Party.

Connie Marie Kelley of Redford, Bridget Mary McCormack of Ann Arbor and Southfield's Shelia Johnson are all running for seats on the state's Supreme Court, marking the first time ever that three women have been nominated by the Democratic Party for Michigan's highest court.

Republican nominee Colleen O'Brien of Rochester Hills rounds out the group of female candidates.

"This is a very important moment in history, not only for our state, but for our entire country. It shows that women have really reached a pinnacle level. It really speaks volumes to a level of equality women have achieved," said Johnson, a judge in Southfield's 46th District Court since 2002.

McCormack, a law professor and dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Law School, also discussed the significance of the nominations.

"This is the first time one of the parties has nominated three women for the state Supreme Court and I am honored to be part of that," she said. "This may not have been possible even a generation ago."

The nominations are notable on many different levels, noted Mark Brew-



Connie Kelley



Shelia Johnson



Bridget McCormack



Colleen O'Brien

er, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"While it is true this is the first time the Michigan Democratic Party has endorsed a slate of three women candidates, what is truly historic about the occasion is the fact that we have nominated these three women — Judge Connie Marie Kelley, Judge Shelia Johnson and Bridget Mary McCormack. These three women come from different backgrounds, but they all have devoted their lives to protecting Michigan children and families. Michigan deserves a Supreme Court that protects our kids, and that's the real historic opportunity we have in 2012," he said.

**Connie Marie Kelley**

According to Kelley, the nominations "seem to have energized people — both men and women — across that state."

Kelley is used to making history.

As the second of six children in an Irish-Catholic family, she was the first child in her family to attend college, paying her own way through the University of Michigan then law school at Wayne State University.

As an attorney in the Troy law firm of Powers, Chapman, D'Agostino, Meyers & Millia, P.C., she was only the second wom-

an to be appointed partner since 1929.

Kelley currently serves as a judge in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court.

"It is really exciting — it's an historical moment. As I travel the state talking to people, they seem really energized by it. It's not just women, either; it's the men, too," Kelley said.

Despite the significance of the achievement, it is Kelley's work with litigants within the circuit court system's Family Division, as well as her efforts with at-risk young women in Detroit, that she finds most rewarding.

Kelley has been a circuit judge since 2009, after a 27-year career as an attorney dealing with everything from family law and sexual harassment to wrongful termination and personal injury — "and everything in-between."

The mother of two grown sons, Andrew and Kyle, she is married to Kevin Kelley, director of senior and veteran services for Wayne County and a former Redford Township supervisor.

**Shelia Johnson**

The first African-American female to serve as a district court judge in Oakland County, Johnson is currently serving as chief judge pro tem of the court, presiding over

a variety of cases ranging from ordinance violations and traffic matters to criminal preliminary examinations and misdemeanors.

A Southfield resident for more than 23 years, Johnson was born and raised in Detroit, graduating from Cranbrook Kingswood High School before attending Dartmouth College, where she majored in history. A 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Johnson was the first African American in history to be elected as president of the Law School Student Senate.

A two-term district judge, Johnson also has 18 years' experience in private practice focusing on civil and criminal litigation.

The 2008 recipient of the Powerful Woman of the Rhoda Walker Foundation for professional achievement in the legal field and for commitment to community service, Johnson has also been recognized by a variety of organizations for her leadership and community service.

**Bridget Mary McCormack**

McCormack graduated from New York University Law School and spent the first five years of her legal career trying cases

in New York City's trial courts with The Legal Aid Society.

In 1996, McCormack became a faculty fellow at the Yale Law School, where she taught advocacy and professional responsibility. She joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty in 1998.

For the past 14 years, McCormack has conducted and supervised many types of civil and criminal litigation at all levels of state and federal courts in Michigan.

McCormack has been recognized by a variety of professional organizations for her work with the university's clinical programs, including the Michigan Innocence Clinic, in which students represent the wrongfully convicted and resulted in the exoneration of six people as of June 2012.

**Colleen O'Brien**

Currently serving as judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, a position she has held since winning election in 1998, O'Brien was born in Pontiac and attended college at the University of Michigan.

A 1981 graduate of the Detroit College of Law, she spent 17 years in private practice, gaining experience in both civil and criminal matters.

O'Brien said she is hon-

ored to be a part of this historic group.

"I have always been excited about Michigan's rich history of women in the law," said O'Brien.

"There has been a woman on the Michigan Supreme Court every year since 1973, and we have had five female chief justices since then.

In fact, in 2010, Michigan was one of only three states in the country with a female majority. So I'm not too surprised by the fact that we have so many women on the ballot this year, and I'm proud to be one of them."

As a practicing attorney, O'Brien served on the Rochester Hills Zoning Board of Appeals, and received the Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for providing volunteer legal services. She has also served as a circuit court mediator in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties, as well as serving as president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association.

O'Brien also serves as an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and in 2011 received the Frederick J. Griffith III Adjunct Faculty Award from Cooley Law School, which is awarded to faculty members who best display excellence in teaching, passion for advocacy and compassion for law students. O'Brien is also on the Advisory Board for Baker College. She also serves on the boards of both the Restore Foundation and Crossroads for Youth.

In 2011, O'Brien was the recipient of the Oakland County Bar Association's Distinguished Public Servant Award.



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# Campaign hopes pennies can make a difference

The Canton Observer, part of O&E Media, will partner with the Canton Goodfellows on Saturday, Oct. 27, in support of Make A Difference Day — the largest day of volunteering in the U.S.A.

For more than 20 years, Gannett Inc. has mobilized millions across the country for this national day of doing good.

"As part of our commitment to the communities we serve, O&E Media is partnering with several local groups, including the Canton Goodfellows," Susan Rosiek, publisher and executive editor, said in urging Canton residents to join "Pennies from Heaven," so that every child has a Christmas.

"This year's "Pennies from Heaven" campaign is in honor of Nancy Spencer, the Canton Goodfellows leader who died last week. Spencer, along with her husband,



John, was a stalwart supporter for the Goodfellows.

Last year, the campaign raised \$814.43, mostly pennies.

"The main focus of this drive is to publicize the 'No Canton Child Without a Christmas' project," John Spencer said. "The money is not a lot but it reminds the community that we are doing this for the children in need in the Canton community."

The Make A Difference Day Campaign hopes to collect one million pennies for the Canton Goodfellows.

"The Canton Observer, on behalf of the Goodfellows, invites all local residents to help the Goodfellows and remember Nancy in the best way possible — to help kids have a Christmas," Rosiek said.

"Pennies might not seem like a lot but they quickly add up. Whether it's one penny or one hundred pennies, every donation makes a difference."

Bring your pennies — or any spare change — to the lobby of the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. Enjoy a glass of cider and a doughnut. Your change can make a change for the Canton Goodfellows this year.

Held every year on the fourth Saturday in October, Make A Difference Day is sponsored by Gannett Co. Inc.'s USA WEEKEND Magazine in partnership with the HandsOn Network.

Businesses, schools and other group interested in helping can contact Maureen Frye at fryemite@wowway.com. Or simply bring your pennies to the Summit on Oct. 27.



Canton residents Gordy Van Putten and Sophie Giovanelli work along a section of Warren Road that the church adopted last year.

# Church hits streets for public service

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

A Canton Township church is doing more than just opening their doors to help the community this month — they are shutting them as they take their goodwill into the streets in an effort to help area residents.

Friendship Church will suspend Sunday services on Oct. 28 as members hit the streets of metro-Detroit, sending hundreds of children, youth and adults out for a day of community service, and they are inviting the public to join them in their efforts.

"We have close to 40 service projects throughout the area," said Cheryl Petersen of Canton, one of the organizers of the second annual event, known as "The Church Has Left the Building."

The projects are multiple and include raking leaves for the elderly, preparing food for the homeless, packing food boxes, roadside cleanup, serving families meals at an area hospice center, visiting veteran centers, collecting and distributing coats and blankets and much more, Petersen said.

"We have smaller projects and we also have some big projects that require a lot of people, but they are all set up so that volunteers can just jump right in and go with

it," she added.

### Big impact

Partnering with other area service organizations such as Forgotten Harvest and Habitat for Humanity as well as neighboring churches such as Redford Aldersgate allows both the church and volunteers to make a big impact within the community and surrounding areas, Petersen said.

"We want to be known as a church that reaches out into the community," she said.

The inspiration for the event originated as the church sought community outreach projects that would have a large effect, Petersen said.

"We just felt it was really important to close the doors one day and go out into the community and help people," she said. "Sometimes we get to a place where we are doing a lot of talking and not doing a lot of acting," said Youth Pastor Brad Moss, "I think it is important that we show God's love in practical ways, that we put flesh on what we are preaching."

Moss said that the event offers a great opportunity for children and teens to learn about giving while helping others in need.

Almost 100 young people participated in the event past year, he said. "This event is so important for so many different reasons. This really gives young people some insight into people's needs that may not be represented in their homes or in their community," said Moss.

Although their immediate community is affluent and they may be insulated from some of the problems challenging many Detroit-area residents, it is essential that young people learn about the issues that others may face.

He said it is also important that parents model

the act of serving others so that their children see it as a priority.

"It's awesome when families can volunteer and serve together," he said.

### Multiple benefits

Canton resident Scott Petersen, Pastor of Maternity Ministries at the church, said the event is beneficial to everyone involved, not only those receiving help, but those offering help as well.

"I have seen it time and time again. People do service projects and realize how meaningful it is to help someone else. They will come to me and say, 'Now we get it. We understand what it is all about,'" he said.

Cheri Pelic of Northville, one of the event organizers, said that the event offers people a chance to turn the focus away from themselves and put it back on other people.

"As humans we are so inwardly focused. It's a great opportunity to take a step back and give something to others," she said.

Both Petersen and Pelic are looking forward to welcoming others who wish to join the group efforts.

"We are opening this up to the public. Anyone who would like to come out and help is welcome. No experience is needed, church experience or otherwise," Petersen said, adding, "The number of projects is reaching 40. We have team leaders online and now are filling homes or in their community." The commitment is three to four hours of service on the 28th and it is such a great feeling to do something positive with no strings attached. It is an awesome shared experience!

Those interested in participating can call (734) 710-9370 or visit the church website at <http://www.cantontfriendship.org/>.

# St. Mary Mercy opens new addition, holds open house

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is inviting the public to tour its new three-story South Pavilion that doubles the size of its emergency room and provides 80 private patient rooms during a grand opening and open house from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

"Our state-of-the-art emergency center and private patient rooms are focused on patient care and innovation," said President and CEO Dave Spivey, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "We are excited to celebrate this milestone with our area communities."

The emergency center has 50 specialized treatment rooms, each designed for clinical-specific needs including trauma, rapid assessment, behavioral medicine and senior emergency care.

The two floors of private rooms incorporate natural healing elements and provide sufficient space for techno-



Kids' activities at the open house will include clowns, balloon animals and face painting.

logical advancements and overnight guests. Soon after opening the 154,000-square-foot addition, St. Mary Mercy will renovate and convert its north wing patient rooms to private.

The hospital was established in 1959 by the Felician Sisters. Over the past 50 years, through numerous additions and expansions in services, the hospital

has grown to 304 beds and provides acute-care medical and health services by board-certified doctors and registered nurses.

Open house activities include tours of the new addition, health activities, Teddy Bear Clinic, and kids' activities with clowns, balloon animals and face painting.

Entertainment includes music by Steve King & the Ditties, a special appearance from WVDV radio morning show host Blaine Flower from noon to 2 p.m., strolling magicians and photo opportunities with a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Dragster Team driver and car as well as the opportunity to meet community rescue teams. Refreshments featuring a healthy food menu will also be available. For a complete list of activities, visit [stmarymercy.org/grandopening](http://stmarymercy.org/grandopening).

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PROPOSAL 2: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

GOV: Voting 'no' protects students

By Kathy Hayes and William Mayes  
Guest Columnists

When we think back to our time in elementary school we quickly recall our friends, our teachers and principals and maybe even a life-changing experience or two. Of course we also recall many of the lessons we learned, from our multiplication tables and the importance of doing our homework before completing a project or taking a big test.



Hayes



Mayes

Because of the confusing way the laws are worded, it could literally reach in and overturn hundreds of provisions on the books that strengthen our public schools, give our students the best public school teachers and save our local districts hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Let's be clear—nowhere will Proposal 2's negative impact be felt more severely than in our public schools.

According to the opinion of many legal experts and policy analysts, if Proposal 2 is approved, it will likely repeal laws that help your local public school keep good teachers in the classroom and overturn desperately needed and common sense health care reforms for public employees. According to the teachers union itself, Proposal 2 would also erase the law that fines teachers for striking illegally, the only law on the books deterring Michigan from sliding back into the days of teacher strikes.

Educators, just like parents, want our students to receive the best education from the best teachers, but Proposal 2 would eliminate teacher evaluation systems and force us back into a seniority system that makes time on the job more important than performance with our students. It would also negate the law that allows public schools to determine which teachers teach which subjects.

Proposal 2 would cost school districts \$400 million in potential health care savings alone. Should it pass, districts will be forced to eliminate essential programs and cut staff just to balance the books. That is the last thing parents want and the last thing our children need.

So do your homework. Stand up for our Michigan schools and stand up for Michigan kids by voting NO on Proposal 2. More don't just mean that we won't simply be failing a test—we will be failing our children.

**Kathy Hayes** is executive director of Michigan Association of School Boards. **William Mayes** is executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

PRO: Workers' rights need protection

By Jillian A. Bogater  
Guest Columnist

Why do we have unions? Here's the simple answer: Because employers notoriously have taken advantage of employees, who traditionally have lower bargaining power.

Is it under threat right now? I believe there is a national trend of anti-union activity. Wisconsin is destroying the rights of unions. Indiana just passed a right-to-work law, joining 22 other states. The right wing, which controls Michigan's legislative and executive branches of government, clearly does not support unions.



Bogater

This is why voters should approve Proposal 2, which would enshrine the rights of workers to collectively bargain. While I normally cringe when people suggest adding constitutional amendments, passing Proposal 2 is essential to preserving unions in the state. Constitutions are for giving rights. I believe collective bargaining has an important place in our state's history.

From the official Vote Yes on Proposal 2 website, protectworkingfamilies.com: "The constitution is the place where fundamental rights reside, rights that should not be subjected to the political whims of corporate special interests. The right to bargain collectively for fair wages, benefits and working conditions is a fundamental right."

Michigan is the heart of the nation's union movement, so we need to keep it vibrant.

The people who support Proposal 2 do so because historically they have been taken advantage of. It's unrealistic to believe a company's management is going to put their employees' needs next to the bottom line. The people who are against Proposal 2 are the same people who want a superior bargaining position.

Collective bargaining means just that: it involves two sides coming together to discuss an issue and engaging in a give-and-take dialogue. This proposal protects a level playing field, and keeps union-represented employees on fair footing. It also prevents politicians or the governor

from dictating workers' rights. The proposal would preclude legislative interference in labor negotiations and restore a sense of balance. This also removes special interests, and prevents an overregulation of the employer-employee relationship. I say let both sides sit at a table and try to come to an agreement. Most times, one will be reached. And if that doesn't happen, other remedies are available.

More importantly, passage of Proposal 2 could bar implementation of any future right-to-work law, which would prevent employees from being required to join a union. While our governor says he doesn't want a right-to-work law right now, partisan members of our legislature are ready to attack those rights. Proposal 2 would provide much-needed worker protection. As someone who has both benefited from direct involvement with collective bargaining, and worked without union protection, I personally understand the importance of this proposal's passage. I have been lucky enough to take part in collective bargaining for my health care and other workplace conditions. While we didn't get exactly what we aimed for, the collective bargaining process left me confident in the process. We brought our concerns to the table, our voices were heard and we came to a collective agreement.

I've also worked in non-union shops, where we were at the mercy of management. We experienced increased health care costs, a slip in working conditions and a lack of job security. And without meaningful job security, it is nearly impossible to dedicate one's entire career to an employer that could take that job away for no cause.

I would rather unions fade into history because an overwhelming number of employers treat their workers well, by providing fair wages, safe workplaces and adequate health care. But until that day comes, I firmly believe unions and collective bargaining must stay in place.

If you don't believe in unions, and want to end a perceived union stranglehold, treat workers well. Believe me, I would love to see the day that unions and collective bargaining are no longer necessary.

Veteran journalist **Jillian Bogater** is editor of the *University Record*, the faculty/staff newspaper at the University of Michigan.

PROPOSAL 5: LIMIT NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

PRO: Language will level playing field

By Charles Owens  
Guest Columnist

Among the six ballot proposals appearing on the November ballot this year is one that deserves a "Yes" vote. Proposal 5, known by its supporters as the 2/3 Amendment, would require a two-thirds super majority vote of the state House and the state Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, to impose new or additional taxes, expand the base of taxation or increase the rate of taxation.



Owens

While the current state legislature and administration have shown restraint and responsibility in fiscal management, the option to raise taxes or create new ones is an ever-present temptation to any future group of lawmakers. History teaches us that, while the average taxpaying citizen is too busy trying to make a living to camp out in the Capitol lobby and persuade elected officials to their point of view. Small businesses and families cannot easily raise their own incomes and doing so should be harder for government as well. Proposal 5 levels the playing field in favor of working families and taxpayers.

Opponents of Proposal 5 are attempting to cloud the issue by dis-

tracting voters from the common-sense, plain meaning of the ballot language. They say that it would mean that a two-thirds majority would be required to lower taxes. No, the only part that is Lansing-speak for simply shifting taxes from one party (getting a lower tax) to another (funding the other's tax cut). Yes, Prop 5 would make that kind of "musical chairs" tax policy more difficult and that is a good thing. Nothing in Prop 5 would restrict an across the board tax cut for all with a simple majority vote. Opponents also claim that if this proposal would have been in place before the recent changes to our business tax, those changes would not have been possible. By that logic, if Prop 5 had been in place before, then the flawed business tax in question would likely not have been created in the first place. Finally, Prop 5 opponents like to "dangle the shiny object" of the financing by Ambassador Bridge owner Matty Moroun paid to district voters. From the core value of Proposal 5. If Proposal 5 came from Mars it still wouldn't change the fact that it is a sound proposal and a rare opportunity for Michigan citizens to have more say in how tax policy is crafted.

There's an overwhelming need for higher taxes then there should be overwhelming bipartisan support in the Legislature or in a statewide ballot election. If the need for higher taxes is as urgent as Lansing lawmakers and interest groups claim, then they should be able to make a successful case to the people. The point of Proposal 5 is that raising taxes should always be a last resort, not the first. Citizens would like to vote "Yes" on Proposal 5.

**Charles Owens** is the state director for the National Federation of Independent Business, a small business advocacy organization in Lansing and Washington, D.C. Find out more at [www.NFIB.com/MI](http://www.NFIB.com/MI).

CON: A prescription for gridlock

By Roger Martin  
Guest Columnist

If the six ballot proposals on the Nov. 6 statewide ballot by one of them is broadly opposed by labor and business, nonprofit organizations and top elected officials such as Gov. Rick Snyder, the head of the Southwest Michigan Tea Party, Democrats and Republicans, the Michigan Catholic Conference, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Business Leaders for Michigan, and many more.



Martin

That's Proposal 5, the proposed constitutional amendment that would allow one-third of one chamber of our Legislature to control all tax reform policies in Michigan.

Even grade school children learn pretty quickly that government works on majorities. Proposal 5 on the Nov. 6 statewide ballot would turn Michigan's majority-rule democracy on its head in our state Legislature. Proposal 5 would forever enshrine in our Michigan Constitution the inherently anti-democratic position that a minority—a super-minority—should prevail on tax policy votes.

Proposal 5 is deceptively called the "supermajority proposal" because it would require a two-thirds vote on tax increases. Just 13 members of the Michigan Senate would gain the power to overrule the will of the Michigan House and the other senators when it comes to tax policies. It's a prescription for gridlock, inaction, and the death of Michigan's reinvention.

This proposal is now before Michigan voters because a lone Detroit billionaire named Matty Moroun paid circulators more than \$2 million to collect signatures. He's fighting to keep tax breaks that benefit him, at the expense of the rest of Michigan. How will that happen? When the state is unable to provide vital services, local governments have to step in—and raise their taxes. In states that have super-

minority rule, local taxes tend to go up. It's instructive to look at the handful of states with this requirement. Mississippi is one—the poorest state in the nation, the state with the highest poverty rate, and one of the poorest education systems. Nevada is another—the state with the nation's highest unemployment rate. California is another, a state that failed in 16 out of 20 years to balance its budget by the legal deadline because of legislative gridlock.

Super-minority states have lower bond ratings. It costs more to replace aging schools, to build laboratories at universities, and to make long-term investments at the state and local levels. Gov. Rick Snyder has made improving Michigan's bond rating a priority. His budget director warns the state's credit rating will drop if Proposal 5 passes.

Because Proposal 5 is so extreme, a broad range of Michigan citizens and interests—many of whom often strongly disagree with one another—are opposed to Proposal 5. They have spent a lot of time examining the impact of this proposal, including unintended consequences that, for instance, would make it harder to force out-of-state companies doing business in our state to pay taxes Michigan companies pay. Besides Moroun, the only other major backer of Proposal 5 is Washington, D.C., lobbyist named Grover Norquist, who has pledged to use his out-of-state super PAC to fund the supporters' campaign. So bottom line: our coalition opposed to Proposal 5 is made up entirely of Michigan citizens and organizations from all corners of the state. Supporters are controlled by a lone Detroit billionaire and a Washington, D.C., lobbyist.

Join us in voting NO on Proposal 5. Don't vote for a permanent change to the state constitution that gives fewer Michigan citizens a real say in their government. For more, please visit [www.NoOnProp5.com](http://www.NoOnProp5.com).

**Roger Martin** is a Lansing business owner and former award-winning journalist and is spokesman for the VOTE NO on 5, Defend Michigan Democracy coalition.

# Look to other options rather than new 10-year annuity

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my 70s and I have a few fixed annuities in my portfolio. One of those annuities will mature in mid-November and I need your advice. The salesperson has been contacting me and wants me to re-up for another 10 years. Because of the rate of return and the guarantee on that annuity, I'm not interested in re-upping. He



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has told me that unless I renew the annuity or transfer it into a new one, the annuity will be cashed out and I will be forced to pay the taxes — something I'm not interested in doing. I feel I'm between a rock and a hard place. Do you have any suggestions?

A: I agree that it doesn't make sense in this environment to re-up for another 10 years. The guarantee on fixed annuities is very low and, therefore, a 10-year period doesn't make any sense. Of course, it makes sense for your annuity salesperson, as he/she will receive a substantial commission if you do roll it over.

In your situation, I have a couple viable options. The first is to shop around fixed annuities with other companies that have shorter terms. For example, there are some good fixed annuities that only have a five-year term. In this environment with low interest rates, five years would be the maximum length of time that I would want to commit to any fixed annuity. Down the road when rates and guarantees are higher, I may commit to a longer period, but not in today's low interest rate environment.

Another alternative — and one I believe makes the most sense for you to pursue — is to directly transfer the money into an annuity that has no time period. If, for example, you go into a 10-year annuity, if you decide that you want out after year two or three, you're going to have to pay a penalty. However, there are annuities where you can withdraw money whenever you choose and there would be no penalty. You can take out as little or as much as you want whenever you want. Therefore, you have the flexibility to control your taxes. You don't have to worry about paying your taxes in one lump sum — you can spread it out over a period of time.

There are many companies that offer these types

of annuities. The reason you don't hear much about them is because all too often annuities are not bought, they are sold. These types of annuities don't pay commission and so commissioned salespeople don't want anything to do with them.

My goal is always to make sure you have more

money in your pocket because I believe money looks better there than anywhere else and that's why I talk about these types of annuities.

Companies that offer these types of annuities are Vanguard, Fidelity and Charles Schwab. They are very easy to purchase and there is no tax conse-

quences when you directly transfer the money from your old annuity into one of these annuities.

All the annuities I've mentioned do have multiple investment options. In these products, you can be conservative by selecting a fixed income investment option or you can be more aggressive by

using equities. One of the benefits of these annuities compared to others is they have very low costs.

If you have an annuity and it is maturing and you don't want to commit to another annuity where you have to lock your money up for years, remember, despite what the annuity salespeo-

ple tell you, you do have options and those options are viable. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

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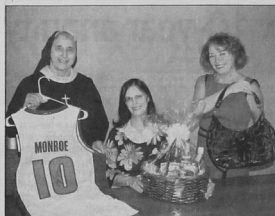
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Angela Hospice president Sister Giovanni, Events coordinator Barb Iovan and Executive Director Mary Beth Moning show off a few of the items up for auction at the Light Up a Life Benefit: an autographed Greg Monroe jersey, the 'Party in a Basket' package and a Coach handbag.

# Angela Hospice hosts 'Light Up a Life' benefit

Angela Hospice invites supporters in the community to attend their annual Light Up a Life Benefit, taking place 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The theme of the evening is sports, and guests are encouraged to come representing their favorite team.

Promising another slam

dunk performance, the Rick Lieder Band will return for this year's benefit. They wowed the crowd last year, and were immediately booked again.

"Even if you're not a dancer, they are great to listen to," said Angela Hospice Events Coordinator Barb Iovan.

Indeed, dancing is just one of the draws of this event, which supports Angela Hospice's programs of care, including the My Nest is Best Pediatric Program. Guests at this special event will also enjoy an open bar, gourmet dinner, appetiz-

ers and dessert, fishbowl raffle and more.

Plus, the large silent auction features items ranging from a Steve Yzerman memorabilia package, a Pandora bracelet, a Tamarack Lodge getaway, art glass vases, and even a tailgate trailer rental.

"Our committee members have been hard at work all summer preparing for this event - and it's going to be a memorable one," said Iovan. "So many of our long-time supporters have purchased tickets already and we are thrilled to have many new friends

join us as well."

Individuals, families, and businesses can show their support for the Light Up a Life Benefit in a variety of ways. Event tickets are \$100 per person, and raffle tickets are just \$1 each. Cash donations are being accepted as well. All proceeds from the event help the programs of Angela Hospice, including direct care for hospice patients, so each donation will make a difference.

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## Inspire Theatre opens seventh season with 'Mousetrap'

Inspire Theatre, Westland's only live theatre, is presenting its version of the longest running play in history, Agatha Christie's comedy thriller, *The Mousetrap*, which opened in the West End of London in 1952, and has been running continuously since then.

The show opens Oct. 26 and runs for two week-ends. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 4-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 28 and Nov. 6 at 3:00

p.m. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 751-7057.

Under the direction of Len Fisher of Wayne and Assistant director Wendy Hardy of Livonia, Inspire Theatre's version has returned the murder mystery to the original flavor of being a comedy thriller. When asked about that, Fisher said, "Why does staged murder have to be dismal?" "We know someone is

going to die in the play, why not have fun along the way," he said. "Agatha Christie wrote it that way for a reason. That's why its run for 60 years."

Most of the cast are Inspire Theatre veterans. The only newcomer to the production is Jan Laurent of Canton as Miss Caswell. Returning to IT's stage are Richard Holland, Lisa Brawley and Bill Peterson, all of Livonia, John Donnelly of Redford, Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills, Nick Szczerba of Brownstown and Andrew Fisher of Wayne.

*The Mousetrap* opens the seventh season for Inspire Theatre. This is the second Agatha Christie production, the first being *Ten Little Indians*, in 2008. Peterson and Donnelly were also in that production.

*The Mousetrap* has the longest initial run of any play in history, with more than 24,500 performances so far. It also is the longest running show (of any type) of the modern era. The play is also known for its twist ending, which the audience are traditionally asked not to reveal after leaving the theatre.

The play began life as a short radio play broadcast on May 30, 1947, and was called *Three Blind Mice* in honor of Queen Mary, the consort of King George V. The play had its origins in the real-life case of the death of a boy, Dennis O'Neill, who died while in the foster care of a Shropshire farmer and his wife in 1945.

The play had to be renamed at the insistence of Emile Littler who had produced a play called *Three Blind Mice* in the West End before the World War II. The suggestion to call it *The Mousetrap* came from Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*. The *Mousetrap* is Hamlet's answer to a Claudius's inquiry about the name of the play.

Relying entirely on ticket sales for its operating costs, Inspire has not only mounted ambitious productions, but it also operates the Inspire School for Theatre Arts for children.

Inspire Theatre is located at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.



Lisa Brawley and Jan Laurent rehearse a scene from 'The Mousetrap.'



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# Disaster drill sharpens pros' skills, trains students



Madonna University nursing student Tara Trey of Westland gets makeup applied so she can play a victim in a disaster drill in downtown Detroit that tested the skills of emergency responders and hospital staff in Detroit.

When Tara Trey, 33, of Westland entered the emergency department at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, she was suffering from exposure to a high dose of radiation. Patrick Solon, 24, of Belleville, followed Trey. He had metal fragments protruding from his spine. He was severely bleeding and in a lot of pain. He could not walk on his own.

Luckily, this was only a drill.

Trey and Solon were among 50 Madonna University nursing students who would end up rushing a mock emergency room at the hospital in under an hour Oct. 4. They were all playing the role of victims in a disaster drill that would test the response of emergency professionals during a crisis. And although these wounds were just make-believe, the disaster scenario they were portraying – the detonation of a small-scale nuclear device in a major American city – was not.

In this drill, the explosion occurred at Michigan Avenue and Livernois Avenue in Detroit, just a few miles from Henry Ford Hospital.

Henry Ford Hospital was among more than 30 health care facilities, and numerous local, regional, state and federal agencies that participated in the exercise, said John Snider, emergency preparedness coordinator at Henry Ford Hospital.

When the dozens of faux-injured people entered the emergency department at Henry Ford, the staff had to respond as if they were actually hurt, not knowing anything more about what happened to these patients or how many would come.

"It was a great learning experience," Trey said after the drill was over. "I have a much better understanding as to how things must play out



Madonna University nursing student Patrick Solon of Roseville gets an injury applied to his back by a makeup artist hired by Henry Ford Hospital. Solon and 50 other Madonna University students recently played the role of victims in a regional disaster drill downtown Detroit.

if a real disaster was to occur," she said.

The day started out very jovial for the students. Upon arrival at Henry Ford Hospital, the students went through an intense makeup session where they received very real-looking visual representation of the wounds they "suffered." The students volunteered to have various injuries, which included everything from minor burns and lost fingers to open chest wounds and protruding bones. The students were also given an index card that would represent the emergency department entrance. Here things became more intense as these "victims" realized how intensely the nurs-

es and doctors handling them were, even in this drill.

"It's important that the students get to see how professionals handle this situation," said Kathleen Esper, associate professor of nursing at Madonna University. "It will make them better when they fill these roles. They also get to experience what it is like as a patient. Both perspectives will be valuable to them," she said.

For Amber Rafko, 21, of Monroe, participation in the drill was somewhat eye opening.

"I learned that it can be a very difficult job," Rafko said. Unlike a normal, post-surgical unit, nurses in a disaster must assess a patient in a fraction of the time. They distinguish between dead and alive. There is no time to converse or consult peers ... in a disaster, nurses and doctors are acting to 'do the most they can, for the greatest amount of people.'

With exercises like this one, the ground game is improved, which means more people can be saved.

## Public comment sought on S'craft nursing programs

Schoolcraft College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Michigan Board of Nursing, will host a site review for additional national accreditation of its Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

The public is invited to meet the site reviewers and share their comments about the nursing programs 2:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Livonia Campus in the VistaTech Center, Room 425. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to rwbber@schoolcraft.edu or call (734) 462-4401 by Oct. 22.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly by email to sjanner@nlac.org. Written comments should arrive at NLNAC by Oct. 22.

## Republican Women host Bentivolio, Ronna Romney

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host Kerry Bentivolio, candidate for U.S. Congress (11th District), and Ronna Romney McDaniels, chairwoman for Michigan Women for Mitt, during its meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in "The Woods" clubhouse, 18238 University Park Drive, Livonia, behind Laurel Park Place mall.

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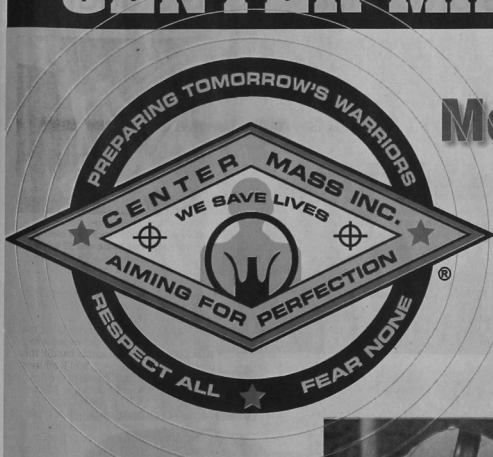
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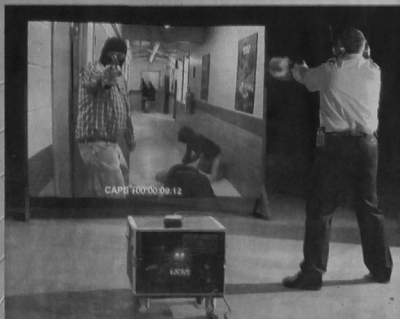


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## Chiefs punch playoff ticket

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

For the second straight Friday, Canton and Salem squared off at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with a playoff berth on the line.

Other than the fact Canton prevailed each week, that's where the similarities ended between the two contests.

The game Oct. 12 was a 34-7 blowout; Friday's thrilling nail-biter on a rainy, windy night came down to the final play. A 45-yard field-goal attempt by Salem junior Alex Kenrick — only possible after the Rocks recovered an onside kick — sailed wide right, enabling the Chiefs to win 28-27 and earn an

automatic state playoff berth with their sixth win of the season.

"That's stuff we practice," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said about the onside kick and subsequent field-goal attempt. "We converted it and it went how we wanted it to other than the miss, obviously."

### Not the same

Canton head coach Tim Baechler said the Salem team the Chiefs faced Friday was a different bunch from the previous week.

"They (Rocks) did so many new things today that caused us problems," Baechler said. "Offensively, defensively, that's the advantage of a back-to-back

game like that.

"We got it right the first game, they get to go back to the drawing board and make all kinds of adjustments and changes. They did a lot and they were good. But we got lucky."

For much of the night, it looked as though the Rocks were going to get payback for the previous week and in the process end two long droughts. It's been more than a decade since Salem defeated Canton, and since the Rocks reached the postseason.

With the bitter defeat, however, the 5-4 Rocks now must wait until the MHSAA's Selection Sunday show to find out if they squeak in to the playoffs.

"We're a bubble 5-4 team," Britnell said. "I don't know

exactly how they do things in East Lansing. But if they look at this game ... we can be competitive and we're worthy."

### Still hoping

The senior quarterback who almost directed the Rocks to a miracle finish, Jake Deprez, sat on the wet turf following the game trying to compose his thoughts, wondering if his prep career was over.

"We've been down the last couple weeks, but I thought we stepped it up tremendously," said Deprez, who completed 12 of 25-passes for 236 yards and two touchdowns. "We came out and we played how we wanted to

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## Grid playoffs show on Fox

Qualifying teams and first-round pairings for the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoffs will be announced during the annual Selection Sunday Show at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, on Fox Sports Detroit.

Two hundred-fifty-six teams, with 32 in each of eight divisions, will begin playoff competition across the state Friday night.

The five-week tournament includes two rounds of district play Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3 regional championship games Nov. 9-10, semifinal games Nov. 16-17 and the state finals Nov. 23-24 at Ford Field in Detroit.

Farmington (6-2) has already qualified for the playoffs with a minimum of six wins. Harrison (5-3) must win Friday against visiting West Bloomfield (2-6) to make the playoff field.

## BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

## Salem knocks out reigning champs

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

There was no escaping the fact that the 2012 season would end Thursday for a team with the potential to win a state varsity boys soccer championship.

That's because the best teams in the Division 1 district at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park met in a district semifinal. A late goal off a corner kick by Salem senior co-captain Tyler Fosdick gave the Rocks (16-2) a 2-1 win, propelling them into Saturday's district tie matchup against Plymouth.

"Anytime you have to play Canton it's always a very difficult game," Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said. "And it's very unfortunate that we had to play each other so early, and it's very unfortunate that someone had to lose this game because it was

such a high-quality game.

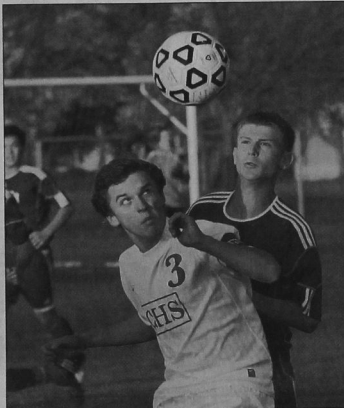
"But, at least the one positive is, playing Canton brings the best out of us and I think we played about as good as we can play tonight."

According to Canton head coach George Tomasso, whose squad would not have the chance for another long run of success, the Chiefs "created opportunity, we created enough to have a different score line. But the ball didn't bounce our way and it bounced Salem's way. So I want to say good luck to coach Ed (McCarthy) and Salem for the rest of the way."

A blue-collar effort by Fosdick resulted in the winning goal against Canton senior goalkeeper Ian Wingate, with 7:47 remaining in the second half.

Taking a corner kick from the

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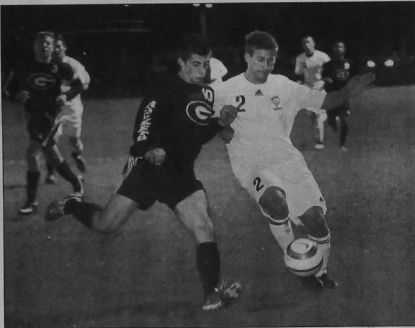


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Fighting it out for a 50-50 ball during Thursday's Division 1 district semifinal are Canton's Scott Piwowar (No. 3) and Salem's Alex Price (No. 14).

## Big second half sparks Wildcats in district semifinal

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer



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Plymouth senior forward Chandler Olah (No. 2) looks to maneuver around Westland John Glenn defender Daniel Sovor during Thursday's Division 1 district semifinal. Olah scored twice in the Wildcats' 3-0 win.

A three-goal second half Thursday lifted Plymouth to a 3-0 victory over Westland John Glenn in a Division 1 varsity boys soccer district semifinal contest.

The Wildcats (10-7-0) advanced to face Salem in Saturday's district final at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park soccer field. Results were not available as of press time.

Getting Plymouth on the scoreboard after five minutes into the second half was junior forward Viet Nguyen — who later set up senior forward and co-captain Chandler Olah to open up a 2-0 edge.

"He (Nguyen) definitely got us going," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "John Glenn, they just kept getting better as

the year went on and they really gave us a match tonight.

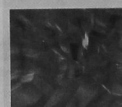
"Chandler was a big spark for us again tonight and I think our defense held up and played a very strong game."

Olah tacked on another goal late in the half and senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski held the fort to preserve the shut-out.

"Mario was solid," Neschich added. "He didn't make a mistake."

On Plymouth's first marker, off a scramble in front of the Rockets' goal, Nguyen said he was "just looking to play the ball to our key player Chandler. He's always going up in the box and he's our main guy to get the ball in the air to. I was fortunate enough that it deflected in."

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# Salem girls 2nd at conference meet

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Seven Salem runners cracked the 20-minute mark at Thursday's Kensington Conference girls cross country meet at Huron Meadows.

But the Rocks could not eclipse Northville, the third-ranked Division 1 team in the state, finishing second with 52 points (to the Mustangs' 36).

"One thing I preach to these kids is if you can't win make it one ahead of you break the record," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "That's a

quote my dad used to say all the time.

"Today, for us to have seven kids under the 20-minute barrier, and finish second tells you how great Northville ran today.

"My hat's off to them. They ran terrific, and we gave it our best shot. But in the end, they're the third-ranked team in the state and they got what they deserved with the conference championship."

### Kavulich 2nd

The top Salem performer was junior Kayla Kavulich, who was second overall with a time of 18 minutes.

Gerlach said Kavulich hung in lockstep with eventual medalist Rachel Coleman of Northville for about 4,800 of the 5,000-meter course. Eventually, Coleman won out with a time of 18:29.3.

"Kayla ran well, a very strategic race," Gerlach said. "I had no issues with the way she ran. In the last 200 meters got passed by Rachel Coleman and just couldn't respond."

Joining Kavulich on the first-team all-conference (top seven) Lauren Arquette, seventh with a mark of 19:05.05.

Following Kavulich and Arquette for the Rocks were Anya Cho (11th, 19:16.5), Natasha Stevenson (14th, 19:24.5), Alejandra Beltran (18th, 19:47.5), Emily Bizon (21st, 19:51.3) and Alexis Foley (22nd, 19:53.0).

Cho and Stevenson made the second team while Beltran and Bizon made the third team (Foley missed third-team honors by one place, but was an honorable mention recipient).

Other runners from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to finish on the first team were Canton's Maryam Galm (fourth, 18:48.7) and Plymouth's

Marina DeBiasi (19:03.7). In the team standings, following the Rocks in places 3-6 were Livonia Churchill (91), Canton (136), Livonia Stevenson (150) and Plymouth (154).

Gerlach said it was the first time in his coaching career that he had seven runners finish under 20 minutes.

He added that the team is still on course for a successful showing at the upcoming DI regional finals Oct. 27 at Willow Metropark in West Boston. The top three teams there will qualify for the state finals.

### KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

**Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 36 points; 2. Salem, 52; 3. Livonia Churchill, 91; 4. Canton, 136; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 150; 6. Plymouth, 154; 7. Livonia Franklin, 175; 8. South Lyon, 184; 9. Novi, 213; 10. Westland John Glenn, 293; 11. South Lyon East, 309; 12. Wayne Memorial, 389.

**Individual winner:** Rachel Coleman (Northville), 18:29.3 (5,000 meters).

### TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS

**Northville (36):** 1. Coleman, 18:29.3; 2. Erin Dunne, 18:41.4; 9. Allison Robinson, 19:14.0; 10. Nicole Mosteller, 19:14.6; 13. Erin Ziemer, 19:21.16; Emma Hermans, 19:38.7.

**Salem (52):** 2. Kayla Kavulich, 18:31.1; 7. Lauren Arquette,



Salem junior Kayla Kavulich, shown from earlier in the season, finished second at Thursday's Kensington Conference meet.

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**Canton (136):** 4. Mary Galm, 18:48.7; 30. Jessica Siegler, 20:43.3; 31. Samantha McGrath, 20:43.7; 32. Olivia McIntyre, 20:44.0; 39. Laura Murphy, 21:02.0; 56. Keara Sullivan, 21:57.5; 59. Marissa Campbell, 22:05.8.

**Stevenson (150):** 12. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:14.4; 27. Karlie Gallagher, 20:38.1; 28. Barbara Scuphohn, 20:39.8; 40. Emily Kwiatnik, 21:05.4; 43. Natalie Moore, 21:15.6; 54. Maggie Paul, 21:52.7; 74. Emily Chapski, 23:37.7.

**Plymouth (154):** 6. Marina

DeBiasi, 19:03.7; 29. Brianna Lax, 20:41.9; 33. Alexa Chicon, 20:46.2; 42. Renae DeBrito, 21:26.0; 44. Charlotte Clark, 21:18.6; 45. Allison Morren, 21:20.2; 52. Shannon Shaver, 21:33.9.

**Franklin (175):** 19. Natalie Douglas, 19:47.9; 25. Natalie Martinze, 20:35.6; 27. Kayla VanOrt, 22:01.1; 60. Kristin Bronson, 22:24.0.

**Novi (213):** 15. Jackie Mullins, 19:33.2; 17. Hannah Longner, 19:40.8; 50. Karissa Koomen, 21:44.6; 64. Summer Mitchell, 22:38.9; 67. Melanie Murphy, 23:11.9; 70. Carrie Subject, 23:12.7; 72. Samantha DeJesse, 23:20.2.

**John Glenn (293):** 42. Barb Mesica, 21:15.5; 51. Shelina Johnson, 21:50.7; 63. Caroline Michalak, 22:52.6; 65. Corinne MacQuarrie, 22:49.8; 73. Hannah Mitchell, 23:23.2; 78. Bailey Padgett, 26:53.8; 79. Carissa Roul, 27:22.1.

**South Lyon East (309):** 55. Jessica LaVone, 20:54.5; 58. Lea Fielding, 22:04.6; 62. Devon Fields, 22:28.9; 66. Hallie Hollister, 22:54.5; 68. Erin O'Donnell, 23:12.3; 69. Mckervey Winkler, 23:13.4; 71. Michelle Rolsch, 23:16.8.

**Wayne (389):** 19. Kendall Hooce, 23:38.6; 76. Megan Mack, 24:54.5; 77. Kayla Hood, 26:07.0; 80. Kaitlyn MacLain, 27:34.4; 81. Victoria Boyd, 29:01.3; 82. Alexandra Arzyovay, 29:15.2; 83. Angelia Baker, 31:13.4.

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 A-B Championship, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 23**  
 Clarenceville, Huron Valley  
 at Luth. Westland Quad, 5 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 25**  
 Cranbrook at Cville, 7 p.m.  
 Inter-city at L. Wild, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 27**  
 Bedford Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
 Wash. Christian, TBA.  
**FREE CROSS COUNTRY**  
**MHSAA REGIONAL MEETS**  
**Saturday, Oct. 27**  
 (Division 2)  
 at Willow Metro, 10:30 a.m.  
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**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 23**  
 Lady, at Cranbrook, 5:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 25**  
 Ladywood vs. Marian  
 at Liu. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Oct. 26**  
 KLA A South at Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 KLA A Central at Novi, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 27**  
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**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 24**  
 MU at Western Ohio, 7 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27**  
 (NCAA Tournament)  
 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, TBA.  
**COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 24**  
 Western Ohio at MU, 1 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 26**  
**(NCAA Region 12 Playoffs)**  
 S'craft vs. 1st-round winner  
 at Grand Haven H.S., TBA.  
**Saturday, Oct. 27**  
 MU at UVA Dearborn, 3 p.m.  
**(NCAA Region XII Finals)**  
 at Grand Haven H.S., TBA.  
**COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 24**  
 Indiana Tech at MU, 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 27**  
 MU at Cornerstone, noon.  
**(NCAA Region XII Playoffs)**  
**at Jackson CC**  
 S'craft vs. Delta College, TBA.  
 Owens vs. Muskegon, TBA.  
**Sunday, Oct. 28**  
 Region 12 final at Jackson, TBA.  
 Madonna vs. Purdue-Calumet  
 at Munster (Ind.) H.S., 2 p.m.  
 TBA — time to be announced.

**SALEM**

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left side of the pitch was Salem junior forward Connor Cole, who neatly served it inside the 18-yard box.

His twin brother, Brady, redirected the ball toward Wingate but it hit a Canton player and dropped down a couple feet in front of the goal line.

Fosdick needed a couple tries, but he kept his ground and from point-blank range slam-dunked the ball into the cage.

"I bounced right to me inside the box and I hit it," Fosdick said. "It hit a defender in the chest and I just followed up with my foot. We didn't want to go to overtime at all, we wanted to end it in regulation."

**Fitting reward**  
 McCarthy said it was fitting that Fosdick would be rewarded for his hard work with the game-winning marker.

"I was thrilled that he (Fosdick) got the game winner," McCarthy said. "He's been our toughest and most gritty player and that's what his game is. This was a hard, physical, aggressive, challenging game and if I had to pick the game winner and who would get it in a game like this I would pick Tyler Fosdick."

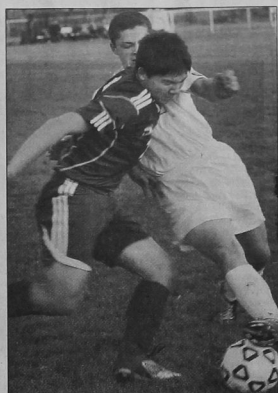
"And he came through in the biggest of moments for us with the season on the line," McCarthy also praised the work of Brady Cole on the play for "keeping the ball alive (in the box). He was very good all night in the attacking end. He was very creative and certainly had a big part in the first goal, too."

That came in the first half, with about 11 minutes remaining. Connor Cole dropped a pass back to Brady who chipped a 10-yard shot over Wingate.

The Chiefs (16-4-2) were not about to go quietly, however, not with players such as Connor Shennan, Dan Ovesea, Bryan Tolinski and several others who were key pieces to the 2011 championship puzzle.

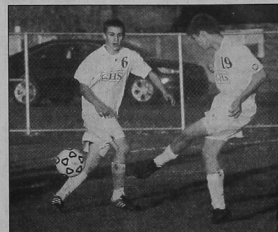
With 25:57 to play in regulation, Canton evened things up at 1-1 on a goal by sophomore Jack Zemanski.

Shennan took a free kick from near midfield and the ball ping-ponged inside the box until Zemanski drove it past Salem junior goalkeeper Collin Hewett — who was a difference maker down



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Going all-out in close quarters for a loose ball are Canton's Aidan Shennan (No. 13) and Salem's Grant McKinney (No. 19).



Scoring in the second half to tie the district game is Canton's Jack Zemanski (No. 19), while teammate Cody Widlak (No. 6) watches in the background.

the stretch.

**Coming up big**  
 Moments after Wingate sprawled to block a dangerous scoring chance by Salem senior forward Chris Diener to keep it a tie game, it was Hewett's turn to make a brilliant stop.

Canton junior forward Griffin Parks ripped a shot from about 15 yards that looked ticketed for the top-left corner. But Hewett — a couple feet off the ground — dove to his right to bat the ball aside.

Hewett had to come up clutch later on, including a stop on Parks' low laser with about 10 minutes remaining.

"Collin probably made three saves where I thought they had sure goals," McCarthy said. "If you want to go anywhere in this tournament you need your goalkeeper to make big saves."

"With the game on the line he had three high-quality saves and overall a very solid performance. He was tremendous all night."

That was to the dismay of Tomasso and his players, who sat in stunned silence following the crushing loss.

"We could have done a better job capitalizing on their mistakes," Tomasso said. "But when it was 1-1, it's a tight ballgame. Anything can happen."

"Salem did a good job to get to the end line, get a corner kick. The ball bounced around, we failed to clear it and they got on the end of it."

And in the process, that was the end of Canton's hopes and dreams for back-to-back championships.

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play. This is good to see. I'm just hoping we get in."

Salem did give up the first touchdown of the night.

With 4:56 left in the first quarter, Canton sophomore quarterback Greg Williams (5-of-5 passing, 159 yards, two TDs) shot-purged the football to senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth in the right flat. Hollingsworth (18 rushes, 163 yards, two TDs) eluded tacklers and rolled down the field for an 86-yard score, connecting on the extra point as Connor Shennan as the Chiefs went up 7-0.

Deprez brought his team right back, leading a 57-yard march in seven plays. Culminating the drive was a 46-yard toss to junior running back Drake Jordan, who collected 232 all-purpose yards.

Jordan got past the Canton secondary, reached the Chiefs' 10-yard line and turned around with his back to the goal line. He stood waiting like an outfielder before catching the long throw and then ran into the end zone. Kendrick's extra point tied the game at 7-7 with 8:01 remaining in the half.

The Rocks took a 14-7 halftime lead. Another long toss, this time a 42-yarder to senior wide-out Youssef Barakat (five receptions, 104 yards), keyed Salem's 82-yard scoring drive in the final minutes of the second quarter.

Following that catch near the midfield stripe, Jordan took over with runs of 5, 4, 14 and 10 yards (the latter good for a TD).

**Wildcats lose 34-6 in finale**

The regular season had a disappointing finish Friday night for the Plymouth Wildcats.

Visiting Grand Blanc scored 27 first-half points and went on to record a 34-6 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity grass football field.

The loss gives Plymouth a record of 7-2 entering the first week of playoffs. Coach Mike Sawchuk and his team won't know the opponent until Selection Sunday.

Grand Blanc quarterback Justin McElroy was the biggest thorn for the

Wildcats. He completed touchdown passes of 12, 20 and 14 yards to give the Bobcats (5-4) a 20-0 lead.

Plymouth finally got on the board with 8:17 remaining in the fourth quarter, making it a 27-6 contest.

Eiland connected on a 46-yard scoring strike to senior receiver Nate Emminger. Other than that, however, Eiland had a struggling night — hitting just six of 20 passes for 152 yards (three to Emminger, good for 100 yards).

In the rushing department, DJ Rossell led the Wildcats with 73 yards in 10 attempts.

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Nguyen's corner kick led to Plymouth's next goal, with Olah in front to chip it in.

Olah then drove a shot into the top-right corner with about 9:26 left for

**Day 1 good for wildcats**

So far, so good for Plymouth's varsity girls golf team at the Division 1 regionals.

The Wildcats finished the first day of action at Michigan State University's Forest Akers

an insurance tally.

That gave him five goals in the first two games of the districts. He scored all three goals in Tuesday's 3-2 overtime victory over Livonia Churchill.

As for the district final looming against state-ranked Salem, Nguyen said he and his team-

would be ready.

"They have a very, very great team," he emphasized. "But we have a lot of guys willing to work, willing to put the effort in to get the victory on Saturday."

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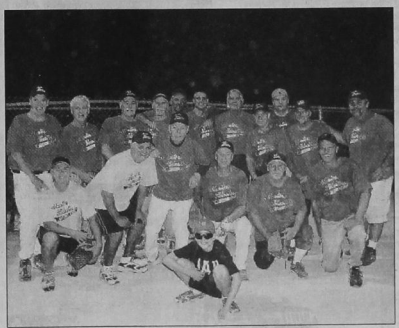
East with a score of 331 strokes, good for the top spot just ahead of Utica (338).

Plymouth senior Kelsey Murphy had the lowest score Friday, with a round of 73. Can-

ton's Kelsey McDougall, meanwhile, tallied an 86.

The regionals were scheduled to conclude on Saturday; results were not available as of press time.

**Softball streak**



The Master Blasters Softball Club, despite finishing in the middle of the pack during the regular season, captured the Wayne Friday Night Softball League Division Title for the seventh consecutive year with victories in the playoffs over St. Michael, 25-2, and Warfield Electric, 20-12, highlighted by five inside-the-park homers. Members of the Blasters, managed since 1984 by Ed Hamacher, include (back row, from left) Denny McMahon, Dearborn; Don Buchan, Warren; Glenn Smith, Livonia; Bob Courter, Canton; Ted Kerr, Highland; Jason Grosso, Westland; Hank Grosso, Woodhaven; Kevin Miller, Westland; Scott Barrick, Livonia; Bob Rousseau, Westland; Brian Kerr, Livonia; (front row, from left); Pete Banko, South Lyon; Bob Genna, Canton; Ed Hamacher, Livonia; Jim Carron, Troy; Ernie Comini, Westland; Paul Mardusz, Livonia; (seated) Anthony Genna, Canton. Not pictured is Phil Camp, Hartland; Dale Champagne, Commerce; Roger Frayer, Livonia; Scott Kerr, Brownstown; Rocky McHenry Canton; Bob Moriarty, Livonia; Jeff Spiteri, Birmingham.

# Locals 'Tri' versatility on for size

Going for the Triple Crown just isn't exclusive these days to Miguel Cabrera.

The first-ever Try Tam's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and nine-hole golf scramble, was staged Saturday, Oct. 6 at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township drawing a total of 20-plus participants.

"As to my knowledge, this was the first Tri event of this kind in the state of Michigan," said PGA Golf Professional Tam Bealer, also an avid runner and cyclist. "Once people find out more about the logistics, etc. . . and how much fun everybody had, I know next year's event will be even bigger and better."

Each of the participants were given the option of doing all three, two or just one event.

On the heels of the Summer Olympic Games in London, those who competed in all three events at Try Tam's Tri received a gold wristband, while dual or solo participants received a silver and bronze wristbands, respectively.

Several of the participants ran their first 5K run and 20K bike.

First across the line in



Plymouth's Peggy Gerou and Livonia's Jim Betz do the 20-kilometer bike ride portion of Try Tam's Tri Oct. 6 at Hickory Creek Golf Course. They also ran a 5K run and competed in a nine-hole golf scramble.

the 5K were two women, Ann Kurtis of Livonia and Peggy Gerou of Plymouth.

Capturing the four-person golf scramble with a score of 33 was the team Mary and Jim Cicala, of Northville, along with

Gerou and Livonia's Jim Betz.

Try Tam's Tri not only promoted good health through golf, running and cycling, but proceeds from the event went to Growth Works, Inc., a non-profit which focuses

on developing relevant and successful programming to meet the needs of teens and families struggling with chemical dependency and delinquent behaviors.

## GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

### MISCA SWIM MEET

OCT. 13 AT B. H. ANDOVER

#### 200-yard medley relay:

1. Grosse Pointe South, 1:49.37;  
3. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Julia Suriano), 1:50.18; 5. Canton (Emily Adams, Hannah Jenkins, Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:51.55; 19. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Emily Weiner), 1:55.40.

#### 200 freestyle:

1. Morgan Bullock (Zealand), 1:51.97; 2. Sarah Dombkowski (Plymouth), 1:54.64; 5. Aumiller (Salem), 1:56.53; 20. Claire Green (Canton), 2:00.32; 22. Madeline Madison (Canton), 2:00.58.

#### 200 individual medley:

1. Haley Shaw (Fenton), 2:07.58; 4. Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:08.63; 5. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 2:09.79; 9. Alexa Earls (Plymouth), 2:11.94; 13. Adams (Canton), 2:13.09; 14. Jenkins (Canton), 2:13.57; 17. Emily Toro (Plymouth), 2:13.88.

#### 50 freestyle:

1. Danielle Freeman (Hudsonville), 24.18; 6. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 24.79.

#### 100 butterfly:

1. Aujla Zang (Zeeland), 56.77; 11. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 59.77; 17. Erickson (Plymouth), 1:00.79; 18. Toro (Plymouth), 1:00.85.

#### 100 freestyle:

1. Katie DeLoof (Grosse Pointe South), 52.24; 10. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 54.97; 22. Carolyn Stoddard (Plymouth), 55.87; 23. Weiner (Plymouth), 56.06.

#### 500 freestyle:

1. Dombkowski (Plymouth), 4:57.30; 13. Suriano (Salem), 5:15.02; 15. C. Green (Canton), 5:15.21.

#### 200-free relay:

1. Saline, 1:38.06; 2. Plymouth, 2:03.70; Stoddard (Plymouth), 2:08.63; 5. Canton (Adams, Caitlin Orr, C. Green, M. Madison), 1:45.72; 44. Salem (Maddie Geron, Patricia Freitag, Annie Patterson, Vincenza Zaia), 1:48.62.

#### 100 backstroke:

1. DeLoof (GPS), 57.31; 5. Aumiller (Salem), 59.33; 13. Earls (Plymouth), 1:00.45; 14. Stephanie Solterman (Salem), 1:00.56; 19. Suriano (Salem), 1:00.88; 48. Orr (Canton), 1:04.06.

#### 100 breaststroke:

1. Shannon Cowley (Ann Arbor Skyline), 1:05.89; 2. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:06.10; 12. Jenkins (Canton), 1:09.44.

#### 400-free relay:

1. Saline, 3:36.16; 2. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Suriano, Linda Zhang, Aumiller), 3:42.12; 4. Plymouth (Dombkowski, Toro, Earls, Weiner), 3:40.07; 20. Canton (Meier, Orr,

Jenkins, Barmore-Hicks), 3:48.90.

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OCT. 18 AT PLYMOUTH

#### 200-yard medley relay:

1. Plymouth (Alexa Earls, Emily Toro, Linda Erickson, Sarah Dombkowski), 1:56.64; 2. Plymouth (Gaea Wing, Lauren Metz, Lydia Matson, Carolyn Stoddard), 2:17.40; Franklin, 2:19.82.

#### 200 freestyle:

1. Emily Weiner (P), 2:11.09; 2. Allison Lennig (P), 2:25.78; 3. Megan Theisen (LF), 2:20.74; 4. Kelly Erickson (P), 2:29.89; 5. Amber Elnisky (LF), 2:31.30.

#### 200 individual medley:

1. Stoddard (P), 2:36.10; 2. Abby Humphries (P), 2:43.29; 3. Iara Roberts (LF), 2:51.67; 4. Emily Vos (P), 2:52.22; 5. Katy Swenson (LF), 3:08.36.

#### 50 freestyle:

1. Dombkowski (P), 25.84; 2. Earls (P), 26.36; 3. Lauren Wischer (P), 29.98; 4. Madison Stanchina (LF), 32.73; 5. Nichole Clark (LF), 39.32.

#### 1-meter diving:

1. Katie Telega (P), 165.60 points; 2. Megan McCuehan (P), 154.40; 3. Jacquelyn Dziurgot (LF), 142.05; 4. Angelica Stewart (LF), 116.05; 5. Jill Chernawske (LF), 112.10.

#### 100 butterfly:

1. Samidha Visal (P), 1:13.57; 2. Wing (P), 1:14.97; 3. Jill Chernawske (LF), 1:17.25; 4. Elnisky (LF), 1:20.48; 5. Sruthi Sundar (P), 1:25.79.

#### 100 freestyle:

1. Dombkowski (P), 55.41; 2. Earls (P), 57.85; 3. Theisen (LF), 1:05.70; 4. Stanchina (LF), 1:14.12; 5. Humphries (P), 1:17.43.

#### 500 freestyle:

1. Erickson (P), 5:41.81; 2. Wischer (P), 6:15.79; 3. Iara Roberts (LF), 6:20.77; 4. Kallely Morner (P), 6:55.06.

#### 200-free relay:

1. Plymouth (Stoddard, Toro, Earls, Weiner, Wischer), 1:53.79; 2. Plymouth (Visal, Wing, Humphries, Kelly Erickson), 1:58.66; 3. Franklin, 2:04.06.

#### 100 backstroke:

1. Toro (P), 1:04.30; 2. L. Erickson (P), 1:07.13; 3. Weiner (P), 1:12.42; 4. Yardley (LF), 1:21.68; 5. Roberts (LF), 1:24.30.

#### 100 breaststroke:

1. Stoddard (P), 1:25.18; 2. Megan Sullivan (P), 1:32.31; 3. Michniewicz (LF), 1:32.32; 4. Elsa Saalop (P), 1:34.68; 5. Natalie Modes (LF), 1:41.35.

#### 400-free relay:

1. Plymouth (Toro, Weiner, Earls, Dombkowski), 3:49.19; 2. Franklin, 4:20.53; 3. Plymouth (L. Erickson, Emily Vos, K. Erickson, Matson), 4:20.76.

## JV Rocks 2nd at tourney



Salem's junior varsity boys hockey team enjoyed a successful run at the JVP/Fall Kick-off Classic in Lansing. The Rocks finished second, falling 6-4 to Brighton in the championship title. But previously during the tourney (Sept. 28-30), they defeated Nov. (7-3), Hamilton (10-3) and Hartland (4-3) in the semifinals. Pictured are team members as follows: (front row, from left) Travis Tost, Liam Winchup, Jon Clark, Steven Homrich, Nathan Balcan, Dillon Phillips; (second row, from left) coach Ross, coach Hayes, Connor Groff, Patrick Louis, Bailey Thompson, Zach Goleniak; (third row, from left) Andy Posa, Nick Calligari, Mitch Coral, Brad Visel, Nate West, Nate Homrich, Logan Ross, coach West; (back row, from left) Anthony Zorner, Noah Willer, Zach Newsum, Justin Katulski and Taylor Burris.

# Hawks building MAC momentum

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls volleyball team is trying to build some team spirit by building momentum before heading into the postseason.

On Thursday, the Hawks improved to 24-12-5 overall and 6-2 in the White Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 2-25, 25-21, 25-22, 28-6 victory at Gross Pointe Woods University in Leggett.

"That victory came on the heels of a 25-12, 25-16, 17-25, 25-14 MIAC White Division win Tuesday at home over Birmingham Roper."

"It was nice to see the girls come back and beat a couple of good teams that we lost to in the first round of the conference," HVL coach Mike Dest said.

"With the two wins this week, we put ourselves in a position to have a chance at capturing another conference championship."

Over the last four MIAC matches, Lexus Medina paced the Hawks by averaging 20 kills and seven blocks, while Madison Dest averaged 17 kills, nine aces and was 25-of-27 in serve reception.

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Other leaders based on four-match averages included Daina Schroeder (11 kills, five blocks, 21-of-27 serve reception).

At the Westland Quad and Wednesday in the Livonia Ladywood quad before finishing the regular season Saturday in a tournament, Dest and Saline Washtenaw Christian.

Meanwhile, it will be a busy upcoming week for the Hawks who will play Tuesday in the Lutheran Westland Quad and Wednesday in the Livonia Ladywood quad before finishing the regular season Saturday in a tournament.

Dest and Saline Washtenaw Christian. Plymouth Christian lost 3-0 to Ann Arbor Greenhills in a Tuesday night matchup of MIAC girls volleyball teams.

Jen Malcom paced the Eagles with seven kills and 12 assists. Other contributions were turned in by Sydney Burton (eight assists), Mary Antleiner (two assists, nine digs) and libero Callie Morby (15 digs).

## Spartans lose in PKs

Livonia Stevenson's 2012 boys soccer season ended Wednesday night on the dreaded penalty kicks in Wednesday's Division I district semifinal.

The host Spartans and Novi battled to a 2-2 draw through 80 minutes of regulation and a pair of 10-minute overtime periods before the Wildcats won the battle of PKs, 5-4, for a 3-2 aggregate victory.

Novi, now 12-3 overall, marches on to the district final beginning at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson to face Farmington Harrison, which also advanced with a 1-0 OT semifinal win over North Farmington.

Novi's Ryan Kobakov opened the scoring in the ninth minute, but Stevenson's Austin Rynicki answered with a head kick off a corner kick from Billy Werthman in the 27th minute to square the match at 1-1.

Novi's Don Nakashima then scored in the 55th minute to put the Wildcats on top again, 2-1, but Stevenson senior John D'Agostino responded in the 77th minute when he finished a long throw-in from Tom O'Brien.

Stevenson held the edge in shots, 13-7. Spartan goalkeeper Zack Verant made four saves, while Andy Netter had six stops for the Wildcats.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Youth wrestling

Registration for the Westland Rockets Wrestling Club (ages 4-14) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the John Glenn High School (wrestling room), 36105 Marquette, Westland.

The membership fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt).

Beginners meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and advanced wrestlers from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Nov. 27.

To obtain a copy of the registration form, visit [www.glenwrestling.com](http://www.glenwrestling.com).

For more information, e-mail [brclwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:brclwrestling@gmail.com); or call Judy Lawrence at (734) 634-4595.

### Girls lacrosse

Tryouts for the 2015 Westside Women's Lacrosse Club under-14 through under-17 teams will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 and 28 at ITC Community Sports Park, located at Eight Mile and Napier roads in Novi.

The tryout fee is \$25. To register, visit [www.wmlc.com](http://www.wmlc.com).

For more information or interesting in coaching, call Beth Donovan at (734) 231-7766; or e-mail [bethd@wmlc.com](mailto:bethd@wmlc.com).

### Livonia wrestling

The Livonia Wrestling Club, a unified wrestling club serving Livonia and surrounding communities for grades K-8, will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 27 through March 28, at the Franklin High School wrestling room.

All coaches and volunteers will be under direct supervision of the Franklin coaching staff.

Registration can be done at the first practice or throughout the season.

The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt and registration into MyWay).  
For more information, call Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340, or e-mail [chiola44@yahoo.com](mailto:chiola44@yahoo.com).

### Men's basketball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its men's winter basketball league managers meeting for new teams at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile Road).

The registration deadline for returning teams is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. The league projected starting date is Jan. 7, 2013.

The fee is \$400 per team (plus non-resident and official fees of \$28 per game).  
For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### Turkey Trot

The seventh annual Livonia Turkey Trot, a 5-kilometer run-walk, will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Late registration and T-shirt pickup will be at 9 a.m.

The \$10 fee includes T-shirt (if registered prior to Oct. 24), snacks and refreshments.

All proceeds and canned food donations will go to the Livonia Goodfellow (and automatically be entered in a prize raffle).  
For more information, call (734) 466-2410; or visit [www.livonia.mi.us](http://www.livonia.mi.us).

### CHS 5K Fun Run

The Churchill Family 5-kilometer Fun Run will be at 9:30 a.m. Satur-

day, Nov. 10 with the start at the high school parking lot.

There will also be a 1-mile 10-and-under Fun Run. (Donation is a can of pet food).

The pre-registration cost is \$12 (ages 13-18) and \$15 (adults). Race day fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively. Family of four can pre-register for \$45.

To ensure a race T-shirt, register by Oct. 21 online at [www.chs-cup.com](http://www.chs-cup.com).

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### Rosedale 5K Run

The Rosedale Area Neighbors will observe Veterans Day with its annual Red, White and Blue 5-kilometer run-walk starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Rudolf Kleiner Park in Livonia.

Registration will be from 9:10-30 a.m. at Rosedale Garden Presbyteri-an Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia.

Proceeds will go to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Participants are also encouraged to bring canned goods for the Boy Scouts' annual Can-Do drive.

Long-sleeved T-shirts will go to the first 150 registrants. Pizza and pasta feast, along with prizes, will follow at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian. Patriotic apparel is encouraged.

Pre-registration fees are \$15 (adult); \$10 (middle school and high school); \$5 (younger); and \$40 (family). Race day fees are \$20 (adult); \$15 (middle school and high school); \$10 (younger); and \$50 (family).

To download a registration form, visit [www.oldschoolalegarden.com](http://www.oldschoolalegarden.com). Online sign up will be at: <http://rosedale5k.eventzilla.net>.

For more information, call Jeff at (734) 367-0260.

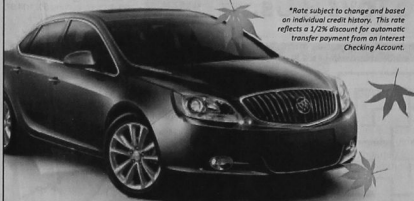
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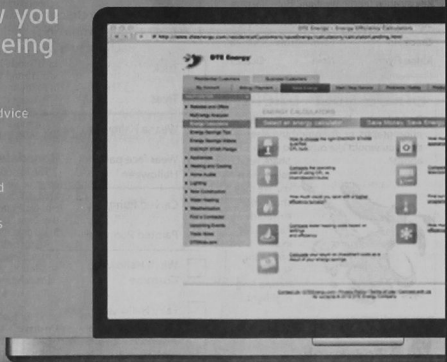
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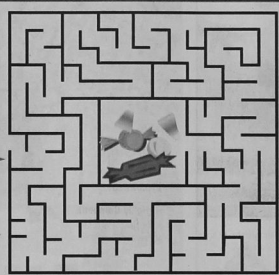
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## Enduring Love

### Senior couples reaffirm their wedding vows in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

After 60 years of marriage to her husband, Ron, Donna Sipperley finally got the chance last week to wear a bride's gown and veil.

"We knew each other three weeks and we got married. I had a short, white eyelet dress. I didn't have a wedding gown. That's why I am so excited," said Sipperley, as she waited to renew her vows, along with 22 other women at the Civic Park Senior Center in Livonia.

The makeshift bride's room at the senior center buzzed with talk about the impending ceremony, Wednesday afternoon as the women, some wearing street clothing and others, like Sipperley, formal attire, adjusted their veils, donned garters and selected bouquets.

Their husbands waited in a separate room down the hall for the cue to join Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey in the center's lunchroom where family members had already gathered to watch their moms and grandmothers walk the aisle to *Here Comes the Bride*.

Plans for the celebration, complete with Kirksey officiating, an appetizer buffet, formal photos, complimentary flowers and accessories, decorations and individual



June Dore, married to Al Dore, shows off her garter. Marge Stuebben, who is behind Dore, didn't offer to show her garter to the photographer.

wedding cakes, began taking shape as seniors collected fine china tea cups last summer.

"The tea cups were the start of it," said Patri-

cia Wachtel, recreation supervisor. "We asked everyone to go into their personal collections and

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The grooms meet their brides for the ceremony. Nelson and Pat Taylor show that not much has really changed through all of the years.

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- JoAnn Henderson-Collins  
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Lisa Swanson (left) and Janice Reissenweber of Chicks for Charity donned scary costumes to encourage participation in their upcoming Fright Night Road Rally through Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

## Wine tasting benefits residents with disabilities

The Community Opportunity Center will sponsor a Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Laurel Manor, located on the I-96 service drive, west of Newburgh, in Livonia.

Ten vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, will be available for sampling. The event also will include a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres. Auction items include a Napa Valley wine tour, a vacation home stay in Frankfort, hot air balloon ride, dinner for six prepared in a private home by Chef Larry Jones, and a wine tasting party for 24 individuals featuring 15 wines from around the world.

In addition to the live auction, many items will be available for bidding at the silent auction tables. They include

Detroit Pistons and Plymouth Whalers tickets, massage certificates, paintings, a house cleaning service, restaurant certificates, wine baskets, and assorted gift baskets. Live music will be performed during the event.

Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and are available by calling Diane or Larry Jones at (734) 422-5525. All major credit cards are accepted. Credit cards also will be accepted the night of the event to pay for live and silent auction items.

Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 individuals with developmental disabilities who live in western Wayne County. Homes and apartments are in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

## Hands on compassion



Myrna Woods of Farmington recruited her niece, Heather Mott, and her children to help Helping Hands Touching Hearts pack boxes for shipment to South Africa. Mott said she wants to teach her children to have compassion and help others in need. Sidney Bonvallet (center) of Farmington Hills founded the charity to help African communities obtain clothing, shoes and equipment and supplies needed to improve their lives. Bonvallet's helpers packed seven boxes. The Mott children are Marinin (left), Eamen, and Liam. Woods is seated in the background and Mott is at right. Visit Helping Hands Touching Heart's website at dotheavillagenow.com.

## Fright Night

### Compete for prizes, help charity at road rally

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Flashlights, a smartphone and a knack for solving puzzles. That and a little knowledge of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area will make life easier if you hit the road Saturday, Oct. 27, with Chicks 4 Charities Fright Night Road Rally.

"You have to solve clues. Some are hard and some are kind of easy," said Janice Reissenweber of Plymouth, who is co-chairing the event with Chicks' president, Lisa Swanson, of South Lyon. "I think it's going to be fun. It's been a lot of fun planning it."

Competing teams will follow the rally route—which takes two-three hours to complete—by deciphering clues and solving puzzles along the way. Correct answers stop the next stop on the route. The game will begin at 5 p.m. at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth and return to the site later that evening for a Halloween party.

"One thing we didn't like about other road rallies is you work and work and then come back and find out someone has already won. We wanted to figure out a way to change that," Reissenweber said.

Their Fright Night Road Rally is based on a point system. The team winning the most points

—not necessarily the one that finishes first—will win the \$500 first prize. Second place prize is \$250 and third place will win \$100.

"There are ways to earn extra credit," Reissenweber explained. "And even if you didn't win the road rally, you could still win the costume party." Party-only tickets cost \$15 and include the costume contest, chances to win prizes and music by Dale Hick's Band. The road rally and party costs \$30 per person or \$110 for a four-person team. The rally is open to families, although the party is more appropriate for adults.

Proceeds will benefit the No Kid Hungry campaign, which is dedicated to ending childhood hunger in America.

#### Giving back

Chicks 4 Charities has raised thousands of dollars for a variety of causes since Swanson's mother-in-law, Pat Swanson, founded it in 2008.

"She was looking for a way to give back to the community," Reissenweber said. "She had a group of friends and everyone talked about how, yeah, we'd like to do something. We've been so blessed and we wanted to do something to give back."

The friends formed an organization and attained nonprofit status. Their first event,

for a cancer care center at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, raised \$15,000 and bolstered the group's confidence in their fundraising abilities. A bowling event to support patients with ovarian cancer drew another \$15,000.

"We've done many things, for breast cancer, ovarian cancer. We did a benefit for Ellie's Place, which is a center for grieving children. We usually do one large event a year and lots of small things," Reissenweber said. "We usually take a family or two and try to make a better Thanksgiving or Christmas for them."

Swanson said other "Chicks" groups have spun off of the Wayne County-based organization—or simply taken a cue from their work—and now "give back" in their own communities.

"At first I thought, oh, they're copying us. But when you think about it, it's great to think about how many people have blossomed and are helping out their community in their own way," Swanson said. Chicks 4 Charities meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, in private homes. For more information about joining the group—or to buy tickets to the Fright Night Road Rally—visit [www.chicks4charities.net](http://www.chicks4charities.net) or call (248) 719-4687.

## Senior citizens show their art in style

Residents at Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills will display more than 200 paintings at their 3rd annual Watercolor Exhibit and Sale.

The event will run 2-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Botsford Town Commons, 21300 Archwood Circle. The community is located between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads, north of Eight Mile and south of M-5 and Grand River Ave.

The paintings are the result of Botsford Commons' watercolor class, which meets every Monday. The class was the brainchild of resident Berta Villarreal, who enlisted the help of Karin Phillips, a well-known local artist, to lead the class.

"I am so impressed with how everyone has progressed," said Villarreal, in a press release. "Everyone should be proud of what they have accomplished." In addition to Villarreal,

resident artists include Jane Langa, Bill Waddell, Betty Gilbert, Tom Burrowsky, Joe Thomas, Florence Prak and others. They will show their works alongside visiting artists Phillips, Marilyn Lynch and Doreen Butler. In addition, Farmington retailers Framery One and Miller's Art supply will have displays with donated door prizes.

Admission to the art show is free. For more information call Barb Smith at (248) 615-2898.



Shiranthi Desilva, director of Montessori Center of Our Lady, (left) and Sister Paulita Bikowski, along with children from the center, show the collection of pet food they donated to the Humane Society of Livingston County.

## Schools collect food, rescue offers wellness clinic

#### Filling tummies

Montessori Center of Our Lady, St. Mary Child Care Center and Ladywood High School, all in Livonia, recently collected pet food for the Humane Society of Livingston County.

Kayla Dempster, a junior, is spearheading the project at Ladywood. The collection will continue through the end of the month as a school-wide community service project.

So far, Ladywood has collected 78 cans and bags of food. Kayla also sparked food drives at the Montessori school, where her mother, Janet, works as a teacher's aide, and at the child care center. The two centers collected 75 bags and cans of food, which Kayla and her mother delivered to the Humane Society.

While collecting food for the cause, the campaigns at the Montessori center and the child care center also offered a learning opportunity,



#### PET PROJECTS

According to Sr. Juanita Szymanski, youngsters learned about St. Francis of Assisi as a model of kindness to "all of God's creation."

Students at the Montessori Center of Our Lady range in age from 3-6. The St. Mary Child Care Center's charges are from two weeks to six years.

"The Felician Sisters have always been a big proponent of giving back," said Elizabeth Raetz, who handles marketing and development for the Felician Sisters Center and the Child Care Centers, Inc. Core values for Felician Sisters' ministries

and schools include compassion, respect for human dignity, transformation, justice and peace and solidarity with the poor.

Raetz said children are taught those values through hands-on events, such as the pet food collection.

#### Taking appointments

Tail Wagger's 1990 is offering vaccination clinics at its offices throughout November.

Rabies, distemper and bordetella vaccines for dogs are available for \$12 each or \$20 for all three. Cats and kittens can receive their distemper and rabies vaccines for \$12 each. Heartworm testing is available—with results on the spot—for \$18. Microchipping is \$30. Appointment days are Saturday, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 17 and 24, and Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2.

Call (734) 855-4077.

—By Sharon Dargay



# Hospice event offers sports-related fun

Show your team spirit at Angela Hospice's sports-themed fundraiser, Light Up a Life Benefit, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The event will include an open bar, silent auction, "Pick-a-Player" game, fishbowl raffle, music for dancing by

the Rick Lieder Band, and dinner. Individual tickets are \$100 each, and tables of ten are available for \$1,000. All proceeds benefit programs for terminally ill patients and their families.

Make reservations by calling events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, who is a houseplant guru from Steinkopf Nursery, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Upton Court, located at 5 Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Her presentation will focus on the care and cultivation of indoor houseplants, pests, diseases, soils and fertilization. Steinkopf is a certified indoor landscape techni-

cian, certified nurseryman and a member of the Garden Writer's Association. Refreshments will be served; www.orgsites.com/mlivoniagardenclub.

### English Gardens

Get tips on holiday decorating at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

Youngsters, 3-12, can attend a free Halloween costume and bring a pre-decorated pumpkin for judging in the store's annual contest, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Pre-register online at englishgardens.com.

Santa arrives at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, and

will be on hand for photos until 5 p.m. Free photos will be available or bring your own camera. The annual holiday open house will include caroling and refreshments.

Shoppers can see professionally-decorated trees and other holiday decorations.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coitidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, (248) 551-7506.

## REUNIONS

### FARMINGTON HARRISON CLASS OF 1982

7 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 24, at Upton Court, in Commerce Township; www.hhs1982alumni.info

### GARDEN CITY WEST CLASS OF 1972

6:30 p.m. Oct. 27, for more information e-mail to Janine (Aliotti) Brown at jbrown@psm-inc.net.

### LIVONIA BENTLEY ALL CLASSES

Class of 1972 will celebrate its 40th

reunion, Friday, Nov. 23 at the Marriott Hotel - Laurel Park, in Livonia and invites all Bentley alumni to the party. Steve King and the Dittilies will entertain. For information about the event and to register, e-mail the reunion committee at Bentley72@QA.UA.COM

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL CLASS OF 1982

30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail sculbert@bcglobal.net.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### October

#### BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

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

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

Contact: (734) 425-4421

#### CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Uly and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

#### COAT EXCHANGE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

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

Details: The kids coat exchange will be held the church's fall festival and "trunk or treat" activities. Participants may take a coat if needed or donate coats for others. Any remaining coats at the end of the day will be donated to Redford Interfaith for distribution to local children in need of a winter coat. Coat donations will be accepted in the church office during regular business hours

Contact: (734) 422-1470

#### CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

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

Details: The Detroit Lutheran Singers' 48th seasonal Bach's "Singet dem Herrn" and many other songs. Tickets are

\$10, \$7 for seniors and students 12 and over

Contact: wavy.detroit@theatersingers.com

#### FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawawsee, Farmington Hills

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

#### MOVIE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Free featured movie is "Luther." A German meal also will be served. RSVP for the meal will offering dinner

Contact: (248) 553-3380

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER

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

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28880 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: A silent auction also will be held. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 4-11, and free for children, 3 and under

Contact: (734) 427-3660

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28

Location: Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The event is for all ages and will include corn dogs, hotdogs, popcorn, caramel apples, homemade donuts, and candy. Participants can bring their cleaned-out pumpkins and show off their carving skills. The church asks that children refrain from wearing scary costumes or carrying weapons

Contact: (248) 476-8222

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

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

Details: Games, treats and fall activities are designed

for children through age 12. Church members will park in the parking lot and pass out treats as the children "trunk or treat" from car to car. Costumes are encouraged. Parents or guardians must accompany all children

Contact: (734) 422-1470

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24

Location: Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hivley Ave., off Fernwood, near the corner of Cherry Hill Road and Merriman, in Westland

Details: One prize will be awarded to the scariest trunk and one prize will be awarded to the friendliest

trunk. A German meal will be available inside the church for a donation of \$2 per person; children 5 and under are free

Contact: For information or to register call Cheryl Hice-Hilton at (248) 756-3592

#### YOUTH HALLELUJAH PARTY

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawawsee, Farmington Hills

Details: Wear a costume to this party and carnival. It's designed to be a safe place to play games, eat snacks, win prizes and get candy

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

## November

### CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4

Location: Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors a benefit concert for International Orthodox Christian Charities. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Vickie Kopitskiy, will sing hymns to the Virgin Mary. Admission is free, although donations will be collected. An interglow will follow the concert

Contact: Robert Mitchell at (313) 204-5103

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### BOOTHROYD, SHIRLEY O. (1908-2012)

Age 84 of Canton Township, formerly of Royal Oak, died October 11, 2012. Beloved wife of the late George Dear mother of Deborah Drager, Steven, and Scott (Belinda). Proud grandmother of three. The family will gather with friends on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Church Street (west of Main Street) Plymouth MI 48176. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or to Star Presbyterian Church, 1717 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak MI 48073.

### CHRISTY, LORELEI L.

Age 78, October 11, 2012. Significant twenty six years, Mrs. III, beloved wife of the late Bernard Dearest mother of Brad, Scott and the late Lori Kilpatrick. Loving grandmother of Allison Kilpatrick, Brandon (Jennifer), Heather, Caitlin and Sean Christy. Lorelei was an accomplished artist, collector of books and member of the Farmington Arts Foundation, Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Art Club, St. Andrews Society of Detroit. Memorial Service Saturday, October 27 at 2pm at Park in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Leader Dogs for the Blind. www.mscabefunerals.com

### DEVIC VIRGINIA ANN

Virginia went to be with the Lord on Sept. 17, 2012. She was the loving wife of Albert for 63 years and beloved mother of Sandra (Gary) Mills and Judy (Christopher) Nelson. Grandmother of Christopher and Matthew Ockerman, Timothy, and Christopher and Peter Nelson and Great Grandmother to Seth and Emma Ockerman. Virginia was a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, and a former member of Trinity EPIC in Plymouth. Virginia enjoyed gardening and was actively involved with Friends for the Development of Greenmead in Livonia. During the many years she served on committees, she helped organize both the Greenmead Garden Walk and Christmas Walks. Visitation and a Memorial Service were attended by many friends and family on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home. If you wish to remember Virginia, memorial contributions can be made to Friends for the Development of Greenmead.

### GLADISH, ALBERT 'LEFTY' J.

Passed away October 18, 2012 at the age of 90. He was born August 7, 1922 in Arcadia, Pa. Albert was a resident in Detroit for many years and Westland since 1990. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. Albert retired from the Wayne County clerks office in 1987 after 25 years of service. He was a kind and very generous man. He is survived by his sisters Elizabeth (Bob) Gieniewski, Bernice Angel and his brother Robert (Glen) Gieniewski. He was preceded in death by his sisters Emily Sebuck, Rose Sebuck and brother David Gladish. Albert is also survived by his sister-in-law Irene Gladish and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, 10AM at St. Christopher Catholic Church, 7800 Woodmont, Detroit. Friends may visit at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 12 noon through 7pm Wednesday, at 9:30am on Thursday. Scripture Service Tuesday at the funeral home, notice of time later. Albert is interred in the Hedwig Cemetery, where he will receive Military Honors.

### MCCLAIN, RUTH

Age 83, October 18, 2012 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Virgil. Loving mother of Gary (Michele) and Robert (Liz). Dear sister of Willie Mae Lourd. Dear grandmother of Douglas, Mariah, and Justin in Alyssa. Visitation Saturday 5-9 PM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd. Livonia and Monday from 10 AM until time of funeral service at 11 AM at St. Matthew Methodist Church, 39900 W. 6 Mile Rd., Livonia. Memorial Donations are requested to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Please share a memory at www.rggharries.com

### WESTCOTT, RONALD L.

Age 66, October 18, 2012. 20th, 2012 at his residence in Mesa, Arizona after a 4 year battle with Cancer. Ron grew up in Alyssa Hills, MI, and Franklin, MI, where he was a 1962 Graduate of Birmingham School in U.S., attended Northwood Institute, and Parsons College. After college, Ron worked for DeWitt's Sportswear Goods, and Dick's Sports in Howell, MI before retiring to Arizona in 1988. He was the son of the late Damon L. Westcott of Franklin, MI and Clearwater, FL. He is survived by his wife Jeanette Westcott of Meadville, PA, Son, Ulrich Westcott of Clearwater, FL, brother Rick and wife Jeanette Westcott of Wyoming, MI, and Daughter Dr. Kathryn, Katie Westcott of Cape Cod, MA.

### MILLER (nee HYDE), MARGARET

July 14, 1922 - Sept. 12, 2012. Wife of the late Joe Miller, mother of Mary Miller (Mike Swallow), Barbara Staniszewski (Gary), Katherine Miller (Jim Shift), and Ann Anderson (Gary). Grandmother of Christopher, Daniel (Lauren), Samantha, Monika, and Kalena. Sister of the late James Hyde and the late John Hyde. Former editor, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. Member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, October 28, 4 PM. Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia.

### PERRY, MARY ANN (KATZ)

Beloved mother, wife and daughter died peacefully Monday morning after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease on the day of 74. Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Don Perry, who was at her side when she passed away. She is also survived by her three children, David, Daniel and Deanna and her five grandchildren, David, Joe, Ian, Danny and Kaitlyn. Mary Ann was born and raised in Negawee, Michigan and did everything at Negawee High School, starting in school plays, cheerleading, serving on the student council and getting straight A's. Mary Ann excelled as a full scholar to Western Michigan University. While there she met and married her first husband, settled in Livonia, Michigan and raised their three children. Mary Ann excelled as a purchasing agent and financial planner and business owner but her favorite job was being a grandmother and spoiling her grandkids with toys and laughter. Private family funeral services are Thursday (today) at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Negawee. Mary Ann will be buried beside her sister Katie and her wonderful parents, Donald and Helen McKeon in the Negawee City Cemetery. After a long and brave struggle, her suffering is over. She is ours.

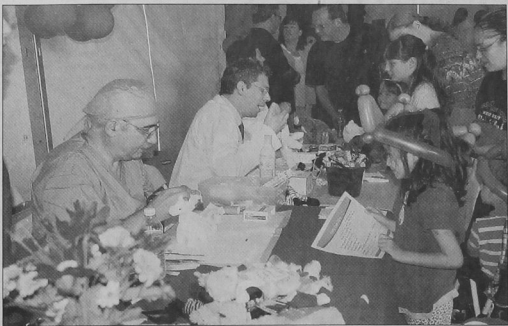
### SALSBERY, DEBRA ANN

Born March 1, 1955, passed away October 15, 2012. Loving wife of Michael S. Dear mother of Kimberly (Janice Jerry) Humber, Michael J. Dear (Richard Harding), grandmother of Tyler Salisbury, Dale Vaughn and Hannah Harding. Daughter of Roy and Margaret Jerele, Sr. Sister of Roy (Lila) Jerele, Jr. Visitation Thursday, 5pm-9pm and Friday 12 noon until 3pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, where the funeral services will be held on Saturday, 12 noon. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

### SCOTT, PATRICIA M.

Asheville, NC, age 87, died October 13 in Asheville, NC. Born March 2, 1925 in Detroit, MI. Graduated from Detroit High School in 1943. A long-time resident of Plymouth, MI. She was a member of P.A. served as Exhibits Director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and was active in several community organizations, including the Plymouth Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Scott, Jr. Interment will be held in Plymouth, MI. A private family service will be held in Plymouth, MI. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's charity of your choice. Once Funeral Home 72 Lake Julian in Arden, NC is assisting the family and a memorial service is available at: www.gracefuneralhome.com

with your friends and family.



Doctors administer care to "wounded" stuffed animals at the Teddy Bear Clinic during a previous open house at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The activity will be a part of the hospital's grand opening celebration for its new addition on Sunday, Oct. 28.

## Hospital shows off new addition

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will celebrate the opening of its new 154,000-square-foot building with an open house, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

The addition includes a state-of-the-art emergency center and 80 private patient rooms. Visitors will get a chance to tour the new addition and meet community rescue teams. The event also will include health activities, strolling magicians, a Teddy Bear Clinic, photo opportunities with a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Dragster Team driver and car, and kids' activities with clowns, balloon animals and face painting. Steve King & the Ditties will perform and Blaine Flower, WVDV radio morning show host, will be on hand from noon-2 p.m. Refreshments featuring a healthy food menu will also be available.

"Our state-of-the-art emergency center and private patient rooms are focused on patient care and innovation," stated President and CEO Dave Spivey, in a press release. "We are excited to celebrate this milestone with our area communities."

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levant, in Livonia; [www.stmarymercy.org/grandopening](http://www.stmarymercy.org/grandopening).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### October

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, in the hospital auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

### November

**COPIING WITH CANCER**  
Botsford Hospital, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, will present "I Can Cope," a free, educational program for adults facing cancer, either personally or as a caregiver, 9:45-11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the hospital's administration and education center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Get answers to questions about diagnosis and treatment, treatment side effects, community resources, nutrition, physical activity, fatigue and more. Registration is limited to 25 participants. Call (600)

227-2345.

**DIABETES AND SKIN**  
St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present "Your Skin, Keeping it All Together" 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the hospital's Auditorium. Donna Choma, a registered nurse and nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy, will be the speaker. According to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes can affect every part of the body, including the skin. As many as 33 percent of people with diabetes will have a skin disorder caused or affected by diabetes as some time in their lives. Choma will talk about preventing wounds through good skin care, common wounds, wound myths and basic wound care for individuals with diabetes. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. For more information call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8961, or visit [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "Classes and events."

**MEMORY SCREENING**  
Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills will offer free memory screenings Tuesday, Nov. 13

as part of National Memory Screening Day 2012. The screenings are simple and take approximately five minutes to complete. The Social Services Department from Botsford Commons will administer the screenings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the William Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 473-1830.

### Ongoing

**AQUATIC CLASSES**  
The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcaofmetro.org](http://www.ymcaofmetro.org).

**ARTHRITIS SUPPORT**  
2-3:30 p.m., the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

**BIPOLAR SUPPORT**  
Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It 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. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina at (734) 837-7700 with questions.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUPS**  
St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue, Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on

the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may be able to provide a caregiver. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

**CPR CLASSES**  
Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at [www.hsh.org/hsh/calendar](http://www.hsh.org/hsh/calendar) or call (248) 937-3314.

**DIABETES SUPPORT**  
An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m., the second Thursday of the month, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion will facilitate. There is no charge to attend. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies. Call Vining at (734) 454-0859.

**FITNESS CLASSES**  
Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Hagerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail [jeanieweaver@charter.net](mailto:jeanieweaver@charter.net).

**FOOD ADDICTS**  
Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (248) 320-6842. [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org)

**HEALTH EDUCATION, SUPPORT & EXERCISE**  
Classes for cardiac rehabilitation, cardiac wellness, diabetes exercise and yoga are

offered by the Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center. For information call (734) 458-3242. CPR (Adult & Infant), childbirth and child care education, support groups for cardiac patients, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; hearing loss; and Alzheimer's caregivers, are part of an array of offerings of Garden City Hospital's Community Education. For more information call (734) 458-4330. Free blood pressure and 55 cholesterol testing are available 10 a.m.-noon on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. No registration required.

The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens 10 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, call (734) 458-4330 for dates. Most insurances cover new CPAP and BiPAP supplies every year. Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free mask fitting clinic for users, 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Try a new style of mask and learn how to get one. No appointment needed. For information call (734) 458-3330.

**HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION**  
The Western Wayne Chapter, provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact [aferrac@comcast.net](mailto:aferrac@comcast.net) or (734) 664-3297.

**INCEST SURVIVORS**  
"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross, 2433 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Chen at (860) 489-1785.

**LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**  
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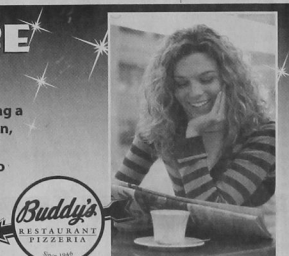
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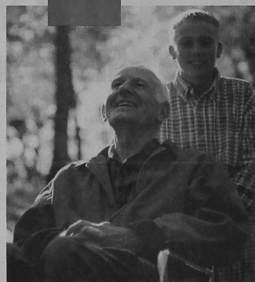
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**2. "Pennies from Heaven," collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows,** a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas. Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthropist.

**The goal is one million pennies.**

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# 5 attitudes that lead to job search failure Plus 5 that lead to success

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Your attitude can make or break your job search. Having a bad attitude -- whether that means you no longer care enough to put effort into your applications or you think no one is ever going to hire you -- is one of the fastest ways to fail in your job search. Having a good attitude, on the other hand, can help your cause as much as a bad one can hurt it.

"Attitude is vitally important in a job search, because it's the one thing out of the entire process you can control," says Dave Sanford, senior vice president of business development at Winter, Wyman, a Boston-based staffing firm. "You can't control if and when someone is going to call you back, or if the person likely to offer you what the economy is going to be like, but you can control your attitude and how you conduct yourself throughout the process."

Five attitudes that will get you nowhere in your job hunt:

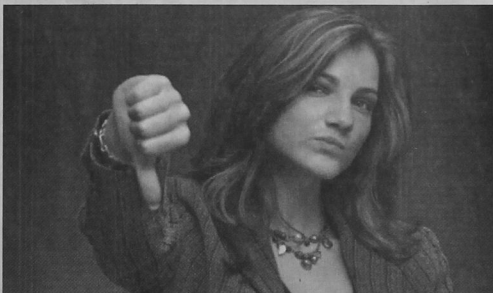
1. "I'll never find a job." OK, so it may sound obvious, but a negative attitude will seriously hinder your job search. It will not only kill your motivation, but "like you do the old saying goes, 'If you think you can't, you probably won't.'"
2. "A negative attitude can lead to a job-search failure right from the start," Sanford says. "If you are sitting in the room anticipating the end of the play before the

first act, it can be a self-fulfilling prophecy. So that's where you have to pump yourself up and not go down the negative road."

2. "Woe is me." Don't fall into the downward spiral of feeling sorry for yourself. No one will want to help you in your job search. Let alone hire you if you can't get out of your own way.

"Think about the way you ask for help, for example," Sanford says. "Stay away from me. I know you don't have time for me..." and instead say, "I have a lot to offer and would love to be able to share what I know and what I can do with you."

3. "I'll take anything." Applying to every job you see is a waste of time. A successful job search is driven by the quality, not quantity, of applications you submit. "Applying for just about any open position may hurt you in the long run," says Heather Huhman, founder of Come Recommended, a digital public relations firm focusing on the recruiting industry, and author of the book "Lies, Damned Lies & Internships: The Truth About Getting From Classroom to Cubicle."
4. "Failing to be focused and specific not only wastes your time and the employer's but can confuse your network of contacts as well if they have the chance to refer you."
4. "I'm not good enough." "Confidence, or a lack thereof, is easily noticed by hiring managers," Huhman says. "Feeling as if you're not good enough can be a deal-breaker in the job



search. You cannot sell what you don't believe in." This is especially important going into an interview, where confidence is integral to success. Remember that if you got the interview, the company thinks you're good enough to be there. Don't change their minds.

5. "When is something going to fall into my lap?" Acting indifferent is a sure-fire way to repel an employer. Your attitude signals your mindset, values and possible behavior in the workplace,

says Ginny Clarke, president and CEO of Chicago-based Talent Optimization Partners and author of "Career Mapping: Charting Your Course in the New World of Work." "Someone who says, 'When is something going to fall into my lap?' for example, likely has a big ego, is arrogant and lacks self-awareness. These tendencies make someone hard to manage

and an ineffective leader."

Five attitudes that impress employers:

1. The "can-do" attitude. "If you want to impress your potential employer, think carefully about all of the things going on in his or her work life, causing stress and anxiety. Talk about how you can go into that job and make things easier and better for the manager. I'm here to lighten your burden and lighten your load [should be the message you send]," Sanford says.
2. "Give me the ball; I don't have to have my hand held."
3. "I'm an awesome team player, not a lone wolf."
4. "I am determined. I run through walls to get the job done."
5. "I'm aware of politics in the field of play around me and can navigate effectively."

"The job-search process inherently comes with ups and downs," Sanford concludes.

"Moments of excitement and anticipation blended with feeling defeated and beaten down. It's crucial that job seekers do everything they can to keep the negativity of the process from affecting their attitudes and overtaking the job search. If negativity starts seeping into your game, and you start to feel defeated and hopeless, the hiring manager will see and sense the baggage and will likely pass. They want someone who is positive and upbeat; someone who says, 'Give me the ball and let me run through the line.'"

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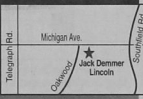
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