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Canton, Detroit explore joint water venture

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton could save millions of dollars by shelving a proposal to build its own water-storage facility and, instead, opting to lease or buy a portion of a Detroit Water and Sewerage Department station on the township's far north side, officials say.

Rather than spending as much as \$10 million to build a water tower or ground-level storage facility, Supervisor

Phil LaJoy said Canton could possibly shell out as little as \$1 million through a joint venture with DWSD.

"I think it's a great option that could really benefit us and save us a lot of money," LaJoy said Tuesday evening, during talks involving township leaders and DWSD officials including Director Sue McCormick.

The two sides plan to form a joint task force to explore an option that could be implemented within two years, al-

lowing Canton to manage its water flow and strive to ease consumer rate hikes. DWSD also could save money by having Canton oversee part of its site southeast of Joy and Morton Taylor.

DWSD has two five-million-gallon reservoirs and a pump station on the site. McCormick called it "absolutely possible" DWSD could lease or sell a portion of the site to Canton.

"It's very feasible for us to continue the discussion," she said Tuesday.

Canton residents, much like consumers across southeast Michigan, have long sought relief to rising water rates. Officials say the latest plan would allow Canton to better regulate its own water flow and avoid sharp spikes during peak morning and evening hours.

James Fausone, a Canton resident who chairs the Board of Water Commissioners for DWSD, helped to arrange the latest round of talks. He said the proposal would save Can-

ton money while trimming DWSD's costs by \$2 million or more a year.

Talks involving Canton and DWSD come as Fausone said a new regional water authority also holds promise to address problems that have long plagued DWSD. Though many suburban officials have long eyed DWSD with suspicion, Fausone implored local leaders to judge the department by what is happening now rather

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Saxophone players rehearse for Saturday's performance.

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George Daubresse IV was raised in the Lotz Road area that is slated for paving.

Life along Lotz to change with Canton paving project

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident George Daubresse IV has lived most of his life along an unpaved stretch of Lotz on Canton's east side. So has his father, whose house is down the road a bit.

"Our family has been here a long time," said Daubresse, 43. "My (late) grandfather bought this land after he migrated from France with his father."

The Daubresse family settled in Canton when now-bustling Ford Road was still a dirt road. They own several acres of land where four houses, a duplex and an old apartment building stand along unpaved Lotz, between Ford and Cherry Hill.

They're ready to sell, pull up roots, move on and take generations of memories with them. And they're hoping a \$5 million paving project, slated for next year, could be their ticket out.

"We're looking forward to having it paved," Daubresse said, standing on his front porch as a passing car kicked up dust and gravel as it bounced along pothole-riddled Lotz. "After it's paved, it should raise the value of the property and make it easier to sell."

Canton and Wayne County are spearheading the project using a \$5 million grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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MARCHER MADNESS

With Rose Bowl parade coming, P-CEP band eyes new season

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Plymouth High School senior Brad Exell was among the Plymouth-Canton marching band members who got to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York a few years ago.

So when Exell, one of Plymouth-Canton's drum majors, heard last week's announcement that the band had been chosen to march in the Jan. 1, 2016, Rose Bowl parade, he got excited for his band mates.

"It's a great opportunity for everyone involved," Exell said. "It'll be a good time and a great experience to perform for such a huge audience."

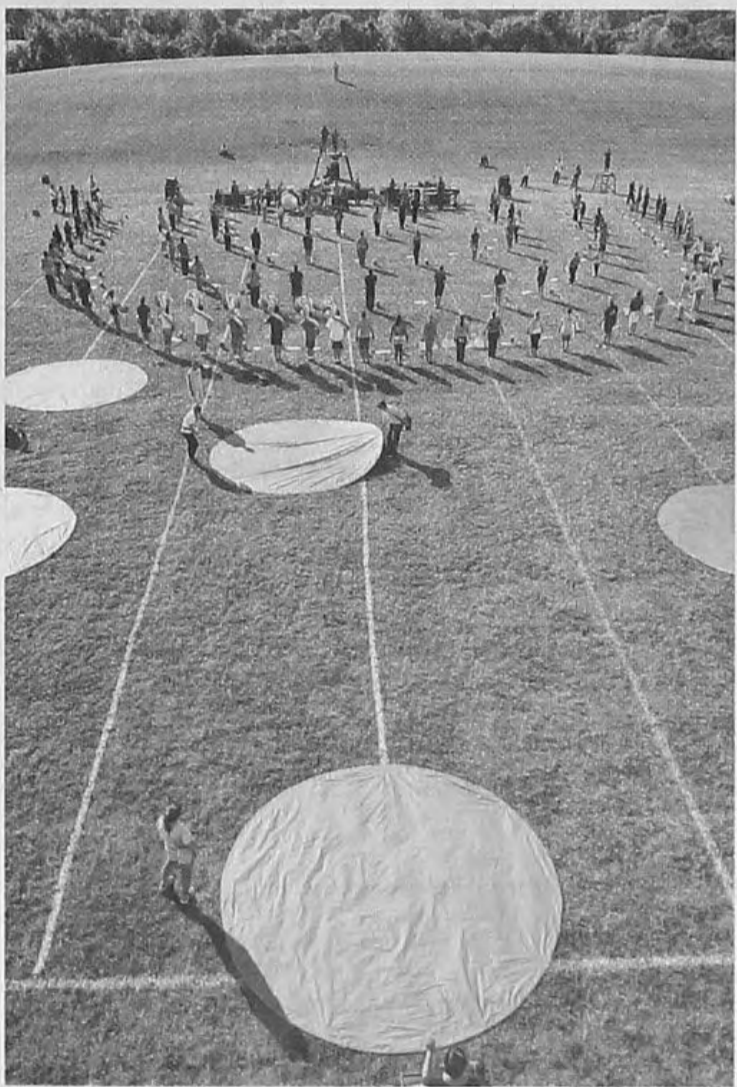
Director of Bands David Armbruster said P-CEP was approached by parade orga-

nizers after several band directors had recommended P-CEP for the gig. It'll be the first time since 1972-73 the band has been to Pasadena, Calif., to perform.

Armbruster and the band staff put together videos and completed "a very extensive application" before being chosen to walk the 5.1-mile alongside bands of all kinds from all over the world.

"What I like is it's not just bands that compete in Bands of America," said Armbruster, whose band is a regular participant in the BOA Grand Nationals. "You're going to see completely different styles of showmanship. We're excited to be part of it."

Before they can turn their attention to Pasadena, though, P-CEP marchers have to fo-



The band rehearses for a weekend show. The red dots on the field are a part of the performance.

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District forum aims at community engagement

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Everyone – Board of Education members, administrators, teachers and parents – agrees Plymouth-Canton Community Schools need to seek more community input as the district faces construction, budget, achievement and class size issues.

The district took a step in that direction Monday, hosting its first Report to the Community, a 90-minute forum during which Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen delivered the district's "report card" to residents and parents had a chance to provide their input on key questions administrators want answered as they move forward in facing issues.

Erin MacGregor told parents gathered there were two reasons for the forum, held in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School.

"We wanted to present our report card on how we're doing," MacGregor told the audience. "Secondly, we wanted to create a conversation with you."

It was mostly a feel-good session, where Meissen and Dan Colligan, the district's former coordinator for assess-



Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen delivered Monday his first Report to the Community at Plymouth High School.

ment services who recently was appointed an assistant principal at Plymouth High School, talked up the positives in the district, from athletic and academic achievement to positive test scores on state and national testing.

Among the positives:
» The non-homestead millage recently approved by 61 percent of voters in the August election. The millage will deliver \$24.9 million a year in revenue to the cash-strapped district, some 16 percent of the



Members of the West Middle School choir, under the direction of choir teacher Janine Grady, performed at the forum.

district's budget.
» MEAP scores, where Plymouth-Canton students perform above state and county averages in nearly all testing areas.

"You see performance consistently above (county and state)," Colligan said. "We're proud of that, but we're not stopping at that."

» ACT scores, which show the percentage of Plymouth-Canton students ready for college. According to Colligan, extrapolating the ACT scores shows 73 percent of the Class of 2015 is college-ready in English, 56 percent in math, 54 percent in reading and 49 percent in science.

» Meissen said roughly 96 percent of P-CCS

students go on to some form of post-secondary education.

"Student achievement is at the center of the universe," Meissen said. "These are the characteristics of an effective classroom, an effective school and an effective district."

Discussion of tough issues – budget and the recent transportation problems – weren't discussed at any great length, but district facilitators sat in individual groups with parents to ascertain their feelings on issues and their concerns. Among those:

» High school start times. Parents largely felt that high school students having to get on a bus so early in the morn-

ing isn't conducive to educating kids.
"Kids are getting on buses at 6:05 a.m. and that's just not good for the kids," said Plymouth resident Renee McKarge, who has a fourth-grader at Bird Elementary and two kids at Salem High School. "I wanted to hear what (Meissen) had to say. There are a lot of things to be excited about. It was nice to hear him speak about his direction."

» The district's financial situation. Parents largely feel Lansing leaves them with too little money to educate kids.

» Community relationships. Parents felt the district needs to get the community more involved and a more user-friendly website was also cited.

For Mark Horvath, treasurer of the district's Board of Education, the interaction was not only positive, but a long time coming.

"These are our customers," Horvath said of the parents. "It's always good to get your customers engaged. You can't do that unless you can show them you're doing what you said you'd do."

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LOTZ

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Alternate route

Even now, Daubresse said, fairly large numbers of motorists use the unpaved road to avoid other busier roads such as Haggerty. Canton officials say the paving project is expected to help ease area traffic congestion, along with a separate \$1.8 million effort to improve Ford between Lotz and Haggerty by lengthening I-275 approach ramps, among other measures.

"It's a big priority for us," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "We need to get this moving so we can get the work done in 2015."

To that end, the Lotz Road project inched forward this month as Canton, working with Wayne County, approved a \$274,015 contract for Spalding DeDecker, headquartered in Rochester Hills, to provide design services. The paving becomes even more crucial as Baltimore-based Paragon Outlet Partners has revealed it hopes to house as many as 100 stores by summer 2016 in a

357,000-square-foot outlet mall south of Ford and west of Lotz.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the east side of Lotz is expected to attract multi-family housing such as condominiums and potentially light industrial or research-type development.

The Daubresse family has watched Canton grow from a mostly rural community into Michigan's 11th largest municipality with more than 90,100 people. Still, Daubresse said he spots deer, coyotes and turkeys in his neighborhood.

Water and sewer

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the paving project will usher in municipal water service to an area served by wells. Faas said it's possible sewer lines may not replace septic tanks until developers solidify plans in the area.

Daubresse said residents are eager for better services and a smoother ride along Lotz because of its car-rattling potholes.

"It'll destroy a new car within three years," he said.

Some critics of Canton's new spurt of devel-



The rural character of Lotz Road will change with its paving and construction of an outlet mall southwest of Ford and Lotz roads.

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opment have said they doubt the Lotz paving will offset the onslaught of traffic destined to accompany an outlet mall. LaJoy, however, has said he is hopeful.

Moreover, MDOT has indicated a long-term solution is expected to involve transforming Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area to west of Sheldon, though no timetable is known.

Canton – specifically the Ford shopping corridor – already has become a regional draw because of the IKEA store. LaJoy

has said the outlet mall is projected as an upscale project that could lure the likes of Calvin Klein, Nike, Banana Republic and Neiman Marcus.

In and out

Faas has said the outlet mall is expected to include an entrance and exit onto Lotz Road. "That," he has said, "will be paramount to getting traffic in and out of this site."

The most recent traffic studies have indicated 40,000 vehicles a day move along Ford Road near the I-275 and Lotz

area. Officials say the outlet mall is expected to increase traffic by about 3 percent or 1,310 vehicles a day – a spike they believe the road could accommodate with improvements.

Daubresse has heard of the outlet mall proposal and other new development across Canton. It continues a trend he has seen much of his life.

"I've seen it all change," he said. "It keeps changing."

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WATER

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than focusing on past mistakes.

Stung by ever-increasing water rates and past perceptions of an inept DWSD, some Canton officials still approached

the latest talks with caution.

"I'm a little nervous, to be quite frank," township Trustee John Anthony said.

Anthony and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin were among the Canton officials who said they are willing to explore the new partnership as long

as the possibility of Canton building its own water-storage tower isn't removed from the table altogether.

Canton and DWSD would form a joint task force to explore the issue and involve a consulting firm, OHM Advisors, already hired to assess Canton's water-storage

options. Canton could potentially begin managing part of the DWSD site sooner than later.

"We think two years is still a viable option," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

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Flossie Tonda remembered as kids' advocate

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

To hear her daughter tell it, Flossie Tonda had an incredible laugh.

And like the folks in that stock broker commercial so long ago, when Flossie Tonda laughed, people listened. And laughed themselves.

"Her laugh - if you ask people what they remember about Flossie, they'll say her laugh," Tina Servies of South Lyon said Tuesday. "She had a contagious laugh. If you heard her laugh, you couldn't help but start laughing yourself."

Flossie Tonda's laugh was silenced last week. Mrs. Tonda, a former Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member and a lifelong advocate for children, died Sept. 11. A Lyon Township resident when she died, Mrs. Tonda was 88.

Story to tell

To call Mrs. Tonda a "former member of the Board of Education," though, hardly tells the story of her influence on the community. Her involvement began simply enough, as a member of the district's safety committee. But by the time she was done influencing lives, Tonda had served for a decade on the dis-



Flossie Tonda took pictures and was escorted by students Taylor Burriss and Devin Willmer during a 2010 visit to her namesake school, Tonda Elementary in Canton.

trict's Board of Education, had founded the district's clothing bank and had earned enough respect to have an elementary school named in her honor.

Mrs. Tonda, active at the First Congregational Church in Ypsilanti, moved with her family to the Plymouth-Canton area in 1969. A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, church was where her dedication to helping others began.

Mrs. Tonda shared her interest in education by participating in school organizations. Her first district-wide involvement was as a representative on the school

district's Safety Committee; she eventually became its president.

She fought to make her community safer, her first victory becoming the skywalk across Joy Road.

"The biggest thing was she was a real advocate for the kids," Servies said. "She always fought for the kids. She wanted to be their voice. She saw things that weren't getting done and nobody was willing to fight for them. She just wanted to make sure everything was good for the kids."

Kids were key

In 1974, she became president of the district's

REMEMBERING FLOSSIE

What: Memorial service for former Plymouth-Canton Board of Education member Flossie Tonda

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25

Where: Flossie B. Tonda Elementary School, 46501 Warren, Canton
Memorial contributions are appreciated; checks should be made payable to PCCS-Tonda Memorial Fund.
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Community Council, then was appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board. She continued her involvement with her children's school, Campfire Girls, the safety committee and the Canton Planning Commission.

In 1976, Mrs. Tonda was elected for the first time to the school board. It was the same year she opened the school district's clothing bank to help children and families.

Ken Jacobs, the retired assistant superintendent for operations whose career spanned four decades, said he didn't work closely with the school board at the time, but that Mrs. Tonda

was "community centered."

"Obviously, she did a lot for the district, because they named a school after her," Jacobs said. "She was nice and she was concerned."

Mrs. Tonda's other community involvement included being president of the Canton County Festival, founder of the Canton Republican Club in 1980 and being a very active participant with the Dion Nursing home, recruiting volunteers in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

Mrs. Tonda also served on the Canton Advisory Committee for Oakwood Hospital and served as president of the Wayne County School Board Association. In 1982, she was named Woman of the Year for Canton. In 1994, the Flossie B. Tonda Elementary School opened in Canton.

Not worthy?

Mrs. Tonda was living in Florida at that point and Servies remembers her mother being stunned by the news a school had been named after her. She knew others who'd had such an honor and didn't think she measured up.

"She was absolutely blown away ... she couldn't believe it," her daughter said. "She knew

a lot of the people the district had named their schools after and she felt undeserving compared to them."

Mrs. Tonda had one experience many board members have said is one of the best things about the job. When daughter Toni crossed the commencement stage to receive her high school diploma, it was her mother who handed it to her.

"One of the biggest joys of her life was giving my sister her diploma," Servies said. "That always meant a lot to her."

Mrs. Tonda is survived by daughters Tina (Mark) Servies and Toni (Frank Noverr) Tonda; stepdaughter Pamela Tonda; sisters Ginny (Don) Anglin and Donna Tonda; grandchildren Tammy (Matthew) Trasky, Kurt (Tina) Servies, Tracy (Alex) MacDonald, Andrew Space and Tyler Space; and great-grandchildren Teagan, Grace and Emma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her twin sister Florence Floury, her brother Jack Self and her sisters Dorothy Jahnke, Ada Pickering and Catherine Self.

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'Family fun day' planned along Interstate 96 this Sunday

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It looks like area residents will have a chance to have some fun on a reconstructed Interstate 96 after all.

Michigan Department of Transportation engineer Jeff Horne said the agency is planning to have a "family fun day" on the westbound portion of I-96 between Newburgh and Stark.

The event, taking place 2-4 p.m. Sunday, will give area residents the chance to run, walk, bicycle, skateboard and traverse the freeway with no fast-paced vehicles for the first time in more than the 40 years since the freeway first opened.

"We have everything pretty much finalized," Horne said. "It's a really unique opportunity to go down on the freeway

while it's closed off."

Those interested in coming down to the freeway can drive to Madonna University and park their vehicles on the far west end of the parking lot on the south side of campus, Horne said. Police officers will be on hand to help people cross Schoolcraft so they can enter the freeway by going down an exit ramp between Levan and Newburgh, Horne said.

Police presence

Police officers will also be at either end of the 1.75 mile-stretch of the freeway open to pedestrians to make sure no one enters construction zones.

Also planned for the event are some driverless cars that will be down on the freeway. Horne said some automotive companies are expected to bring the vehicles down, al-

though he was unsure what type of activity they would be involved in.

"I would assume they will be in motion at some point of time," he said.

Horne, who said last week there was a chance no celebration could take place, said the event was finalized Tuesday afternoon between MDOT and Dan's Excavating. There was initial liability concern of having people on the freeway, but Horne

said a deal was made to allow for the event to happen.

The freeway has been closed to traffic since early April as contractors and inspectors work to rebuild the seven miles between Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia. The freeway is currently scheduled to open sometime around Sept. 30, although Horne said it could open before then.

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These area students were among the more than 455 named to the Dean's List for the Spring/Summer 2014 Semester, with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

Canton bank robber ordered to prison

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton bank robber Nathan Michael Kuhn has been sentenced to prison for 29 months to 15 years after police say he implied he had a gun and demanded money from a Comerica branch worker inside the Kroger store near Canton Center and Ford roads.

Kuhn, 29, was ordered imprisoned Sept. 9 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt after Kuhn abandoned an earlier motion to withdraw his no-contest plea to a single charge of bank robbery.

His sentencing came 11 months after Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said Kuhn was accused of passing

a note to a bank teller, implying he had a gun and demanding cash.

Kuhn's plea deal averted what could have been a lengthier sentence, potentially up to life in prison. In a roller-coaster series of events, he pleaded no contest in June, then sought to withdraw it before renewing his plea in August, court records show.

Kuhn had earlier sought to have himself declared incompetent to stand trial, claiming through an attorney he was mentally unable to assist in his own defense.



Kuhn

However, Skutt ruled against that motion based on a medical evaluation.

Kuhn had remained jailed with a \$50,000 bond as he awaited his sentencing. Police had described him as a drifter who had lived in Livonia and Westland before he was charged in Canton.

Canton police arrested Kuhn in a Wayne motel room after tracking him down based on a tip by a witness. He had been paroled just 11 months prior to his arrest for crimes involving uttering and publishing, or forging a check or other financial document.

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Missing girl found after massive search

By Darrell Clem
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The 12-year-old Canton girl missing since early Tuesday morning was found some 17 hours later.

Canton Police said in a release late Tuesday evening that Miranda Lynn Freiburg was found around 11 p.m. in the area of Rotunda and

Greenfield in Dearborn.

Police said no further details were available.

A massive search had begun after the girl was last seen at 7:05 a.m. Tuesday in the area of Cherry Hill and Lotz roads in Canton.

Canton Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome said Miranda called herself in absent at school Tuesday morning, lead-

ing officials to remain hopeful through the day she had gone somewhere on her own accord.

Newsome said a search for Miranda covered some 200 acres in eastern Canton as police, joined by others, looked for the girl.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Teen arrested, ticketed

A 17-year-old Canton Township boy, arrested in Plymouth Township on two Canton warrants, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia after two pipes and a grinder commonly used to process marijuana were found among his belongings, police say.

The teen was arrested about 2:30 p.m. Sept. 10 after a patrolling officer spotted him at the Red Roof Inn on Ann Arbor Road, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The officer was aware of the out-

standing warrants, which were for larceny and possessing tobacco, the report said.

When the officer asked the teen if there was any contraband in a bag he had with him, the teen replied there was, the report said. The officer searched the bag and found the pipes and grinder.

The suspect was turned over to police in Canton after being issued a citation for possessing narcotics paraphernalia.

Missing instruments

Three bass clarinets worth a total of about \$5,600 were

reported stolen Friday from Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road.

The instruments had come up missing during the summer at a time when an addition was being put onto the building and a lot of people were on the property, the complainant told police. They were not immediately reported stolen, a police report said, because things had been moved to other areas of the building during construction and it was thought they might be among those things and turn up later.

- By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Naked photo threats

A Canton woman who filed for divorce told police her estranged husband threatened to post naked pictures of her on Craigslist along with her address unless she returns property to him that she insisted she doesn't have, a police report said.

The 27-year-old woman said she filed for divorce after the 37-year-old suspect became abusive after only three months of marriage, a police report said. The woman notified police Saturday afternoon. She lives on Suffolk Court, near Sheldon and Sheldon Center.

The woman told police she has received dozens of text messages every day demanding property, insulting her and threatening to post the pictures online. She told police she has returned all the property.

Police notified the man, warned him to stop harassing the woman and said he would be prosecuted if he posts the pictures online or has further contact with the victim. Police advised the couple to find a third party through whom they can communicate during the divorce.

Property vandalism

A 59-year-old man notified Canton police after his Ford pickup and his landscaping had been vandalized in the 45200 block of Rector, near Palmer and Canton Center. He said the incident happened between 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday.

The man told police he found the gas cap hanging down from the side of his vehicle as though someone had tampered with the gas tank, though the truck seemed to drive without problems. He also said several tall plants had been ripped out of the ground on the west side of his house.

The man told police he has had an ongoing dispute with neighbors. He said he has found various damage to his property over the years, including a dented tailgate to his

truck and paint damage to the rims.

Fraudulent charges

A 71-year-old man notified Canton police to report fraudulent charges had been made on his credit union account.

The man, who lives on Cherry Hill east of Ridge, contacted police Sept. 9 after noticing fraudulent charges had been made for \$99.47 and \$4.95 - both of them from locations in Texas. He said his account has been frozen, but he wanted to document the fraudulent activity.

Minor injury

A Canton police officer escaped serious injury when a vehicle rolled over his foot while he was helping a man push a vehicle at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy and I-275, a police report said.

Police had gone to the complex the afternoon of Sept. 9 to find a man who was sought on a warrant out of Oakland County for a child support issue. He was spotted in the parking lot suffering medical problems from what a police report called detoxification from alcohol.

The man then told police his vehicle had run out of gas. While an officer was helping him push the vehicle toward a parking spot, the vehicle accidentally ran over the officer's right foot, a police report said. Medical attention wasn't required.

Larceny from car

A 27-year-old woman told police several items were stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in the 51300 block of Federal, near Ridge and Proctor, between 7 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday.

The woman told police items missing from her 2013 Ford Edge included a school book, a Nike backpack, a wheel lock and an iPhone charger. She said the items were taken while the vehicle was parked in a driveway.

- By Darrell Clem

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BAND

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cus, because their 2014 competition season starts Saturday in Novi. This week, the 190-member band (plus some 20 character actors being incorporated into this year's show) has been fine-tuning its competition show.

The show, titled "Don't Bother, They're Here," is a take-off of Steven Sondheim's *Send in the Clowns*. Incorporating the music of Sondheim, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Joan Tower, this year's show will also feature mimes as part of the action.

"They play a big role in the show," Armbruster said of the mimes. "It's unique. It's something no one has ever done. That's part of the joy of what we do here in Plymouth-Canton."

The show was an idea brought to the table by the band's design team. Talk started back in November and kids started working on it in April. The last time the band did a similar show was historic: It won the Grand Nationals in 1990 with it.

Armbruster said that gives the show a historic connection to band alumni. This year's band has reached out to that year's band, directed by Glen Adsit, to "grab onto" the show.

"This is one that's tied to history," Armbruster said. "We're extremely excited. We have a great group of kids and a fantastic staff. Everyone is gelling and it's an energetic group."

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MARCHING FORWARD

Here's the Plymouth-Canton marching band's competition schedule:

- » Novi Fanfare, Saturday, Sept. 20
- » Bands of America Regional Competition, Oct. 4
- » P-CEP's Great Lakes Invitational, Oct. 11
- » Franklin Invitational, Oct. 18
- » Troy Athens Competition, Oct. 25
- » Michigan Competitive Band Association State Competition, Nov. 1
- » Bands of American Grand National Championship, Nov. 13-15



Sousaphones rehearse.

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Students raise a hand when their section, or the whole band, is addressed by the band directors.

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The show incorporates dramatic performances with the music.

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Katie Wolf is drum major for the band. Teacher Emery Craig is brass caption head.

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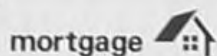
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VFW post hosts area veterans at annual dinner

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It wasn't hard to see the excitement in Michele Anderson's eyes as she listened to Orville Roberts' roundabout journey from the United States to Burma during World War II.

As a member of the U.S. Army Air Force, the Westland resident helped to build the Ledo Road that allowed western Allies to get supplies to the Chinese and construct an airfield for the planes.

"We worked in shifts through the jungle, cutting down trees in areas we found out the Japanese had just left the day before," Roberts said. "We named what we were doing as Building for Victory."

"I'm so excited to make this connection," Anderson said. "My step-grandfather flew a B-25 out of your airfield. He flew the Burma Hump."

Anderson, a John Glenn High School history teacher, met with Roberts at a veterans dinner Saturday at the Bova VFW Post 9885, where she served as the mistress of ceremonies for a dinner honoring veterans from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Anderson and her students have made a name for themselves with an oral history project and USO-style dance they have done for World War II and Korean War veterans the past two years. This year, they will be interviewing Vietnam veterans.

This is the third year the post has hosted a veterans dinner. The first year it was held in the post bar, but has since been moved to the post hall. This year, the veterans came from American Legion and VFW posts in Redford, Farmington Hills and Westland.

Original uniform

Many wore their veterans' hats and jackets, but Elmer Hannynen came dressed in his original Army uniform.

"I've lost a little weight, so it still fits," the Canton resident said.

Drafted in 1942, Hannynen saw action in Africa, southern France, Germany and Austria before being discharged at age 23.

"The worst place was the Anzio beach head; it was a terrible place," he said. "We were stuck there for four months with the Germans shelling us. From there, we went to southern France and met up with boys from Normandy."

Harry Copley prides himself in being the first Vietnam veteran to serve as commander of VFW Post 345 in Redford. But his service to his country spanned three wars, starting with World War II.

"I enlisted in the Army. I didn't have nothing special to do out there, so I stayed in and saw places you read about in books," he said. "I enlisted because it was a chance to participate and take part in preserving freedom."

His extended road trip took him to Japan, Austria, Korea and Vietnam. He made three trips to Korea and was there when the cease-fire was signed. He also was stationed in Beinh Hoa in Vietnam in 1966-67, before being discharged Oct. 31, 1967. He joined the VFW on Dec. 7, 1967.

"I had a 15,000-mile cruise paid for by the U.S. government," Copley said. "I cruised from Japan to Hawaii and through the Panama Canal to the Philadelphia shipyard, where the ship was decommissioned."

Fellow Redford resident William Patterson



PHOTOGRAPHER
World War II veteran Elmer Hannynen still fits into his Army uniform. He is from Canton.

served in the South Pacific during World War II. His brother was already in the Army when Patterson enlisted. He had just turned 17 and graduated from high school.

"If you were out of high school, you could join; if you were over 17, you could join," he said.

The worst thing he saw, he said, was the sinking of an enemy submarine — "we blew it up" — and the shooting of three kamikaze planes out of the sky.

"I'm glad to see the young people appreciate what we old-timers went through making the world a better place for them," he said.

Oldest guest

At age 97, Joseph Nafe of Farmington Hills may have been the oldest veteran at the dinner. He was there with several other members of the American Legion Post 346, including his son Skip, a Vietnam veteran.

"I got drafted because of the boss at the shop I worked at," Nafe said. "Everytime I went to enlist, they'd pull me out of line and send me back. They wanted me working. I decided to ask my boss for a raise and he said he had been keeping me out of the service. I told him I'd tried to enlist three times. I forget what year I joined, but I was surprised I was in the Army."

Nafe was only in the service eight months and never left the country. He was on a train when he was pulled off and sent home because his mother had died.

Nafe and his son have been coming to the dinners for three years and Skip has been taking a photo of the group each year.

"They had the original doughnut girls here the first year," Skip said.

Roberts, who also saw service in the Korean War and earned his marksmanship badge in a sandstorm, recalled that they had to build runways made of cement for the bigger airplanes, which was no simple task in Burma, where temperatures reached 115 degrees in the shade. Of course, they also coped with three months of monsoon weather when no work could be done.

"We worked with the cement on a flat-bed truck with the bed raised," he said. "The drivers would do bumps so the cement would slide down and stay wet. They bumped one time and I rolled down and off the truck."

Saying that some veterans noticed a traditional military fare was missing from the lunch prepared by the post's Ladies Auxiliary, Post Commander Mike Rokita assured them it would be served next year.

"I've heard you guys saying that you miss the s--- on a shingle. The girls say we'll have it next year," he said.

"We'll have that at our post on Veterans Day," Copley said. "This is great. Lord willing, I'll be back next year."

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Bova Post Chaplain Mary Koehler and veteran Orville J. Roberts of Westland show off a photograph taken of him at last year's dinner.



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World War II veteran Don Carpenter served as a drill instructor in the Marines. He and wife Rebecca have been married 70 years.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Korean War Army veteran Harry Copley of Redford speaks to the group, along with John Glenn High School teacher Michele Anderson (right).



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World War II veterans Eldon Funk and Joseph Nafe are both from Farmington Hills.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 19, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main in Plymouth
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally and discuss state or local issues. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll-free 855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Date/Time: Sunday, Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m.
Location: Living Peace Church, 684 Deer St., Plymouth
Details: Everyone is invited to celebrate the International Day of Peace. It will begin at Living Peace Church with the dedication of a peace pole and then proceed to Kellogg Park, with a prayer vigil remembering the kidnapped school girls in Nigeria. The names of the girls will be written on pinwheels and placed in the church yard.

Contact: For more information, contact Randy Short at 419-572-1411.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Date/Time: Wednesdays, starting Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: International Friendship Center at Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: An International Friendship Center is being established at Living Word Church in Plymouth to serve international refugees and immigrants from all backgrounds in the Detroit area. The center will offer free English as a Second Language classes, with each class session providing a hospitality time for students to enjoy a snack and practice English conversation with friendly volunteers.

Contact: For more information or to register, contact Cynthia 248-659-2063 or first-needs@gmail.com. or contact Karim (for Arabic speakers) at 716-381-1301.

WOMEN'S EXPO

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2-4 p.m.
Location: Midwest Tai Kwan Do, 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: Midwest TKD hosts a free Health & Wellness Expo for girls, women and seniors. Dr. Kavitha Chinnaiyan will talk women's heart health as the keynote speaker at 3 p.m. Vendors include experts in heart health, dermatology, chiropractic, massage, yoga, counseling services, senior care, nutrition, education and fitness and safety programs.

Contact: For more information, call 734-459-4183.

DKG CRAFT SHOW

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Road (at Sheldon), Plymouth

Details: Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education. Its biggest fundraiser for scholarships is its annual craft show. More than 65 juried crafters will be featured, displaying unique jewelry, hand-crafted soaps of natural ingredients, seasonal decor, gourmet foods, hand-painted scarves, pottery, unique pet supplies and more. The event will include a surprise drawing every hour as well as a drawing for several big prizes, including a hand-stitched quilt, a round of golf at Fox Hills and at Pheasant Run, a 932 Bed & Breakfast certificate, framed Tigers memorabilia, a \$50 gift certificate from Focal Point, two \$25 gift certificates to Vanessa's Flowers and many local restaurant gift certificates. The American Association of University Women, which also provides scholarships to students, will again join the show with its annual used book sale. Admission is \$2.

Contact: Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.net

FOLK MUSIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 20, open mic at 6:15 p.m.; program 7-9:30 p.m.
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The BaseLine Folk Society returns for its 10th season, featuring 10 "open-mic" performances plus a featured artist. This month's featured artist is John Nativ, an award-winning songwriter who is a regular performer at colleges, coffee and tea rooms around the state, with a collection of acoustic/Americana/folk music. The host is singer-songwriter Jessica Carmichael, who made her BaseLine debut last September.

Contact: Contact BaseLine president Scott Ludwig at scludwig@aol.com or 734-453-0869.

QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
Location: Plymouth Elks Club,



MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Baseball brass

The Michigan Philharmonic Brass Ensemble performed Saturday, Sept. 13, for "Star Wars" night at Comerica Park during the Detroit Tigers game.

41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Canton Newcomers & Neighbors hosts a Quarter Auction Friendzy. Bring your quarters and come early to see

the 50 auction items up for bid. One quarter is worth up to \$49 during bidding. Auction item values range from \$25 to \$150, so the bids are one to six quarters per paddle. There will be

special drawings and door prizes. There is a cash bar and food available for purchase. It's just \$5 per person and includes your first bidding paddle.

Contact: For more information,

go to cantonwomen.com or contact Kristina Wittner at 734-787.9954 or kwittner@gmail.com.

ONE-STOP OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 15, 5-8 p.m.

Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center

Details: To help current and new residents integrate into the community, the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club has created Canton Resident One Stop Open House. A lineup of Canton leadership organizations and Canton Township direct service departments will be on hand to answer questions and provide more information. The police department will provide safety tips and Leisure Services will have information on the free, quality of life aspects of living in the township. The Partnership for the Arts, Canton Community Foundation, Canton Moms 4 Community, Historical Society and the Canton Public Library will be on hand. The event sponsor, Community Financial Credit Union, will provide an interactive experience for children to learn money management.

Contact: For more information, go to cantonwomen.com or contact Linda Obrec at Obrec@wowway.com or 734-945.6685.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 9, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

Contact: Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmmapinc.org/pages/about.html



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Interior designer opens Plymouth shop

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Ann Arbor-based Esquire Interiors recently opened a showroom in Plymouth to better serve a strong local market.

But the new location downtown – which Ted Barron, one of the principals of the family owned company, raves about – isn't going to end a time-tested Esquire business practice: the house call.

Esquire, which specializes in window treatments, floor coverings and bathroom remodeling and sells high-end upholstered furniture, has its designers visit homes to make sure customers shopping for drapes or shades, for example, are seeing the products in their intended environment. The lighting, the wall color and other features of the house, Barron said, could



MATT JACHMAN

Ted Barron in his new Esquire Interiors shop in Plymouth. The Ann Arbor-based company opened its second shop earlier this year.

make samples look very different than they do in the showroom.

"It's important they see the fabric in their space before they make the final selection," Barron said Tuesday in his store on Ann Arbor Trail. "We pick the best of the

best and come out to the house."

House calls, however, don't diminish the importance of the new Plymouth store, Esquire's second location. Barron said opening it was one of the best moves he's ever made.

"It's fun. It's fun to work here," he said. "Plymouth is alive – it's a great town and people are nice here." Esquire has long done well in the Plymouth and Northville area, he said.

"The demographic of Plymouth is right for us. That's my client," he said.

Barron described the Ann Arbor Trail showroom, which is about 1,500 square feet, as a place for customers to browse samples and meet designers and explore ideas with them. The new location is getting a lot of walk-in traffic, he said.

Business history

Esquire began in 1952 as a dry-cleaning business run by Barron's father, Norm, and his late mother, Wanda. Around 1960, with the advent of wash-and-wear clothing,

the company expanded into making drapes, which were familiar because Esquire cleaned a lot of them.

The company still has its own drapery workshop for making custom drapes, valences, pillows and bedspreads, work Barron says is often outsourced by other interior designers. "We're still really hands-on," he said.

Barron and his sister, Pam Cripe, the other principal at Esquire, have long worked in the business. "I was setting blinds in window sills when I was 8 years old, for my dad," he said.

Esquire has 15 employees between the two stores; Barron's son Josh manages the Plymouth store. Some installation work, including all window-treatment installation, is done in-house, while some is subcon-

tracted. There are no sales commissions, which, Barron said, means employees cooperate with each other instead of competing.

Blinds and shades are from Hunter Douglas – Esquire is the largest Hunter Douglas retailer in Michigan – and furniture is exclusively from Norwalk Furniture, a 112-year-old company in Norwalk, Ohio. The Ann Arbor store has a 5,000-square-foot furniture showroom.

Barron said he still relies on business advice from his father: Help customers first and the money will be there.

"Helping people is fun – not selling them things," he said. "It's more fun to do that if you're not looking for the almighty buck."

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Yoga studio brings owner back to her roots

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

West End: West End Yoga teachers specialize in yoga therapy, incorporating postures, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques to suit individual needs. Yoga therapy is rising in popularity among the medical community, as many

patients are referred to yoga as an effective complementary therapy for several common ailments. The challenges may be an illness, a temporary condition like pregnancy or childbirth or a chronic condition associated with lifestyle.

With classes called "strength," "chill" and "relax," West End Yoga uses simple, clear descriptions so that even

those who cannot touch their toes and have never done yoga before can easily navigate their way to the right class for them at an affordable price. West End Yoga features a room for child care during classes and

provides discounts to those who work in Canton to serve community and country. They channel a portion of profits to charities, such as the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pan-can.org) and The Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

West End: Even having practiced yoga for 13 years, I, like so many others, felt intimidated to do yoga, especially while going through treatment for advanced cancer.

When I was going through chemotherapy, I was introduced to a different type of yoga by my teacher, Stacey Coffey. She taught me, using a subtle approach, energy medicine principles. The yoga postures that we see in magazines and the Internet are one thing, but to practice simple postures that are 6,000 years old, awakens and aligns things between our body, mind and spirit that we don't even understand. I would be giving my children a bath and realize that I was naturally working an energy line in a yoga pose and just feel great.

Although there are not cures for every disease, ache or pain out there, everyone can find healing and now I want to bring this aspect of yoga to the community. Once we start taking care of ourselves consistently, we're able to give more to our families, employers and everyone around us.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

West End: I was raised

in the area and after surviving Stage IV Hodgkin's lymphoma last year, at age 29, I now want to bring the healing I've found through yoga back to my roots, giving the community a haven for creating a balanced, healthy, sustainable lifestyle. The intention of starting a business in my hometown is to bring the tremendous healing that I've found by teaching yoga in a non-intimidating, welcoming, personalized way and, also, provide balance by addressing the challenges of our fast-paced, stressed out, "push through it" world.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

West End: The West End Yoga teachers are trained to guide people of all body types into poses that focus on integration, because yoga is not merely a physical workout. The classes are designed to bring out what the body does best, which is balance itself and integrate the mind and spirit as well. More strenuous classes may not provide this level of integration, which could cause further health issues.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

West End: I was teaching private and semi-private classes and, now, we're ready to teach to bigger groups and offer more healing.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

West End: The No. 1

DETAILS

Name: The West End Yoga Co.

Address: 1200 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Name: Leah Slagenwhite, owner

Hometown: Raised in Canton, currently live in New Hudson

Opened: September 2013

Employees: 0-5

Hours: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Specialty: Yoga

Website: <http://thewestendyogacompany.com>

thing people are so afraid of when they try yoga for the first time is passing gas! It's a valid fear, because it does happen occasionally, but it's nothing to be ashamed of. We all do it, it's a natural, cleansing bodily function.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

West End: It's blown up. The smaller classes started to pack, so I became inspired and want to grow.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

West End: You, and only you, have the power to choose what you believe. People will tell you that you will struggle, that others don't want the service, that you won't make any money. And they can believe that, but you do not have to. You must protect your energy and your mindset as you move forward in business.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

West End: Spreading healing, love, peace and yoga.



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Election preview

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its "Good Morning Plymouth" community breakfast with an election twist 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.

Charlie Langton of WWJ-AM (950) and WJBK-TV (Channel 2) will provide an election preview and spend time taking questions. Langton will share his thoughts on what the effect will be on the state depending on

who wins, but the real fun will begin when he takes your questions.

The cost to attend the breakfast is \$13. The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

To RSVP for the breakfast, contact teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Leadership banquet

The second annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet is set for 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Ford Motor Co.

Conference and Event Center in Dearborn.

The event is being coordinated by the Conference of Western Wayne, an advocacy group for 18 western Wayne County municipalities, and several local chambers of commerce. Some 350 people attended the inaugural banquet last year.

Register for this event through the Canton Chamber via fax (734-453-4503), phone (734-453-4040), or email (jporter@cantonchamber.com).

Angela Hospice walk full of 'uplifting spirit'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Judy Halpert remembers being encouraged to walk in the Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance by a friend back in 2009.

She hasn't missed once since. The Plymouth Township resident will again be on the grounds Saturday of the Felician Sisters in Livonia for the seventh annual walk, hosted by Angela Hospice to benefit its free community outreach programs for grieving children and adults.

The reason so many walkers — organizers are expecting some 1,000 people this year — walk the 2.3-mile path: To honor and celebrate the



Judy Halpert (from left) of Plymouth Township at the Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance with her husband Sam and sister Jeanne Gatti.

loved ones they've lost. "It gives you an opportunity to take some time and recall the good

times," said Halpert, who lost both her parents within 10 months of each other in 2008. "The whole

idea of walking was appealing to me. That communal spirit of a big crowd ... it was very uplifting."

The walk begins at Madonna University and continues through the peaceful, idyllic property of the Felician Sisters, including Ladywood High School, the Sisters' Central Convent, and concluding at the beautiful Angela Hospice grounds.

"The Walk of Remembrance continues to grow each year and it's a testament to how powerful this event is," said Bob Alexander, Angela Hospice Business Development manager. "Many people return year after year to take part in it and it has even become a tradition for these fam-

ilies." That sort of "community" spirit is one of the things that attracts Halpert. She said the event gives walkers a chance to see and be part of the cycle of life.

"When you're in a group of people all walking together, it's a comforting thing," Halpert said. "Despite the losses, these people are still living their lives. The spirit is so uplifting."

Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to attend the event, which also includes live music, a hot dog lunch and rock-painting activity.

Some families are even forming fundraising teams to pay tribute to their loved ones, while helping to support Ange-

la Hospice's charitable work.

Angela Hospice's grief support services include general and special topic grief support groups; individual and family counseling; and holiday workshops for children, teens and adults.

Registration for the Walk of Remembrance includes a T-shirt and is \$25 in advance for adults (increases to \$35 on day of event), \$15 for children ages 6-12, and free for 5 and under.

Walkers can register online and get more information about Angela Hospice's programs by visiting www.AskForAngela.com or calling 734-464-7810.

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Blackwood Legacy Quartet set for two area shows

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet, direct from Nashville, presents several special concert events in local communities this month.

With their unbroken link to the Dove- and Grammy-award winning Blackwood Brothers, these Mansion Entertainment artists link the best of southern gospel's traditional sound with today's newer country gospel and worship music.

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet will be in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Heritage Freewill Baptist, 12670 Pardee, in Taylor. Then, at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, they will be at group owner Rick Price's childhood home church, Faith Baptist, 26305 Ford Road, in Dearborn Heights.

Admission is free to these non-denominational events and an offering will be received.

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet has an all-star lineup. Group owner and bass singer Rick Price is a native of Detroit and was originally a protégé of the late Cecil Blackwood. He began his 35-year career singing with the



The Blackwood Legacy Quartet plays two concerts in the area this weekend.

Blackwood Brothers in 1977 and was eventually inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the legendary group.

Spokane, Wash., native Luke Yates sings baritone with the group and is also an inspired and sought-after pianist and Nashville recording artist. Tenor singer Paul Secord, formerly a featured singer for Disney World, is one of the most talented in gospel music today.

The group's newest member, lead singer

Hunter Sparkman, is a Christian recording artist and musician from Nashville. Performing since 2001.

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet was signed to Mansion Records in 2010 and continues the tradition of gospel music, performing nearly 250 dates annually nationwide.

For more information, call the churches directly, visit the group's website at TheBlackwoodLegacy.com, or find the quartet on Facebook.

Park station hosts euchre tourney

WSDP-FM (88.1) The Park will host its third annual Euchre Classic at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Plymouth Elks Club.

Players can enjoy a great evening of euchre and support the student radio program that has been impacting students and serving the community for more than 42 years.

The tournament was created by 88.1 alum Denny Kapp.

"I've enjoyed playing in tournaments and decided to share the idea with WSDP's Alumni Committee," said Kapp, a Westland resident. "They thought this might be something we could do on an annual basis and we're excited to bring it back for a third year."

This year's 88.1 The Park Euchre Classic costs \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy pizza, snacks and a cash bar. The Plymouth Elks Club is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

"We hope to have an even bigger turnout this year because it helps a really great program," Kapp said. "88.1 gave me a head start into a career



Radio station WSDP-FM (88.1) The Park hosts its third annual euchre tournament Saturday at the Plymouth Elks Club.

working in sports media. I learned how to cover a team through my broadcasts of Canton and Salem games. I'm glad to be able to still help WSDP."

Players can sign up by emailing wsdpeuchre@gmail.com

or by calling 248-WSDPEUCHRE (973-7382).

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OUR VIEW

A move forward

Amphitheater reversal could jump-start better relationship

Say what you will about the motives behind the Plymouth Township board's move last week to delay plans for the \$350,000 amphitheater until after the township does its recreation study next year.

Whatever their motives, trustees did the right thing.

The township's Board of Trustees last week approved a resolution to make the amphitheater proposal part of the 2015 recreation plan review. It was a major turnaround—coming just three weeks after voting down a similar resolution to delay the project while seeking public input—and skeptics are free to wonder about the timing.

Supervisor Richard Reaume proposed the resolution delaying the project in the middle of an effort by a con-

cerned citizens group to recall four trustees over a variety of issues. Reaume, himself a target of the recall, got five other trustees to vote with him, including the other three recall targets—Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold, all of whom have been staunchly in favor of the amphitheater.

Critics of the board were quick to say this move was made in an effort to avoid a recall, but they don't get to have it both ways. They've said from the beginning of the effort the amphitheater played little to no role in their decision to recall the four trustees who backed it, so they don't now get to claim that's why board members have reversed themselves.

They are, of course, free to question the motives, but we

ask: Does it really matter? They got what they wanted. The controversial project won't be taken back up until after the recreation survey, which isn't scheduled until late next year. Reaume has promised a series of community forum-style meetings to discuss citizens' desires, during which the amphitheater plan will be discussed.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who ironically has been one of the loudest voices calling for public input on the amphitheater, voted against Reaume's motion because it does nothing to protect money set aside for the project. The township borrowed \$1.9 million for Plymouth Township Park improvements through a bond sale; the rest of the money is to come from grants and money

already budgeted for capital improvements.

Doroshewitz called Reaume's move "a total smoke-screen" (proving the olive branch didn't smooth over everything) and said he fears the amphitheater money will be spent on something else. Reaume said any spending of the \$350,000 would be restricted to parks and recreation improvement projects.

It would be nice to protect that money in case the amphitheater project is resurrected next year. We don't think it will be; we believe residents have seen the last of the amphitheater plan.

Reaume explained his turnaround by saying he decided it's important to get public input, a statement that drew snorts of derision from his

critics. The fact is, he's been wavering on this topic for some time now and finally decided to present his motion. Question his motives if you like, but at least he moved off a previously intractable position.

They may have done it grudgingly, but trustees did agree to listen to the people on the amphitheater issue. The move doesn't buy them much in the way of good will unless they begin listening to residents on other issues that come up, as well. The board has created the impression for some time now that at least some of the trustees aren't interested in hearing from the people they serve.

Whether it was intended to be or not, this can be a good start toward reversing that impression.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tree strategy

Most Plymouth residents have by now seen the "Tree City" signage around town, calling attention to how Plymouth deems its trees merit citywide signage. Plymouth residents might be interested to find out that the city currently has minimal ordinance provisions in place to ensure Plymouth stays a Tree City. They are probably unaware that the city currently does not have a comprehensive municipal management strategy that addresses how to manage existing and future trees.

Many adjacent cities do have ordinances to preserve, maintain and encourage a viable population of living trees. Cities like Northville, Farmington Hills and Novi all have ordinances in place that control the population of living trees, as well as guidelines for replacement, maintenance, tree protection during construction, tree replacement/relocation during construction, emergency tree removal, etc.

Plymouth has very limited ordinance regarding these myriad considerations. Local ordinances, however, are limited in effectiveness and often result in a band-aid approach that often gets in the way of a comprehensive management strategy.

A recent example involves three mature maple "street trees" adjacent to a new home construction site. The ordinances in place to protect or maintain Plymouth's many "street trees"—trees that property owners cannot remove without city permission—are very limited and do not provide for any strategies for management.

In this case, the foundation excavation infringed into the drip lines of the trees to within 6-8 feet of the trunk center lines—which is too close. No attempts were made by the property owner or builder to protect the soils within tree drip line from heavy wheeled equipment compressing the soil (which has occurred), which can suffocate roots and kill the tree. The trees began to shed leaves the day after the excavation, indicating that they were stressed.

A call to the city's Grounds Maintenance Department resulted in a big shrug, where I was told that there is nothing they can do, or would do, to protect or even investigate what was happening to these "street trees," but if the trees died, the city would remove them. This is an ineffective management strategy for a Tree City?

I would ask, is this the level of protection Plymouth wishes for its many trees? Ordinances are no substitute for a well-considered city tree management plan. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/tree-ord/> is a great resource from which to develop management strategies that result in sensible ordinances that not only benefit the city and property values, but will also be agreeable to property owners.

Also, the recently established Plymouth City Tree Board may already be looking into this, but there is nothing on the city's website or any indication that this is indeed an active or populated board. I believe a tree management strategy should be explored and considered by the city council. It's time Plymouth live up to its Tree City image.

Scott Silvers
Plymouth

Groundswell of anger

Stop the Amphitheater is just the tip of the iceberg. Some of our council members have stated we are a "crowd" or a disgruntled few. That may have been true in the past, but the groundswell of anger is just beginning to take shape.

More residents are taking note of all the issues (not just the amphitheater). The Concerned Citizens group is growing. The trust has been broken and we aren't going to take it anymore.

I urge everyone who lives in the township to attend the next board meeting and see for yourself what is taking place in our township.

Doreen Sharpe
Plymouth

Blah, blah, blah

Last Thursday, three people wrote letters to the editor. I have something to say to them and others like them: Do you have to be so long-winded?

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OUR VIEW

Impressive work gets I-96 ready for early opening

Drivers about as tired of construction barrels as they can be should start saying goodbye now to the service drive, Five Mile Road, Plymouth Road or any other detours they've been using to get around the Interstate 96 construction.

Apparently, they aren't going to have to wait until the middle of October for the expressway, closed since early April, to reopen. The countdown clock on 96fix.com shifted last week from Oct. 11 (the original target date) to Sept. 30 after project leaders announced plans to reopen the freeway ahead of schedule.

That's good news for drivers who've shown a good deal of patience dealing with the closure of the heavily traveled connecting route between western Wayne County and downtown Detroit.

But it's even more impressive for the Michigan Department of Transportation and, especially, the companies and crews doing the work. It hasn't been easy.

There have been a few issues, starting with some cold temperatures and even some snowfall in the project's early stages. Crews had to work around—or recover from—the storm that blew through here a month ago



FILE PHOTO

Michigan Department of Transportation officials say I-96 through Redford and Livonia could reopen by Sept. 30, several days ahead of schedule.

and dropped what seemed like an ocean of water on the area. Then there was the truck fire which, luckily, did no damage and caused no injuries.

Problems like those—especially the torrential rainfall—can cause major problems on a construction project, but never

derailed this one. Work crews should be commended for that.

Work certainly isn't done on the seven-mile, \$148 million project. And MDOT representatives have said there would also be some other work taking place in the coming weeks along the freeway when it's open to traffic—patching between Haggerty and Newburgh, concrete removal on the west side of the project.

MDOT officials are so happy, they've decided to reverse their original opinion on whether to host an on-the-road celebration before the freeway actually reopens to traffic. While MDOT initially said there are "no immediate plans" for such a celebration on the freeway, they've now scheduled one for 2 p.m. Sunday, opening I-96 from Levan to Newburgh to pedestrian traffic.

There are legitimate safety concerns with letting people walk down onto the expressway. And, of course, MDOT's goal of reopening the freeway remains the top priority of the contractor, so its initial reticence was understandable.

Still, it's nice of them to throw a little party not only for local residents, but for the members of the work crews.

They've earned it.

GUEST COLUMN

Legislature has to act fast to avert trial court crisis

Legislation introduced at the Capitol last week will fix a funding crisis in Michigan's local courts. Without prompt action on and passage of House Bill 5785, Michigan's trial-level courts, which handle almost three million criminal and traffic cases a year, will lack the resources they need to properly administer justice in the state.

Like a summer thunderstorm, this crisis brewed suddenly. In June, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in *People vs. Cunningham* that trial courts could not impose against defendants some of the costs they have passed on for about a decade.

Without these "user fees," circuit and district courts across Michigan would be short millions of dollars.

A survey of counties by the Michigan Association of Counties in the aftermath of the June case found, for example, that Grand Traverse County would lose as much as \$500,000 a year. Clinton County's estimate is a whopping \$1.9 million.

The remedy to this dilemma is simple common sense: Restore in law the authority local courts have exercised for years, while taking the opportunity to



Jon Campbell
GUEST COLUMNIST

improve practices by increasing transparency of court costs applied to defendants.

Quick action is needed, because local courts have been restricted in their work since the June ruling and the two alternatives to a restoration of "user fees" are, in a word, unwise.

The state could, for example, decide to create a new revenue stream—read tax—to properly fund lower courts. In an election year, that's as unlikely as it is inadvisable.

Of greater concern is a lack of action, which would leave it to Michigan's 83 counties to find new dollars to divert to courts.

Michigan counties already provide about half of the \$1 billion-plus used by local courts each year. About \$1 in every \$10 in general funds in Grand Traverse County goes to local courts now. In Newaygo County, almost 40 percent of the general fund budget goes to the court system. In Saginaw County, 25

percent goes to courts. In Cass County, the figure is 30 percent; in Marquette County, 22 percent.

So to come up with more money for courts would certainly mean cuts to other key services, such as road patrols, jails, health initiatives, foster care and animal control.

Since the Supreme Court decision, a coalition of public servants and interests, led by MAC, has been educating legislators on the issues at play. This effort boils down to three points: "user fees" have worked as a fair method to fund court operations; courts already are the single largest unfunded mandate imposed by the state on the counties; and the state itself is unlikely to identify the necessary dollars in the face of other policy demands, such as road funding.

If legislative action isn't taken to reverse the *Cunningham* ruling's effects, these percentages only will soar. And counties, trying to recover from years of underfunding by the state, are in no position to absorb a huge new burden.

It's also important to note that

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Strategies to help senior citizens repay student loan debt

The numbers are startling and keep growing. I'm not talking about the federal deficit. I'm talking about student loans. The amount of outstanding student loans is more than either charge card debt or auto loan debt.

And when most people think about student loans, they immediately think about the student getting ready to go to college or someone who graduated and is burdened by student debt. However, there's another group whose outstanding student debt continues to rise - senior citizens.

You wouldn't think that seniors would have a problem with student debt; you would be wrong. Outstanding student loans owed by seniors have skyrocketed to more than \$18 billion, up 600 percent in the last decade.

Most of the outstanding student debt held by seniors, about 80 percent, is for their own education (continuing education, grad school or even undergrad). The remaining 20 percent is the amount owed by seniors for loans they took for either a child's or grandchild's college education.

Repaying student loans has become a se-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

were burden for many seniors. The default rate for seniors on student loans is substantially higher than for other recipients. As a result, seniors are subject to more aggressive collection techniques and are finding that creditors are beginning to garnish Social Security benefits.

Since student debt has become such a problem for seniors, it is important they have a repayment strategy. Bankruptcy is not an option because most student loans are not dischargeable in a bankruptcy proceeding.

If you are a senior with an outstanding student loan, know your interest rate. After all, if you're paying 7 percent on a student loan and you're getting less than 1 percent on a CD, it may make sense to use the CD to pay down the student loan.

In addition, those with equity in a home can take out a home equity loan or even refinance in order to pay off the student debt. I'm not a big fan of seniors taking on more

debt. In this situation, it's restructuring the debt.

For seniors who derive the majority of their income from Social Security, there may be a strategy to reduce or even eliminate student loan payment and at the same time not be in default.

All federal student loans are eligible for an income-based repayment program. There are three programs that allow borrowers to pay off their loans as a share of their income. The plans have slightly different terms for repayment, but one of the income-based programs may be a fit.

The government doesn't make it easy and you have to be proactive. However, you may find that these programs can substantially improve your cash flow.

I am not saying that seniors should not repay their student loans, because they should. However, just like everyone else, seniors should take advantage of all options that are available.

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Jon Campbell is an Allegan County commissioner and the incoming president of the Michigan Association of Counties (www.micounties.org), a non-partisan, nonprofit organization that advances education, communication and cooperation among county government officials in Michigan.

Dianne Griswold Plymouth

Feeling it already
While watching TV last night, Rick Snyder appeared on the screen. At first I thought he must have some breaking state news. But, sorry to say, it was just another paid commercial.

I have to admit it was a very well-done production with the scenery and patriotic music. Unfortunately, the message was the same old crap warmed over.

One line that stuck out was "You might not feel it yet, but you will." He was referring to how we have fared under the "new" Republican reign in Lansing.

Well, Mr. Snyder, after comparing my 2011 state tax form with the past two years, I found I am already "feeling it" to the tune of costing me \$750 per year. I imagine the majority of our people have been hit harder than that.

I would urge all but the wealthiest of Michiganders to pull out those tax forms and you can tell Snyder that you, too, already "feel it." I excluded the rich, because they have made out spectacularly under this regime.

Remember these forms when you vote Nov. 4, because if Snyder and crew are not defeated, it will only get worse for the majority of us.

James Huddleston
Canton

identified in statute. If laws are changed to restore the authority that trial courts have exercised for nearly a decade, a major crisis is averted for courts and counties.

Legislators have plenty to do in September, but passage of court funding legislation has to be at the top of the list.

down the PARC project, saying "we will have nothing to do" with the city of Plymouth for two years. Then they lied about that to the state in order to borrow money.

The fire department monstrosity left a home burned down and now our equipment is over 10 years old and nothing is being done about it. Yes, we saved money so that we could go out and borrow almost \$2 million. And without any input from all the citizens, through a survey, these trustees decided to build an amphitheater and an accompanying state of the art pavilion.

This pavilion started with a request for a drinking fountain near the ball diamonds. It has ballooned to \$650,000 and rising. OK, the trustees finally postponed the amphitheater, but are not giving the money back. Instead, they are holding it in reserve. Oh, and by the way, it is estimated that the pavilion that could eventually hold a convention will cost \$1 million. Where will that extra money come from, I wonder? We, the people, are still paying.

I have been told that the citizens are complacent and will not care and just go along with the trustees. But when it constantly affects pocketbooks and not everyone living here is rich, my mind believes that smart citizens will get involved and get these people recalled. I hope that that we can recall these self-serving people and elect ones who will look out for

the interests of all the people - not a select few with deep pockets.

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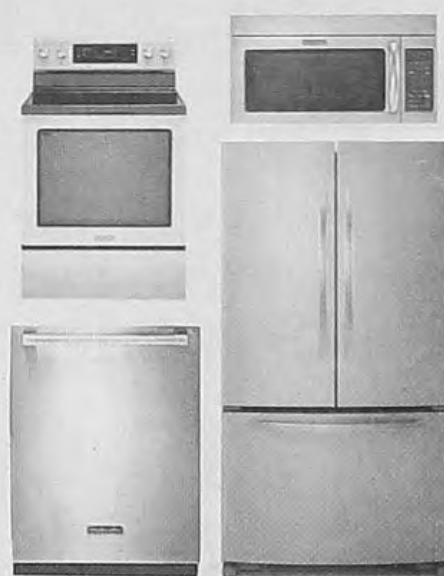
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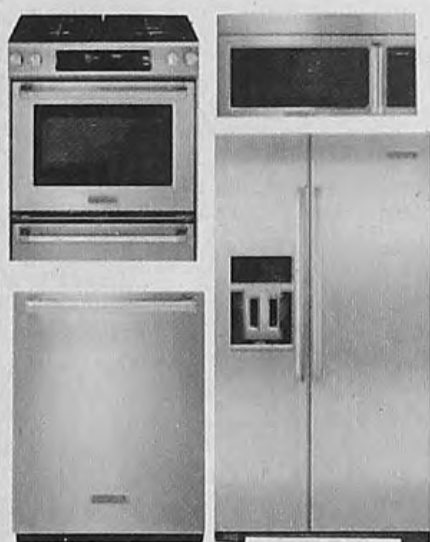


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Canton

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Albrecht's OT magic helps Eagles garner 3-3 tie

PCA comes back to earn draw after losing early lead

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For much of the first half Tuesday, although Plymouth Christian Academy enjoyed a 2-0 lead against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, the Eagles missed some premium chances to blow the MIAC boys soccer game wide open.

Ultimately, those missed chances gave the Crusaders a fighting chance in the second half and they scored two late goals to force two 10-minute overtimes.

Lutheran Northwest went up by a goal in the first extra session, but PCA senior forward Lucas Albrecht — who

had a goal and an assist in the first 40 minutes, but also missed the net on some top-drawer opportunities — had the chance to come through in the nick of time.

And Albrecht wasn't about to miss again. He took a nifty feed from sophomore forward Austin Andres (who teamed up with him on the goals in the first half), then moved into the 18-yard box in the Crusaders' end.

Next, Albrecht twirled and booted the ball inside the far post past junior goalkeeper Soloman Spangler with 4:58 in the second overtime. That made it a 3-3 tie, which is how the match concluded.

"Austin had the ball in the middle, he got the ball from Brian (Schleintz)," Albrecht said. "It had happened a couple times and I missed the shot earlier, in the first half."

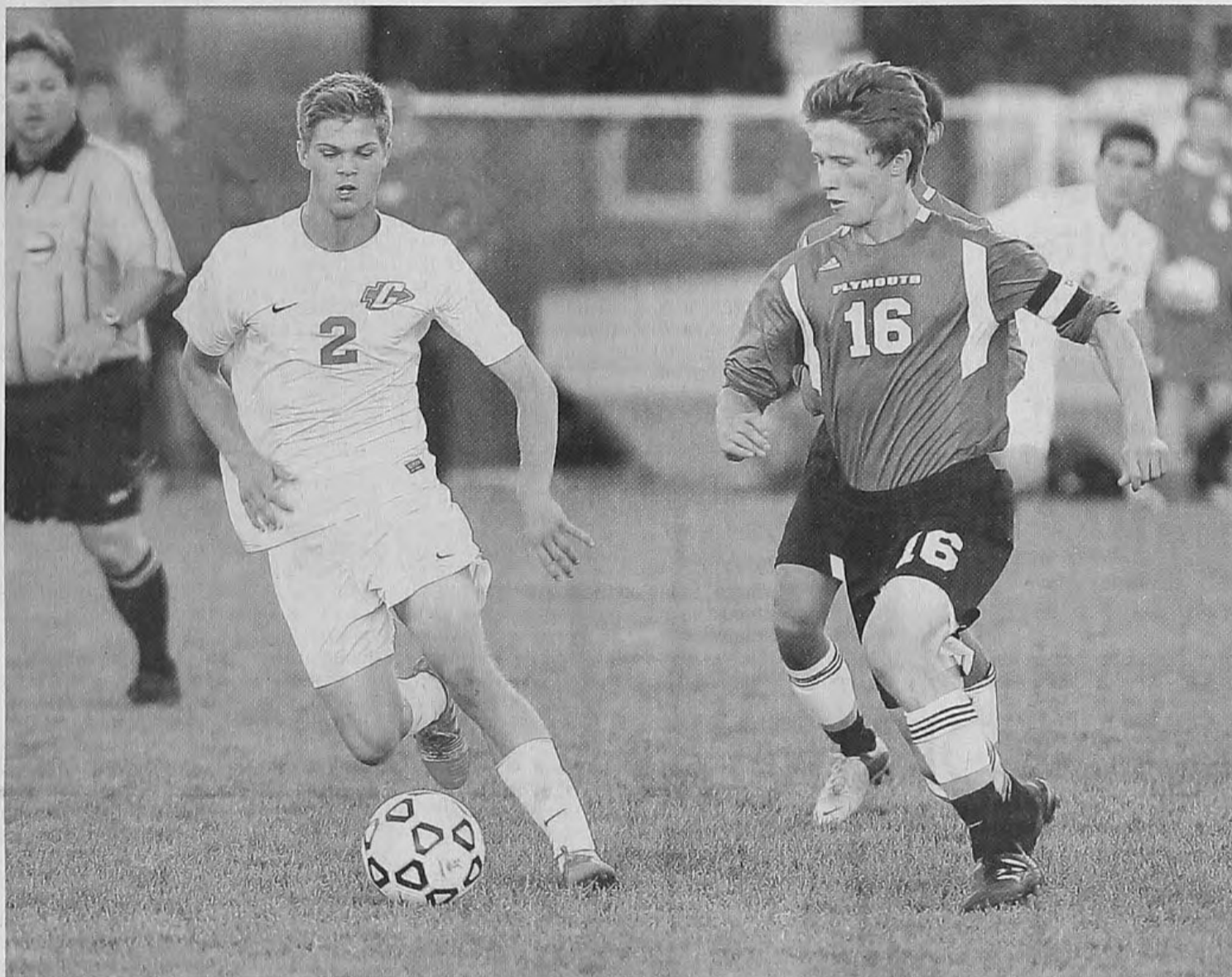
"So I knew it was coming, I shielded a guy off me, on my back, I just put it to my left and I put it far post, where I knew the goalie wouldn't be."

He lamented missing similar chances earlier, however. "Unfortunately, I waited too long to score that," Albrecht said. "Maybe if I had done it earlier it would have been a different outcome. But we came out with a tie, so it's not



ROBYN ALBRECHT
Plymouth Christian's Lucas Albrecht kicks the game-tying goal Tuesday in the second OT.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Plymouth's Calvin McCracken (right) closes in on Canton's Jack Zemanski during Tuesday night's game.

CHIEFS IN DRIVER'S SEAT

Canton bests Plymouth in battle of KLAA South powers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Mohamad Miri saw an opportunity and seized it.

The Canton sophomore forward, up from the junior varsity, pounced on a ball that rolled away from sliding Plymouth goalkeeper James Gibbs and rolled it into the net with merely 16:06 left in the second half Tuesday night.

That proved to be the first and only goal of the KLAA South boys soccer showdown between two campus rivals which entered the match undefeated in the division.

With the 1-0 win, the Chiefs improved to 9-0-1 overall and 5-0-0 in the KLAA South, while Plymouth dropped to 7-3-2, 4-1-0.

"It feels amazing," said Miri, who also

scored a varsity goal when called up earlier this season. "I expected to do something spectacular this game. ... I helped the team out by getting a goal, so it's very good."

Miri added, with a smile, that the ball "barely went in, but it was a goal."

Drawing the assist on the play was junior midfielder Jason Ren. The Chiefs threw a defensive blanket over the Wildcats down the stretch to close out the key victory.

"On that play specifically, Jason Ren played a beautiful through ball to Mohamad and he worked extremely hard to win the ball, beat the goalie," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "He (Miri) showed really good composure by putting it back on net, an excellent job."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Plymouth goalkeeper James Gibbs gets set to kick the ball despite pressure from Canton's Sam Belcher (No. 5). Also shown is Brandon Burger (No. 2) of the Wildcats.

CROSS COUNTRY

'Cats, Rocks capture invites

Big weekend for Plymouth, Salem

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Both Plymouth's and Salem's varsity girls cross country teams tasted sweet victory over the weekend.

The Wildcats prevailed Saturday at the ultra-competitive Autumn Classic in Stoney Creek, nipping favored Grosse Pointe North by two points.

Leading the way was sophomore medalist Annie Bonds, with a career best time of 19:54 to nip North's Lauren Sickmiller by nine seconds.

"We are moving in the right direction with new girls taking off chunks of time each race and veteran runners pushing the pace from the top," Wildcats assistant coach Alice Ahearn said. "The girls are putting in great work at practice and are seeing the fruits of their labor at the races."

And Salem was victorious at Saturday's Holly Invitational at Springfield Oaks County Park, topping a 15-team field with 66 points.

"Today was a great learning experience for our athletes on how to compete in adverse conditions with the cold, wind, rain and muddy course," said Dave Gerlach, head coach of the Rocks. "The JV was dominant in their race today and the varsity overcame tough course conditions for the victory."

"Kayla Hughes ran a season best (20:20, 12th overall) to help this unit in the win. We had a very poor start after another team cut us off and really fought to get back into position."

As for Plymouth's victory at the Autumn Classic, Bonds was helped out by juniors Charlotte Clark, Emma Radke and Marianne DeBrito, who Ahearn said "used their pack running skills to cross the line while only allowing one additional North athlete to cross."

That trio came in 18th,

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COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
It's a footrace for a 50/50 ball between Schoolcraft's Nathan Bergeson (right) and Cincinnati State's Kelsey Black during Saturday's men's soccer matchup. Bergeson is a Canton alum.

Quick-striking Ocelots slip past Surge, 2-0

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team didn't just face rival Cincinnati State on Saturday afternoon.

The host Ocelots also dealt with wind, mud puddles and cool temperatures.

But they came out storming the Surge right from the start, scored twice before the NJCAA Region XII contest was three minutes old and captured a 2-0 victory to improve to 5-0-0 overall and 4-0-0 in the region.

One of the Schoolcraft players who forced the issue on offense was freshman midfielder/forward and Canton alum Nathan Bergeson.

"The conditions, we got used to it right away," Bergeson said. "We used the slippery, wet grounds to our advantage. We got the second goal with a slide across the box, even the first goal, helped to slide in to get the cross in."

"But it was pretty slippery and getting pretty muddy."

Bergeson added that "it was

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FILE PHOTO
Plymouth sophomore Annie Bonds was the overall medalist at the Autumn Classic.

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Black out: Steelers pummel Patriots

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a game that featured the debut of its all-black uniforms, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team thrashed visiting Birmingham, 37-0, Saturday afternoon at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

The victory improved the Steelers' record to 2-0 heading into Saturday's 4 p.m. home game against West Bloomfield.

Ian Gozдор sparked the winners' onslaught with an opening-drive touchdown run that was fueled by strong blocks from James Hansen and Jason Perko. Seth Troszak ripped the two-point conversion kick through the uprights to make it 8-0.

A short time later, Carson Miller rumbled into the end zone for the first of his two TDs and another Troszak two-pointer made it 16-0.

Quarterback Ben Wright added to the Patriots' misery early in the second quarter when he took a keeper to the house from 40 yards out. Nick Downs and Miller paved Wright's way with crunching blocks.

Alex Smith added an exclamation point to the Steelers' rout when he scored a third-quarter TD before tacking on the extra point.

Spearheading the Steelers' first shutout of



Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity defensive end Liam Radomski applies in-your-face pressure to the Birmingham Patriots quarterback Saturday afternoon.

the season were defensive gladiators Troszak, Miller and Dean Kaye.

JV Steelers rally

A huge second-half surge led the junior varsity Steelers to a 21-12 victory over the Patriots. Both teams owned 1-1 records after the stirring showdown.

Trailing 12-0 at the intermission, the Steelers rebounded with 21 unanswered points as Cooper Donlin scored a pair of touchdowns thanks to steam-roller blocking from Nicholas Koski, Brendan Jankowski, Andrew Uhlian, Tyler Overaitis, Zach Sweet, Nolan Mathew and Zach Kubacki.

Logan Walkley was instrumental in the comeback, scoring a TD

and intercepting a Patriots pass in the end zone. Ethan Rotell unleashed a couple of huge yardage-consuming runs late in the game.

Defensively, Nate Cain, Adam Janack, Mason Hackney, Drew Poet, Aidan Tafalski and Aiden Garbarino all turned in stellar efforts.

Freshmen excel

The freshman Steelers dominated time of possession throughout the game against the Patriots, powered by a ball-control offense that was led by key blocking from Preston Houser and Dylan Fuciarelli. Quarterback Rick Williams scored the Steelers' first touchdown of the game on a 2-yard run in the second half.

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huge" to get on the scoreboard so quickly, especially as the Ocelots really wanted to end Cincinnati State's four-game winning streak against them dating back a couple of seasons.

Both times, Schoolcraft freshman forward Costa Wells was in the mix, setting up teammates deep in Surge territory.

With just 1:09 elapsed, freshman midfielder Victor Contreras sent a perfect cross from Wells and made no mistake with his shot. It was the fifth goal of the season for Contreras.

Schoolcraft then made it 2-0 at 2:52. Once again, Wells made a nice feed and the ensuing shot taken by freshman defender Adam Antosh (Troy Athens) wound up behind Cincinnati State goalkeeper Quentin Perez.

Starting to jell

The Ocelots did not score the rest of the way, although Bergeson did have a goal in the second half called back due to a foul.

"We had a good couple

chances at the end, especially I got one that was called a foul," Bergeson said. "But it happens. We're getting better as a team. This is just the beginning."

Making the early lead hold up for Schoolcraft was freshman goalie Andres Hernandez, who stopped all eight shots he saw.

Ocelots head coach Rick Larson also lauded the effort turned in by defenders, including Antosh, who preserved the shutout with eight minutes to go in the second half.

The ball got behind Hernandez, but Antosh raced back to clear it out of harm's way before a Cincinnati State player could nudge it in.

"His radar is so set for the defending side of it that it's like, if you get behind our goalkeeper and you don't put something definitive in the net, Adam's going to be there to clean it up," Larson said. "We've been waiting for 13 months to have Adam Antosh on our team, so we're excited for what he's brought to the table."

"That was just an example of the things he does. That wasn't special, that was just Adam."

Larson had plenty of positive things to say about the entire team in how it put the clamps on Cincinnati State (5-2-0, 4-1-0).

"He (Bergeson) was fantastic," Larson said. "We had guys, Jon Quintana, he was fantastic, Moe Chahine was fantastic, Abu (Algabri) was great. Adam (Antosh), our whole back line."

"Billy Werthman (Livonia Stevenson), Nick Dykman, Brandon Schulz (Farmington), those guys ... they were great."

The veteran coach added that it was good to see how his team came out ready to go despite less-than-ideal playing conditions, capping off an eventful week where there was some adversity thrown in.

"I commend the players in the fact they dealt with a lot this week," Larson said. "With having their game canceled on Wednesday, (then) no training, then we go back into the game on Thursday and play against a very tough, stubborn Jackson team and win 2-1."

"And then our preparation for the top team in the region (Cincinnati State) was absolutely fantastic yesterday. And the result showed."

The Ocelots were scheduled to come right back to the Schoolcraft College pitch Sunday afternoon for another tough opponent in Cuyahoga.

But Larson stressed that the reason such challenging back-to-backs are scheduled during the regular season is to help the team get mentally and physically used to the grind that will face it during tournament time.

"We like the back-to-back opportunities," he said. "Because at nationals, you have to play depending on where you're seeded, you have to play against a lesser-than team on a Thursday and then if you that game now it's the national semifinals, so now you have to play against a greater-than team in back-to-back games."

"It's a very difficult environment. First you got to prepare your mind that you're going to be in those situations and then you got to deal with it physically to perform on back-to-back days at a very high level."

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lady Ocelots slish their way to 2-0 victory

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

For Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach Deepak Shivraman, his team's 2-0 victory Saturday over Cincinnati State was nice, of course.

But the longtime Lady Ocelots coach could only smile when talking about some of his never-say-die players, such as sophomore midfielder Jessica Parry — who happened to score Schoolcraft's second goal on the cool, windy afternoon.

Shivraman said Parry topped the long list of players who got after it despite the elements and a mud-splattered pitch at Schoolcraft.

"We talked about that (field conditions) at halftime," Shivraman said. "Certain players start to create their own luck and, I think for us, I always use Jessica Parry (as an example), because she creates her own luck."

"She works so hard for every ball, she slides everywhere, whether it's wet, dry, whatever and that's the kind of play that we need from everyone. You can't depend on the circumstances, you have to create your own circumstances."

Shivraman also cited sophomore defender Hannah Hasbrouck and freshman defender Lacey Chanady for having "that same DNA, (they'll) chase anything and everything to win that ball."

The Lady Ocelots (2-0-0, 2-0-0 in NJCAA Region XII) put the pressure on Surge goalkeeper Tressie Lewis (16 saves) right from the start of the contest, which immediately followed the Schoolcraft-Cincinnati State men's match-up (also won 2-0 by Schoolcraft).

Yet the Surge goalie nearly made it to halftime without being scored on.

On target

There was approximately four minutes remaining before the intermission, when Schoolcraft freshman forward and

Ann Arbor Skyline product Cienna Rael-Whitsitt found the mark.

Rael-Whitsitt took a nice pass from sophomore defender Taylor Breault (Northville) and cut into the 18-yard box from the right side before drilling a high shot inside the far post past Lewis.

Cincinnati State (2-3-0, 2-1-0 in Region XII) came close to an equalizer in the sixth minute of the second half, when forward Kelsey Black rushed up the middle of the box only to be met by Schoolcraft freshman goalkeeper Kaitlyn Dangelmaier (Brighton).

The goalie, who only had to stop four shots, slid out and blocked Black's attempt.

Schoolcraft then turned on the jets offensively, with Rael-Whitsitt, Parry and freshman midfielder Kelly Schmidt (Canton) setting the tempo and putting on plenty of pressure.

With about 8:30 to go, freshman midfielder Valeria Cossyleon went up the middle and sent the ball over to the speedy, creative Rael-Whitsitt — who dribbled past defenders right on top of Lewis, only to have her shot tipped away.

Less than a minute later, Parry was rewarded for her constant work with her first goal of the season.

Parry received a pass from Cossyleon, darted in to the top of the box and sent her low shot inside the right post. That made it 2-0 with 7:44 remaining and sealed the victory.

"It was a beautiful pass by Val. I just ran on to it and finished it," Parry said. "It was a great pass. I put it lower right corner, just placed it. That's about it."

She acknowledged that with the ball blowing all over the place, plus plenty of standing water to contend with, it was important to "want to look for the low corners."

Parry's mud-soaked uniform also told the tale about how she and the Lady Ocelots competed all day long.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

One of Schoolcraft's stellar performers Saturday, sophomore Jessica Parry (No. 25) battles for the ball against Cincinnati State's Deandre Criddell (No. 12). Parry scored a goal in the Lady Ocelots' 2-0 victory.

"You just got to want it all the time, that's the way I look at it," Parry said, smiling. "You just have to give everything you have. We're doing what we love, we're blessed to be able to go out there and play, so you might as well take advantage of it."

Out on the field for 88 of the 90 minutes was Breault.

"It was tough," Breault said. "It's really competitive out there, so you just have to stick with it and work hard to get what we wanted and it was a win."

Like family

Schmidt, meanwhile, said that although field conditions

were rough "we were just working hard. It's a good team (Cincinnati State), their forwards are fast and they knew how to play the ball around us. But we stopped them and we worked together well."

She also is having a blast transitioning from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, where she was a key player for the Canton Chiefs.

"I love it here. I love the team, I love the atmosphere. I love the connection I have with the girls," Schmidt said. "It's probably one of my favorite teams I've played on."

"Just the way I connected with Jess (Parry) and Rem (Remy Houttekier) and Shae

(van Gassen) and Ci (Rael-Whitsitt), it's just a good atmosphere. We truly are a family."

The Lady Ocelots did not have long to savor the big win because they were scheduled to face Muskegon on Sunday, also at Schoolcraft.

"That's what college soccer's about, it's full load for these guys with classes and training and games," Shivraman said. "But I tell them every day, 'Hey, we're not asking you to dig coal in the mines. This is child's play, enjoy it because it goes really fast.'"

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all bad."

PCA head coach Kris Warnemuende, whose team leads its division with an 8-1-0 record, said the tying goal demonstrated Albrecht's skills. The diminutive forward has 18 goals already this season and holds the school record for goals with 58, which he broke earlier this season.

"He has a great first touch," Warnemuende said. "He can turn on a dime; it's a lot of fun to watch."

The game was only about five minutes old when Albrecht put PCA on the scoreboard. He powered a 16-yarder inside the right post, again set up by Andres.

Then, with 7:05 to play in the half, Andres rushed into the box and, while being knocked to the ground, nudged the ball into the net for a 2-0 lead.

The Crusaders (4-5-1) made some halftime adjustments and there was a lot less room to roam for the Eagles in the second half.

Lutheran Northwest finally got on the board when senior Eric Drews deposited his own rebound behind PCA junior goalkeeper Nick Andres with



ROBYN ALBRECHT

Battling for the ball Tuesday are Plymouth Christian's Giuseppe Iacopelli (No. 2, right) and Lutheran High Northwest players Brad Haller (left) and Nick Grunewald (No. 6).

13:56 to play in regulation.

The equalizer came with 5:16 remaining. A ball lofted from the left flank by senior Nick Grunewald flew over Andres and Crusaders freshman Trevor Butler flicked it in, as he stood almost on the goal line.

A hand ball in the box led to Lutheran Northwest's penalty kick goal in the first OT by senior Kahner James.

"We lost our (defensive) shape and we weren't picking the guys up," Warnemuende said. So as they came through for the crosses, they weren't marked.

"It was a good wake-up call. The press, their team, showed great poise on the field and that was good to challenge us to work a little harder in practice and in our next game."

PCA 2, INTER-CITY BAPTIST 1: Over the years, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist has been the kryptonite in stopping PCA's opportunity for a super season.

While it's managed to muster a few ties against its foe from Allen Park, PCA hasn't been victorious since 2007. That is, until the Eagles landed back on the Chargers' field last Friday for a key MIAC battle. Having just beaten the seventh-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett team 24 hours earlier, PCA had to face its third opponent in four days by taking on the fifth-ranked Inter-City team.

Inter-City's speed, especially in the middle of the field, made it difficult for PCA to get its high-powered offense on track. Both teams were possessing a fairly equal amount when senior captain Lucas Albrecht, off a free kick from 25 yards out, buried a knuckling ball past the Inter-City goalie for a 1-0 lead.

Moments later, a PK was called following a Chargers corner kick and junior Garrett Kraatz tied the score. With four minutes remaining in the first half, Albrecht received a great pass from sophomore Ben Fuller; the ball popped out on a slide tackle and Albrecht one-timed it with his left foot for a 2-1 halftime score.

The second half consisted of high drama as Inter-City didn't want to lose on its home field. PCA employs a 3-5-2 formation with three seniors on defense: captain Giuseppe Iacopelli, Joey Fanelli and Torre Crown. They partnered with junior goalie Nick Andres to keep the Chargers at bay. The Eagles (7-1-0) had their fourth straight victory.

Brent Albrecht contributed to this story.



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Jumping in unison to get to the ball first are Canton's Nick Wendel (No. 4) and Plymouth's Calvin McCracken (No. 16).

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Will to win

An example of how hard the Chiefs clamped down to finish the win was a defensive sequence with under a minute to go by junior forward Sam DeLoy, who refused to give up the ball despite several Wildcats doing their best to get it for a last-ditch scoring bid.

"His play at the end was unbelievable," Zemanski said about DeLoy. "To hold that ball and play three players and take them on and win a corner kick, that shows a lot of heart, a lot of character."

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, whose team will again face the Chiefs on Oct. 2, praised his team for working hard. He cited the inability to finish as a factor in the outcome.

"It was a hard-fought game," Neschich said. "The boys are a little disappointed, but we played well and we created enough opportunities that could have gone our way."

"We played good enough to put a few in the net and we missed the opportunities and left a few goals on the field out there tonight."

Not surprisingly for a game with so much at stake, both squads battled each other with hammer-and-tong intensity. Bodies were flying everywhere, with shifting defenses closing off avenues before dangerous plays could be made in scoring territory.

There were some close calls, however.

In the 24th minute of the first half, Plymouth senior co-captain Jason Liguori sent a corner kick in front to teammate Nathan Harris.

But the subsequent header just missed the Canton net, guarded in the opening 40 minutes by senior Dylan DaSilva (senior Jay Krebs played the second half).

A few minutes later, Canton junior midfielder Josh Posuniak stepped around Plymouth defenders and took a hard shot from close range that Wildcats goalkeeper Damon Favero (who played the first half) blocked.

The ball trickled toward the goalmouth, but Favero reached back to collect it in time.

The defensive pressure ramped up after intermission, even before the lone goal was scored.

"I was really pleased with my defense," Zemanski said. "After giving up a couple goals against (Livonia) Franklin, we played two of the top teams in the division (Livonia Churchill, Plymouth) and we shut them out both times."

"I thought we worked really hard. I thought Kyle Mettlich in the middle and Sam Belcher were exceptional."

Neschich said his team plans on bouncing back from the tough loss.

"We've got a real strong team and a great attitude out of the boys, so we're not going to give up," he said. "We're right there with the top teams and we need to keep working hard and keep getting better."

SALEM 2, NOVI 2: On Tuesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field, the Rocks tied the game on Jay Lee's goal with five minutes left in overtime, off an assist from Max Kummer.

Salem (3-5-1, 2-2-1) also received a goal from Kummer, who buried a direct free kick midway through the second half.

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Wildcats win again!



PLYMOUTH TENNIS

Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team continued its winning ways with Saturday's Canton Invitational championship. Plymouth (5-0, 4-0 in the KLAAs) won its third consecutive invitational title after finishing ahead of Milford, Hartland and tourney host Canton (by one point). "My team stepped it up," Wildcats head coach Tom Kimball said. "We were short four of our top varsity players due to ACT testing, but our JV guys filled in nicely and were able to get the job done."

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Veterans, newbies meshing nicely for Wildcats

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Most followers of KLAA varsity volleyball know all about Plymouth veterans such as senior middle hitter Olivia Beyer and outside hitter Lauren Clemons, among others.

But they also are quickly finding out that the Wildcats' talent cupboard is stocked with up-and-coming talents as the team looks to gain traction in the KLAA South Division — particularly to take on campus rival Canton and perennial stalwart Livonia Churchill.

Consider junior libero Charley Irvin, who Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody noted "has instantly found her niche" with the squad.

"He ability to read the ball off the hand of the hitters and take charge on the left side complements the efforts of our senior middle backs. She has stepped in immediately and has already made an impact," Marody said about Irvin. "We are really looking to be defensive-minded this year and build our system around the connection between Charley and our seniors."

Other juniors who already are making their presence known include setters Brianna Risi and Alex Barry, defensive specialist Taylor Smith and outside hitter MacKenzie Cashero.

The Wildcats also are getting a boost from sophomore right-side hitter Jordyn Kuchka and sophomore middle hitter Lydia Bell, who the coach said "have already shown that they are here to make an impact. They have given us key contributions in our first games and are ready to be the big future of our program."

One returnee who is part of that future is sophomore outside hitter/middle hitter Jordan Schamp, who Marody said "played middle for us as a freshman, but has made a seamless switch to the outside."

Schamp is cut out of the same cloth as Clemons (one of the captains, along with Beyer

and senior defensive specialist Katie Stevens), as both "are explosive, athletic and can play multiple positions. Their versatility and positive team attitude create depth for us."

Veterans set tone

Of course, most teams can't go wrong with outstanding seniors, the kind Plymouth has in Louisiana State University-bound Beyer and several others.

"Her leadership is unmatched, she's a class act," Marody said. "Olivia's quick offense and ability to place the ball from anywhere on the court from any type of set is nicely complemented by her strong defense and her ability to read the opposition's offense and place herself squarely behind the ball."

"There's no limit to this young lady's talent and work ethic and leadership."

Also providing offensive punch are senior right-side hitters Jenny Gunther and Lauren Conley.

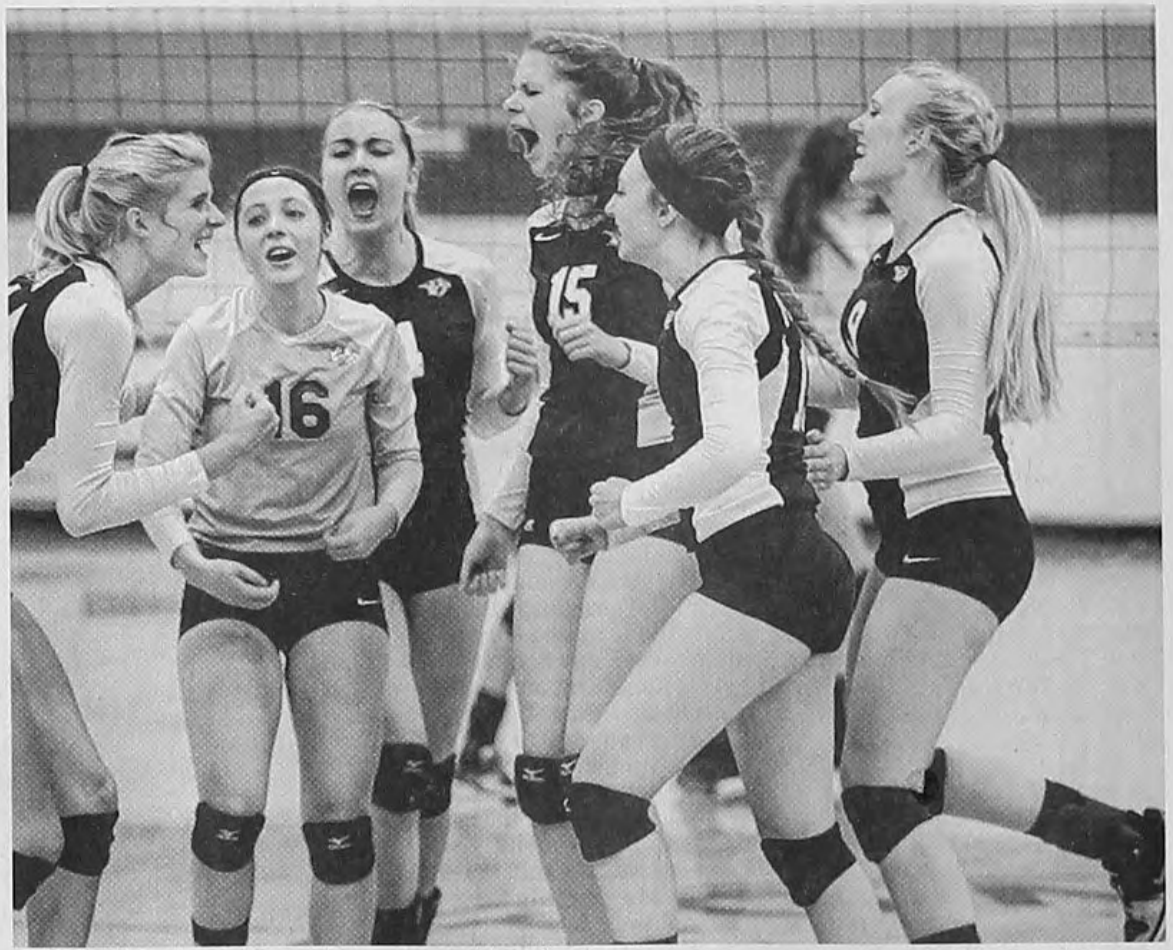
"They have made tremendous improvements in their overall game and are ready to step up as blocking leaders and offensive threats," Marody said. "Each girl brings a different set of strengths to the court, only increasing the depth we have at each position."

And don't forget about defensive dynamos such as Stevens and seniors Aleah Rogalski and Payton Petruski.

Stevens and Rogalski "will be setting our defensive standard by providing speed on our serve-receive and quality first touches. They have a huge responsibility setting the tone for how our offensive game is going to run on any given night."

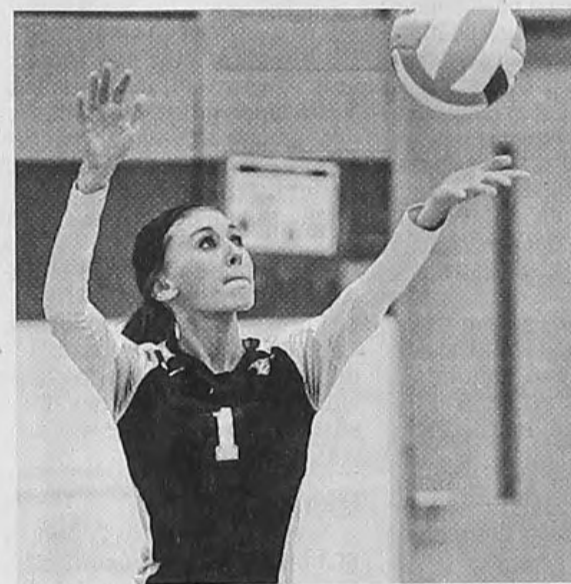
Meanwhile, Marody credited the way Petruski has "stepped up to lead this team. She is working hard to connect with her hitters again and take advantage of our strengths as well as learn how to expose the other team's weakness."

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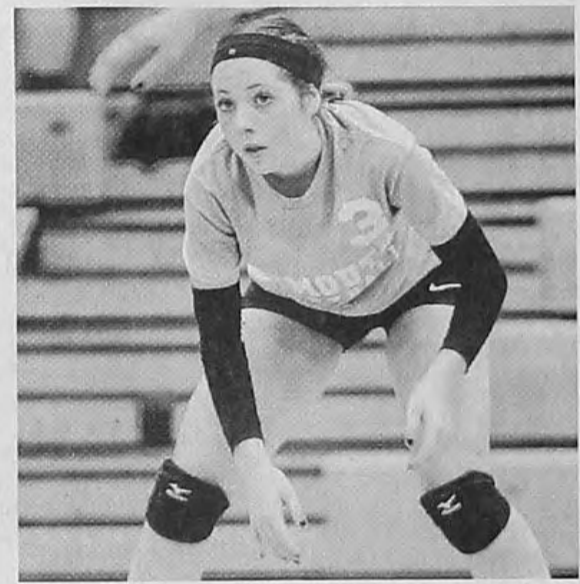
Senior co-captain Olivia Beyer (left) and her Plymouth teammates cheer after scoring a point.

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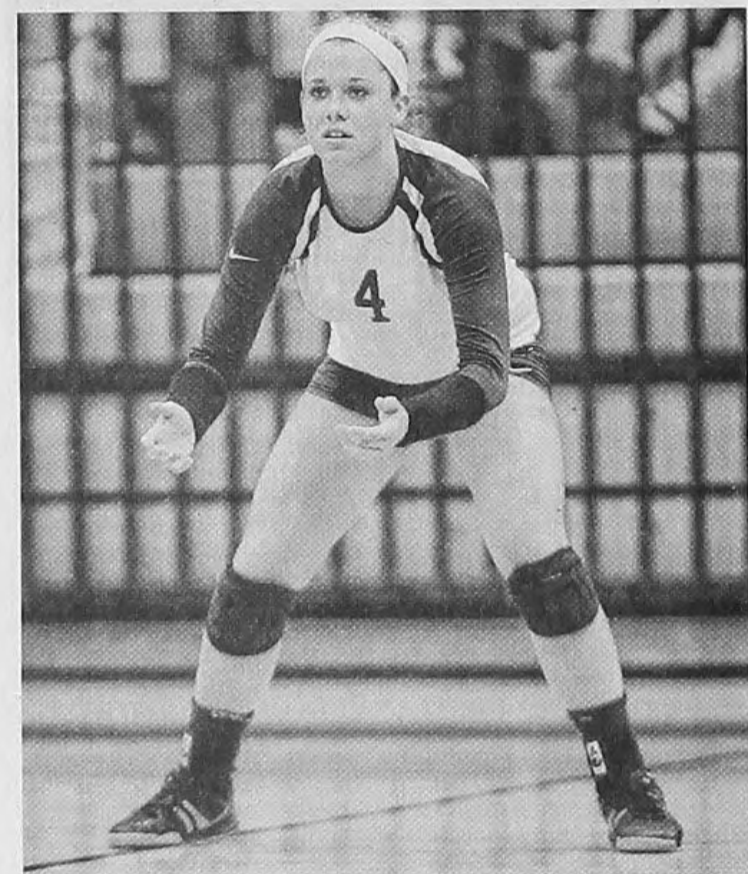
Launching another successful serve for Plymouth is junior Brianna Risi.

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One of the key newcomers for Plymouth's volleyball team is libero Charley Irvin.

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Salem senior libero Kelly Lidzbarski played another strong defensive game Tuesday for the Rocks.

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Salem spikers edge Northville in five

Rocks rebound to capture deciding set

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity volleyball team won a see-saw match against KLAA Central Division rival Northville thanks to a clutch performance in the fifth and deciding set.

According to Salem head coach Amanda Nies, her team had been leading 2-1 before dropping the fourth set by a 25-17 score to even things up. But in the fifth set, the Rocks prevailed 15-10 to win their first division match.

"The girls knew they needed to come out fast and strong and loud (in the final set)," Nies said. "The girls did just that. Cassidy Hewett had a great serving run that really got us a great lead."

"I am so proud of my girls. They really deserved it and never gave up."

Top performers included junior outside hitter Tess

Ganich (23 kills), senior libero Kelly Lidzbarski (22 digs), junior setter Sara Soltis (33 assists), junior outside hitter Emma Merlington (seven digs) and junior outside hitter Kendall Gillen (six kills).

Salem improved to 5-5 overall and 1-1 in the division.

The Rocks started slowly, falling 25-16 in the first set against the defensively scrappy Mustangs.

"Tipping was not an option, because they were fast and picked everything up," Nies said. "In order to attack, our passing and setting had to be consistent."

Things improved in the second and third sets, which Salem won by the same score of 25-23. In the second, the Rocks were down 23-16 and rallied behind a clutch service string from Gillen.

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Murphy sparks Plymouth win

Led by medalist Sydney Murphy, Plymouth defeated Canton, 166-236, Monday at Fox Hills Golf Course.

Murphy registered a 38, earning medalist honors for the fourth time this season.

She was trailed closely by teammates Katie Chipman (40) and Alaina Strzalka (42) in second and third place, respectively.

Canton's top performer on

the day was Alyce Krumm, who tallied a fourth-place score of 44.

Also cracking 50 for nine holes were Plymouth's Ariana Strzalka (fifth, 46) and Maren Wisniewski (sixth, 48). Justine Berry came in seventh for the Wildcats with a 52.

Rounding out Canton's card were Lauren Luyet (58), Caroline Jones (64), Ashley Kahanec and Manasa Potluri (70 each).

NOVI INVITE: On Sunday at Cattails in South Lyon, Plymouth finished second with 349 strokes, just behind first-place South Lyon (346).

Canton finished 13th with a score of 433.

For the Wildcats, Murphy was overall medalist with a 79 for 18 holes, with junior Chipman runner-up with an 81.

Alaina Strzalka made the top 10 with an 86 for the day.

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19th and 21st, respectively, to give the Wildcats the winning edge.

"There were many other season and career best times throughout the rest of the team, with everyone contributing to the success of the team," Ahearn said.

Salem had little of a challenge at the Holly Invite, finishing well ahead of runners-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (111 points) and third-place Oxford (136).

Finishing strong for the Rocks were seniors Lauren Arquette (third, 19:27) and Anya Cho (sixth, 19:42).

Placing 18th with a time of 20:39 was senior Shekinah Johnson.

Other Salem medal-winners included sophomore Erin McCann (27th, 21:05) and senior Elizabeth Tripp (33rd, 21:15), while Sierra Bowden came in 42nd (21:35).



The Plymouth girls cross country team celebrates after finishing first at the Autumn Classic.

PLYMOUTH WILDCATS

SALEM BOYS HARRIERS: On Saturday at the highly competitive Holly Invitational, Salem's varsity boys cross country team finished 11th out of 19 teams. Winning the meet was Lakeland.

For the Rocks, junior Chaz Jeffress was individual champion with a personal best of 16:02.

Jeffress now is the fourth-fastest junior and eighth-fastest runner in Salem school history. "This meet sets Chaz up very well to continue to improve throughout the course of the season," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "He looked very smooth in running 16:02 and will continue to drop time as the season progresses."

Other Salem performers of note included seniors

Nabil Ahmed and Noah Engerer (who finished second and third among team members).

"These guys did a fantastic job moving up throughout the race, but need to get out a bit quicker to position themselves better for the finish," Aspinall said.

Junior Jacob Kubinski and senior Jason Rogers competed for Salem as the team's Nos. 4 and No. 5 runners, respectively. Sophomore Alex Kroll and junior Griffin Skaff rounded out the varsity squad at the invite.

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Sept. 19

Harrison (2-1, 1-1) at Birm. Seaholm (1-2, 1-1)

Farmington (2-1, 2-0) at Ferndale (1-2, 0-2)

Southfield (2-1, 2-0) at N. Farmington (2-1, 2-1)

Plymouth (3-0, 1-0) at Liv. Churchill (3-0, 1-0)

Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-1) at Canton (2-1, 1-0)

Novi (0-3, 0-1) at Salem (0-3, 0-1)

Liv. Franklin (0-3, 0-1) at Westland Glenn (2-1, 0-1)

S. Lyon East (0-3, 0-1) at Liv. Stevenson (2-1, 1-0)

Romulus (2-1, 1-0) at Redford Union (2-1, 0-2)

Liv. Clarenceville (0-3, 0-1) at Garden City (2-1, 2-0)

Dear. Fordson (3-0, 1-0) at Red. Thurston (1-2, 0-1)

Saturday, Sept. 20

Oak. Christ. (1-2, 0-1) at Lutheran W. (2-1, 1-0), 1 p.m.

Last week's record

Overall record

Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Harrison	Harrison	Seaholm
Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Southfield	Southfield	Southfield
Churchill	Churchill	Plymouth
Canton	Canton	Canton
Novi	Novi	Salem
John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Romulus	Romulus	Romulus
Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Fordson	Fordson	Fordson
Lutheran W.	Lutheran W.	Oak. Christian
9-4	11-2	9-4
27-14	35-6	27-14

OUTLOOK IMPROVING FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

The strong rebound in economic growth during the second quarter and ongoing job creation are gradually improving the outlook for all of the major commercial real estate sectors, according to the National Association of Realtors quarterly commercial real estate forecast.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says after many false starts, the economy finally appears to be turning a corner to firmer ground. "The job market has been the bright spot of the economy this year as employers are feeling more confident about their growth prospects and adding to their payrolls," he said. "This gradual turnaround from being overly cautious to more optimistic should slightly boost the demand for leasing and purchase activity as well as new construction projects in the upcoming year."

Yun added, "The economy can handle the inevitable rise in interest rates as long as commercial rents steadily rise to generate investor returns."

National office vacancy rates are forecast to remain unchanged over the coming year, mostly due to added inventory entering the market. Rising exports and a shrinking trade deficit should lead to a declining vacancy rate for industrial space (0.4 percent), while retail space is forecast to decline 0.2 percent behind favorable gains in personal income and consumer spending.

"New construction for multifamily housing has picked up in recent months and looks to be alleviating the short supply," said Yun. "However, the demand for rental housing continues to show strength. As a result, rent growth will outpace broad consumer inflation in upcoming years."

NAR's latest *Commercial Real Estate Outlook* offers overall projections for four major commercial sectors and analyzes quarterly data in the office, industrial, retail and multifamily markets. Historic data for metro areas were provided by REIS Inc., a source of commercial real estate performance information.

Office markets

Office vacancy rates are forecast to remain unchanged at 15.7 percent through the third quarter of 2015.

Currently, the markets with the lowest



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office vacancy rates in the third quarter are Washington, D.C., at 9.3 percent; New York City, 9.6 percent; Little Rock, Ark., 11.5 percent; San Francisco, 12.4 percent; and New Orleans, at 12.7 percent.

Office rents are projected to increase 2.6 percent in 2014 and 3.2 percent next year. Net absorption of office space in the U.S., which includes the leasing of new space coming on the market as well as space in existing properties, is likely to total 36.2 million square feet this year and 50.7 million in 2015.

Industrial markets

Industrial vacancy rates are expected to fall from 8.9 percent in the third quarter to 8.5 percent in the third quarter of 2015.

The areas with the lowest industrial vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., with a vacancy rate of 3.5 percent; Los Angeles, 3.8 percent; Seattle, 5.9 percent; Miami, 6.1; and Palm Beach, Fla., at 6.6 percent.

Annual industrial rents should rise 2.4 percent this year and 2.8 percent in 2015. Net absorption of industrial space nationally is seen at 107.6 million square feet in 2014 and 104.9 million next year.

Retail markets

Vacancy rates in the retail market are expected to decline from 9.8 percent currently to 9.6 percent in the third quarter

of 2015.

Currently, the markets with the lowest retail vacancy rates include San Francisco, at 3.5 percent; Fairfield County, Conn., 3.9 percent; San Jose, Calif., 4.6 percent; Long Island, N.Y., 5.2 percent; and Orange County, Calif., at 5.3 percent.

Average retail rents are forecast to rise 2.0 percent in 2014 and 2.4 percent next year. Net absorption of retail space is likely to total 11.2 million square feet this year and 19.3 million in 2015.

Multifamily markets

The apartment rental market – multifamily housing – should see vacancy rates slightly decline from 4.1 percent currently to 4.0 percent in the third quarter of 2015. Vacancy rates below 5 percent are generally considered a landlord's market, with demand justifying higher rent.

Areas with the lowest multifamily vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., Providence, R.I., and Sacramento, Calif., at 2.2 percent; and two Connecticut cities (New Haven and Hartford) at 2.5 percent.

Average apartment rents are projected to rise 4.0 this year and in 2015. Multifamily net absorption is expected to total 223,400 units in 2014 and 171,000 next year.

The *Commercial Real Estate Outlook* is published by the NAR Research Division. NAR's Commercial Division, formed in 1990, provides targeted products and services to meet the needs of the commercial market and constituency within NAR.

The NAR commercial community includes commercial members; commercial real estate boards; commercial committees, subcommittees and forums; and the NAR commercial affiliate organizations – CCIM Institute, Institute of Real Estate Management, Realtors Land Institute, Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, and Counselors of Real Estate.

Approximately 70,000 NAR and institute affiliate members specialize in commercial brokerage and related services, and an additional 283,000 members offer commercial real estate services as a secondary business.

Check income tax implications on short sale

Q: We entered into a short sale of our property. Do you think that we have any income tax liability for the amount that we saved?

A: For federal income tax purposes, such as a cancellation of the debt is generally considered ordinary income. Many distressed homeowners face the risk of not only losing their homes, but also thousands of dollars in income taxes. Fortunately, homeowners using waivers of deficiencies face a very difficult choice. 1) They can declare bankruptcy costing a few thousand dollars in attorney fees and discharge personal liability or 2) they can settle with their lender and face many more thousands of dollars of tax liability from cancellation of debt (COD) at ordinary income rates. Again, you should consult with an experienced real estate and tax consultant with respect to the ramifications of this undertaking.

Q: I am thinking about buying a new condo in New Buffalo, Mich. Has the market picked up?

A: Most assuredly, the market has picked up and the homes and/or cottages-condos have increased approximately 20 percent over the last year. There are still a number of properties for sale, however, and negotiations may result in a good opportunity for you during the winter months, but learn as much about the subdivision or condominium project as you can before you are bound by a purchase agreement.



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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., has announced that attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesdays from Oct. 7-28, from 7-9 p.m. covering Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 26 - 30, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
1536 Aberdeen St	\$175,000
6576 Bostonhill Ln	\$165,000
7508 Burgundy St	\$208,000
1986 Century Ct	\$183,000
45177 Claymore Dr	\$250,000
1766 Delancy Cir	\$506,000
1962 E Franklin Dr	\$87,000
4095 Elizabeth Ave	\$143,000
896 Foothill Rd	\$237,000
6904 Fox Hills Rd	\$232,000
45011 Glengarry Rd	\$298,000
39872 Lynn St	\$129,000
1588 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$242,000
45435 N Stonewood Rd	\$175,000
6590 Paul Revere Ln	\$144,000
7005 Poppleton Rd	\$360,000
352 Sheffield Ct	\$220,000
3484 Shepherd Ct	\$231,000
1560 Stafford Dr	\$136,000
936 Whittier Dr	\$178,000
7043 Willow Creek Dr	\$173,000
435 Worthington Rd	\$195,000

Garden City	
29815 Bock St	\$85,000
28658 Krauter St	\$53,000
1135 Radcliff St	\$96,000
Livonia	
35988 Ann Arbor Trl	\$60,000
19459 Antago St	\$100,000
35747 Bennett St	\$220,000
14539 Berwick St	\$136,000
33387 Broadmoor Ct	\$240,000
9833 Brookfield St	\$140,000
19122 Canterbury Dr	\$282,000
14227 Cardwell St	\$146,000
18959 Deering St	\$52,000
17020 Farmington Rd	\$140,000
11029 Flamingo St	\$145,000
8961 Frederick St	\$100,000
9675 Garden St	\$152,000
16309 Golfview St	\$188,000
11779 Haller St	\$59,000
19569 Hardy St	\$141,000
15031 Harrison St	\$128,000
35634 Joy Rd	\$112,000
8809 Knolson Ave	\$144,000
32225 Meadowbrook St	\$180,000
16565 Middlebelt Rd	\$47,000
29663 Nottingham Cir	\$118,000
27703 Oakley St	\$265,000
31545 Perth St	\$169,000
14121 Stonehouse Ave	\$193,000
15421 Sunset St	\$151,000
33100 W Chicago St	\$122,000

18950 Westmore St	\$80,000
Northville	
18525 Clairmont Cir E	\$998,000
16803 Dover Dr	\$148,000
19473 Eddington Pl	\$117,000
20192 Rippling Ln	\$260,000
Plymouth	
451 Ann St	\$440,000
9073 Baywood Dr	\$200,000
8812 Briarwood Dr	\$193,000
9865 Fellows Creek Dr	\$635,000
169 Hamilton Ave	\$325,000
724 Irvin St	\$415,000
11666 N Haggerty Rd	\$61,000
40628 Newport Dr	\$74,000
49824 Plymouth Way	\$153,000
450 Provincetown Ln	\$180,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$39,000
11222 Walnut Rdg	\$550,000
Redford	
9528 Columbia	\$51,000
12801 Fenton	\$68,000
18840 Fox	\$47,000
9586 Garfield	\$72,000
10000 Kinloch	\$70,000
18240 Kinloch	\$115,000
26178 Lyndon	\$140,000
26427 Lyndon	\$120,000
15620 Macarthur	\$55,000
9006 Mercedes	\$66,000
14314 Mercedes	\$33,000
14314 Mercedes	\$54,000

12148 Nathaline	\$53,000
9221 Seminole	\$65,000
17750 Sumner	\$65,000
12761 Tecumseh	\$74,000
13536 Wormer	\$50,000
Wayne	
4621 Elizabeth St	\$31,000
36971 Greenbush Rd	\$50,000
34543 Phyllis St	\$30,000
Westland	
33028 Alamo Ct	\$39,000
30927 Beechnut St	\$70,000
8097 Coventry St	\$22,000
728 Easley Dr	\$88,000
7195 Fox Chase Ln	\$230,000
36645 Hazelwood St	\$125,000
33636 Krauter St	\$74,000
613 Larchmont Ct	\$136,000
624 Larchmont Ct	\$165,000
34129 Marquette St	\$74,000
34929 Marquette St	\$106,000
33209 Melton St	\$85,000
506 N Newburgh Rd	\$121,000
35452 Pheasant Ln	\$86,000
304 S Marie St	\$124,000
1042 S Wildwood St	\$65,000
34720 Stacy St	\$160,000
32463 Petershauer St	\$85,000
6308 Twin Oaks	\$130,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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BEVERLY HILLS	
32267 Auburn Dr	\$290,000
17561 Birwood Ave	\$275,000
30415 Georgetown Dr	\$466,000
30809 Lincolnshire E	\$409,000
23049 Nottingham Dr	\$507,000
31140 Sheridan Dr	\$199,000
Bingham Farms	
30180 Bristol Ln	\$225,000
Birmingham	
1691 Birmingham Blvd	\$1,335,000
1055 Donmar Ct	\$480,000
223 E Southlawn Blvd	\$775,000
1212 Edgewood Rd	\$349,000
1291 Humphrey Ave	\$160,000
1039 N Old Woodward Ave	\$220,000
1039 N Old Woodward Ave Unit 2	\$130,000
515 Pilgrim Ave	\$705,000
1825 Pine St	\$490,000
1171 Ruffner Ave	\$450,000
535 Stanley Ave	\$640,000
2099 W Lincoln St	\$998,000
930 Woodlea St	\$305,000
Bloomfield Hills	
2684 Bradway Blvd	\$640,000
111 Guilford Rd	\$595,000
15 Kingsley Manor Ct	\$455,000
772 Kingston Ct	\$1,359,000
5588 N Adams Way	\$220,000

4405 W Maple Rd	\$490,000
Bloomfield Township	
350 Billingsgate Ct # D	\$124,000
2000 Eagle Pointe	\$212,000
274 Eileen Dr	\$205,000
1300 Fieldway Ct	\$385,000
620 Fox River Dr	\$264,000
5960 Hickory Tree Trl	\$485,000
1108 Hillpointe Cir	\$383,000
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Commerce Township	
1990 Alpha St	\$140,000
1995 Applebrook Dr	\$385,000
2749 Augusta Dr	\$308,000
3770 Balmony Rd	\$133,000
1759 Kinghill Dr	\$50,000
3304 Melmoor St	\$119,000
4467 Rondelay St	\$185,000
3480 Sleeth Rd	\$233,000
5681 Strawberry Cir	\$420,000
Farmington	
32718 Grand River Ave Unit C26	\$51,000
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Farmington Hills	
32045 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$202,000
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23412 Middlebelt Rd	\$61,000
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21784 Ruth St	\$78,000
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32527 Woodcreek Ct	\$1,270,000
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Milford	
953 Abbey Ln	\$180,000
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Northville	
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Novi	
30762 Ardmore Ct	\$106,000
47297 Autumn Park Ct	\$495,000
45000 Bayview Dr # 1	\$81,000
30352 Bristol Circle	\$335,000
24359 Cavendish Ct	\$521,000

30930 Copper Ln	\$209,000
43160 Emerson Way	\$285,000
25680 Island Lake Dr	\$555,000
40559 Kingsley Ln	\$325,000
40329 Ladene Ln	\$218,000
51158 Mayfair Ter	\$293,000
24572 Park Ridge Ct	\$194,000
21930 Sunrise Blvd	\$285,000
41099 Todd Ln	\$283,000
44250 Winthrop Dr	\$260,000
28508 Witherspoon Dr	\$103,000
45209 Yorkshire Dr	\$292,000
South Lyon	
23880 Bayberry Ct	\$362,000
54834 Brentwood Dr	\$369,000
20901 Laser Ln	\$234,000
622 Maple Dr	\$245,000
24541 Padstone Dr	\$401,000
24575 Padstone Dr	\$85,000
59347 Peters Barn Dr	\$79,000
52172 Red Cedar	\$343,000
Southfield	
28537 Aberdeen St	\$130,000
22799 Bell Brook St	\$155,000
22495 Ivanhoe Ln	\$196,000
22465 Kenwyck Dr	\$225,000
24715 Lathrup Blvd	\$65,000
27339 Lexington Pkwy	\$119,000
19525 Melrose Ave	\$24,000
19521 Midway Rd	\$73,000
29331 Sharon Ln	\$202,000
27460 Sutherland St	\$143,000
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MULTI FAM GARAGE SALE Birmingham: Sat 9/20 9:30am-3:30pm Sun 9/21 10am-2pm

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Northville - 19808 Scenic Harbour Drive, Thur-Sat. Sept 18-20th. 9-5 pm Weather Permitting.

NORTHVILLE Sat 9/20 9-5pm & Sun 9/21 9-4pm. Power Wheelchair, wheelchair & transport chair. Huge inventory of items. 10250 W. 7 Mile Rd. Between Napier & Chubb.

NORTHVILLE TWP. Villas of Northville Hills Condo Sub Sale. Sat., Sept. 20, 9am-3pm. 5 Mile & Sheldon. Many participants, 185 Units. Furniture, Antiques, Household, etc.

NOVI - Moving Sale! 23857 Ripple Creek. Fri. - Sat Sept 19th - 21st 9am - 5pm. Household items, furniture and artwork.

PLYMOUTH Huge Sale! 9311 Westbury, Sept. 18-20, 9a-4p. Collectibles, furniture, crafts, home accessories, and MUCH MORE!

Redford-11736 Royal Grand. FRI/SAT, Sept 19th-20th; 9-6pm. misc household, desk.

GARAGE SALE REDFORD Located at 26701 Dover Street, east of Inkster. Right on time! Good hunting clothes, armoire, ladder stand, fishing, (no guns), kitchen furniture, Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 18-19, 9a-7p, & Sat., 8a-12n.

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South Lyon Garage Sale 650 Covington. Sept. 18-20, Thurs-Sat., 9-6, Halloween & Christmas items, some new or like new. Home Interiors, more.

WESTLAND 30634 Gladys St. Sept 20-21st. 10-6pm, washer, dryer, furn, household Lots of never used items!

WESTLAND: Abbey's Condo Sale! Sept. 18-20, 9am-4pm. S of Ford Rd. on Carlson, btwn Newburgh & Wayne Rd. Misc. yard and material, ski, household, clothing, & holiday!

WESTLAND: GARAGE SALE 6891/6901 YORKDALE CT. Friday & Saturday 9/19 & 9/20 9am-5pm WARREN FARM 6 FAMILY (734) 522-1297

WESTLAND - Holiday Park Townhouse, 34850 Fountain Blvd., Sat. Sept 20 9-4 pm. sales in lots #3, 5, 9, 10, nr pool. Rain date Sun. Sept 21. Tool & Hunting Equipment.

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Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	4.125	0	3.125	0
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Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	4.25	0	3.25	0
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CXL Premium 4 dr sedan, Fully loaded, A real beauty! Only 50,000 miles. \$19,995
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Black Onyx, Turbo, Premium 1, 1 Owner, 15,000 miles \$20,995
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1 Owner, 117,000 Miles, Clean Condition! Only \$5995.
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Cadillac '10 CTS - 1 Owner
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CADILLAC 1998
CATERA 85K Miles, V6, Loaded, Clean in & out. New tires, A-1 Shape. \$13-330-2942 \$2800

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Leather, Alloys, only 32,000 miles. Fully Inspected. \$18,988
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Fully loaded, 1 owner, no accidents, excellent condition, 79K hwy miles. \$10,900.
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White Metallic, 1 owner, 5 dr hatchback \$15,995
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Sport pkg, AWD, moon. Fully inspected & warranted. \$13,988
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Auto, a/c, full power, Alloys. Priced to sell! \$10,988
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1 Owner, Automatic, Great On Gas! Save Thousands! \$9,995
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Deep Blue, Black Interior, 1 Owner! Only \$12,995.
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Interest amt.
- Type of wolf
- Flaky mineral
- Gleeful shout
- Piccadilly statue
- Immediately!
- Resinous deposit
- Sticky-tongued critter
- Fishing lure
- Footnote word
- Pale gray
- Tpk.
- Furniture wood
- Acid rain watchdog
- La — (weather phenomenon)
- Arith. term
- Gun the engine
- Mr. Ameche
- Ocean fishes
- Unfold, in verse
- Sunrise
- Groaner, maybe
- San Francisco hill
- California's — Woods
- Of yore
- Monkey bars (2 wds.)
- Shogun's capital
- Mishmash
- Pile high
- Zodiac sign
- Coming up
- Former frosh
- Place to sleep

DOWN

- Cronies
- London guy
- Kind of salad
- Is not upright
- Puckster Bobby —
- de plume
- NASA counterpart
- Kind of voyage
- Speck on a globe
- Quiet
- Military addr.
- Telegraph signal
- Squirrel hangout
- Wading bird
- Poe's night visitor
- Best medicine
- Environmental prefix
- Tack on
- Kind of rally
- Ms. Lupino
- Even as we speak
- Penelope — Miller
- Faucet
- Two-bagger (abbr.)
- Search engine find
- Get-up-and-go
- Stubbard sort
- PC operating system
- Lox purveyor
- Jeannie portrayer
- Whistle time
- Voight of films
- Codgers' queries
- Earth, in combos
- Kennel sound

Answer to Previous Puzzle

R	O	S	Y	S	A	C	A	L	T		
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Want more puzzles?
Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

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

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OCEANIC WORD SEARCH

WORDS

J	M	F	E	R	H	O	P	G	T	N	E	M	I	D	E	S	D	U	H
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST

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

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

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

Contact: 734-425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed; drop-off for clothing is 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. every Wednesday

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, lower level, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Pete Paxton and Adele Corson in concert; tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door

Contact: 313-806-6090, 734-427-2290

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sept. 21

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz kicks off the church's 2014-15 performing arts series. No tickets necessary. The church suggests a \$15 per person or \$25 donation.

Contact: 248-474-6170, Ext. 208

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Location: St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen

Details: The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Victoria Kopsiansky, performs a benefit concert to aid

Christians in the Middle East, North Africa and Ukraine through International Orthodox Christian Charities. An afterglow will follow the concert. Donations will be collected. Sponsored by Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metro Detroit

Contact: www.ioccc.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19

Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

Details: See, *God's Not Dead!* on an 8-foot outdoor screen. Challenged to defend his faith by an atheist college professor, Josh Wheaton is forced to ask himself if he will rise to the challenge or shrink back and take the easy way out. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Contact: 734-458-7301

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Jan. 4, 2015

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Weekly seminar and support group designed to help participants rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by individuals who have experienced grief and who want to help and encourage others.

Contact: 313-682-7491

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers after 10 a.m.

Contact: betsy.everett@gmail.com

SERMON SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Hugh Burns preaches on the topic "Get Real: Religion With Two Feet on the Ground." A free will offering will be collected on Wednesday

Contact: 734-464-4433

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Church members will sell rummage sale items from their car trunks

Contact: Dianne Sherman at 734-812-5172 or 734-522-6830

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth Township

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites all widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments follow the Mass.

Contact: Angie at 734-905-7262

OCTOBER CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11

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

Details: St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25.

Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 (voice mail #10)

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25

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

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

Contact: Denise at 248-474-4162

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 4

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday and Saturday. Saturday half-price sale

Contact: 734-422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16

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

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

Contact: 248-477-1410

USED BOOKS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4

Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township

Details: Annual sale includes hardcovers (\$1) and paperbacks (50 cents) along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of subject matter and popular authors

Contact: Call 734-453-5252 or 734-751-3924

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

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

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets

Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

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77, passed away at home surrounded by family on September 14. Loving husband of

Rita Moreno, actress, dancer, singer, to greet fans at Redford Theatre

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Some films need to be shown, larger than life, on the big screen.

And if you haven't seen the 1961 Robert Wise/Jerome Robbins musical drama, *West Side Story* at a movie theater, you're missing out.

"Oh, do you want to talk about a classic? It's astonishing and do you know what's wonderful about it? For one thing it has been re-digitized. So, it's in great shape. But aside from that, seeing it on the big screen is just such a different experience," said Rita Moreno, 82, in a recent phone interview. Moreno won an Oscar for her portrayal of "Anita" in *West Side Story*. "People don't realize what they missed. They've seen it on television on a small screen. They don't realize what they've missed until they see it on the big screen. It's a whole new experience.

"I appreciate it more every time I see it. I'm always amazed at how timely the songs and the choreography are. It's just genius."

She'll watch it again Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28, at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. Moreno will meet fans after a red carpet arrival one hour and 15 minutes before each screening. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Tickets are \$7. Buy them online at redfordtheatre.com.

Multi-talented

Moreno has earned dozens of awards for her work, including the Grammy, (*The Electric Company Album*) Tony, (*The Ritz*) Emmy (*The Muppet Show* and *The Rockford Files*) and Oscar awards. She ranks *West Side Story* as her most significant film and its resulting Oscar as her most prized award. Her favorite dance numbers in the film are *I Want to Be in America*, in which she figures prominently, and *Cool*, in which she doesn't appear but describes as "genius" for its tension-filled movements.

Moreno said she was so surprised when her name was announced as an Oscar winner, she couldn't find words for her acceptance speech. She figured Judy Garland would win the honor for her work in *Judgment at Nuremberg*.

"If you haven't seen the speech, look it up on YouTube. It's hilarious. I said 'I can't believe it. Good Lord. I leave you with that.'"

A month before the audition for *West Side Story*, she took daily dance lessons to get back into shape after a 10-year dance hiatus.

"I very nearly lost the part because I wasn't up to par for the dancing. I knew there was a lot missing from my style. But I made such a good impression during the audition that Jerry Robbins felt he could get it out of me. But it would require an enormous amount of work ... he worked me like a dog."

Getting started

Moreno began taking Spanish dance lessons after arriving in New York with her mother, who left Puerto Rico for a new life in the U.S. when her daughter was 5 years old. Moreno was 13 when



Rita Moreno (center) kicks up her heels in the 1961 musical film, *West Side Story*. She won an Oscar for her portrayal of Anita in the film.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

Rita Moreno, 82, is one of the busiest stars in show business. She's working on an album with Emilio Estefan, voiced the role of Aunt Mimi in the 2014 animated film, *Rio 2*, won the 50th Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award in January, and is set to begin production on a Hallmark made-for-television film.

she landed her first Broadway role as "Angelina" in *Skydrift*. Film and television parts followed, including appearances in *Singin' in the Rain* and *The King and I*, although she often was cast in stereotypical ethnic roles. Even after receiving the Oscar, she was offered — and rejected — roles she considered demeaning.

"I see more and more as I get older and more objective, that I was the one who was there first. I was the one who went through all that awful prejudice in movies and in my profession," she said. "A lot of Hispanics and the black com-

RITA MORENO, 82, ON GETTING OLDER WITHOUT GETTING OLD

» "Live in the moment."
 » "A lot of stuff comes with aging. Your knees aren't working like they used to, this and that doesn't work the way it used to. Do something about it."
 » "Make your brain work. I'll deliberately write with my left hand to make my brain work. I will jog backwards. Anything to make your brain work. Do crossword puzzles. I play Scrabble on my mini-pad."
 » "Exercise probably is the paramount thing — the kind of exercise where you will get a little bit out of breath or a lot out of breath, depending on what shape you're in. But you've really got to just keep going. I live in the hills in Berkeley, California, and now that I have a little puppy dog, we go walking together, and these are murderous hills. I do them slowly. You don't have to jog, but you have to work your body. In turn, it refreshes your brain. It's true what they say, believe what you read, and get going."
 » "You know what's a wonderful exercise? Put on music you like that has rhythm. Take a pencil and start conducting it. That is such an upper body work out you wouldn't believe. I like marches."
 » "In other words, 'Do not go gentle into that good night.' Who said that? I think it was Dylan Thomas."

munity admire me for my perseverance. You just dust yourself off and do what needs to be done. Obviously I have a strong survival spirit. Maybe it's just part of my DNA."

She jump-started her career 1971

with Mike Nichols' film *Carnal Knowledge*, and the PBS children's show, *The Electric Company*. Although colleagues advised her to skip the children's gig, she describes the show as one of her "happiest experiences."

"I met Bill Cosby and Morgan Freeman and worked with them. It was nothing but bliss and joy," she said.

Varied career

Over the years, she has worked steadily on screen, in television and on stage, including in a one-woman show in 2009. She wrote her memoir, *Rita Moreno: A Memoir*, published by Celebra Books in 2011, and voiced its audio version. She also read the audio version of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's autobiography. She has sung with symphonies across the U.S. — including in Detroit — and has lectured on diversity, aging and the arts. Moreno, who was married to the late Lenny Gordon, a cardiologist, enjoys spending time with her daughter, Fernanda, and two teenage grandsons.

She currently is working with music producer Emilio Estefan on an album of songs in Spanish.

"I've had an extremely varied career. It has enormous breadth. I was honored recently and as I looked at a (video) clip I said, wow, I have done everything. I do comedy, I do drama, theater, television, film. I sing, I dance, I act. I didn't think of it all until I started getting honored," she said, laughing. "And I have to say, I was impressed."

"Unless I'm on a gurney, I'm going to continue doing what I love to do."

For more information about the *West Side Story* screening, call 313-898-1481 or 248-615-3651.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

Zoo Brew: Sample beers from craft breweries, 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. For 21 and over, ID required. Guests may visit animal habitats until dark. Complimentary tram tours, zookeeper talks and music by the rock band, The Hard Lessons, included in ticket price of \$40. Designated Driver tickets are \$25 and include zoo admission and soft drinks. detroitzoo.org/events/zoobrew
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Oct. 10

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit"
Contact: 248-473-1859

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sept. 27

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Pratapaditya Pal, a scholar on the arts and culture of the Himalayas and Southeast Asia, will talk about the essence of Indian art and aesthetic as it relates to India's three major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. The lecture is free with DIA admission.

Residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are admitted to the museum; others pay \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for college students with ID and \$4 for youth, 6-17
Contact: 313-833-7900

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition

Fundraiser: The Painted Chair, a silent auction of one-of-a-kind chairs, 7 p.m. Sept. 18, at Northville Winery & Brewing Company, 630 Old Baseline Road, Northville. Event also includes cider tastings, music, and food. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. northvilllearthouse.org/events
Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday through September

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage
Contact: plymoutharts.com

AUDITIONS

TLC PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Oct. 13-14; registration at 5:45 p.m.

Location: Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton

Details: At least 12 roles will be available for Canton's Third Biennial One Acts Festival, Jan. 16-18, 2015. Each play will run five-15 minutes. Actors may audition for more than one show, but will be cast in no more than two shows. A list of all show synopses, roles, ages, gender and description will be available online at cantononeacts.com after Oct. 8.

Contact: info@tlcproductions.org

COMEDY EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 20

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: The Uncle Hippie Show will feature Chili Challis, Thaddeus Nathaniel Challis and local comedian Germaine Gebhard; tickets \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students with ID. Pay online or call to reserve seats and pay at the door
Contact: emergentarts.com; (734) 985-0875

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Ward Anderson; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday
Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 18-19, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Johnny Beehner; tickets \$20 Thursday; \$18 Friday-Saturday
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

DANCE

Time/Date: General dancing, 4-5 p.m.; showcase performances, 5-6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20

Location: Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 2172 Franklin, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Fall showcase includes dances by Patti Adkins and Michael Theodore,

both of Plymouth; \$20 per person

Contact: 248-454-1715; fredastaireof-bloomfieldhills

FESTIVAL

SOUTH LYON PUMPKINFEST

Time/Date: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28

Location: Intersection of Pontiac Trail and 10 Mile in downtown South Lyon

Details: The celebration of crafts, entertainment and pumpkins will include the Ultimate Air Dogs, and musical groups, Stephen Clark & the Trending Topics, Square Pegz, Jennifer Westwood & the Handsome Devils and Rock Harley as Johnny Cash, and more
Contact: southlyonpumpkinfest.com

FILM

ASHES OF EDEN

Time/Date: Friday-Thursday, Sept. 19-25

Location: Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton and Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi

Details: A Michigan-made film about the troubled son of a police officer who steals from a drug dealer to save his mother from financial ruin screens at 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Canton and 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Novi
Contact: Emagine Novi at 248-468-2990; Emagine Canton at 734-721-3456

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Planes: Fire & Rescue, admission \$3

Coming up: *The Hundred Foot Journey*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2; 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

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

FUNDRAISER

NORTHVILLE HOME TOUR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Location: Throughout Northville

Details: Tour five homes, including a mid-1800s Victorian house and a condominium on the water, and help raise money for the Northville-Novati branch of the American Association of University Women. Tickets are \$20 and available online at aauwnn.org; in Northville at Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main; Gardenviews, 117 E. Main; Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main; and Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 Main. Or buy them in Novi at Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile, and Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Road.
Contact: Jane Hecker at 735-276-6160

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood. Exhibition opening, 6 p.m. Oct. 15, includes a presentation by Ashley Dimmig, exhibition curator
Contact: 734-764-9304

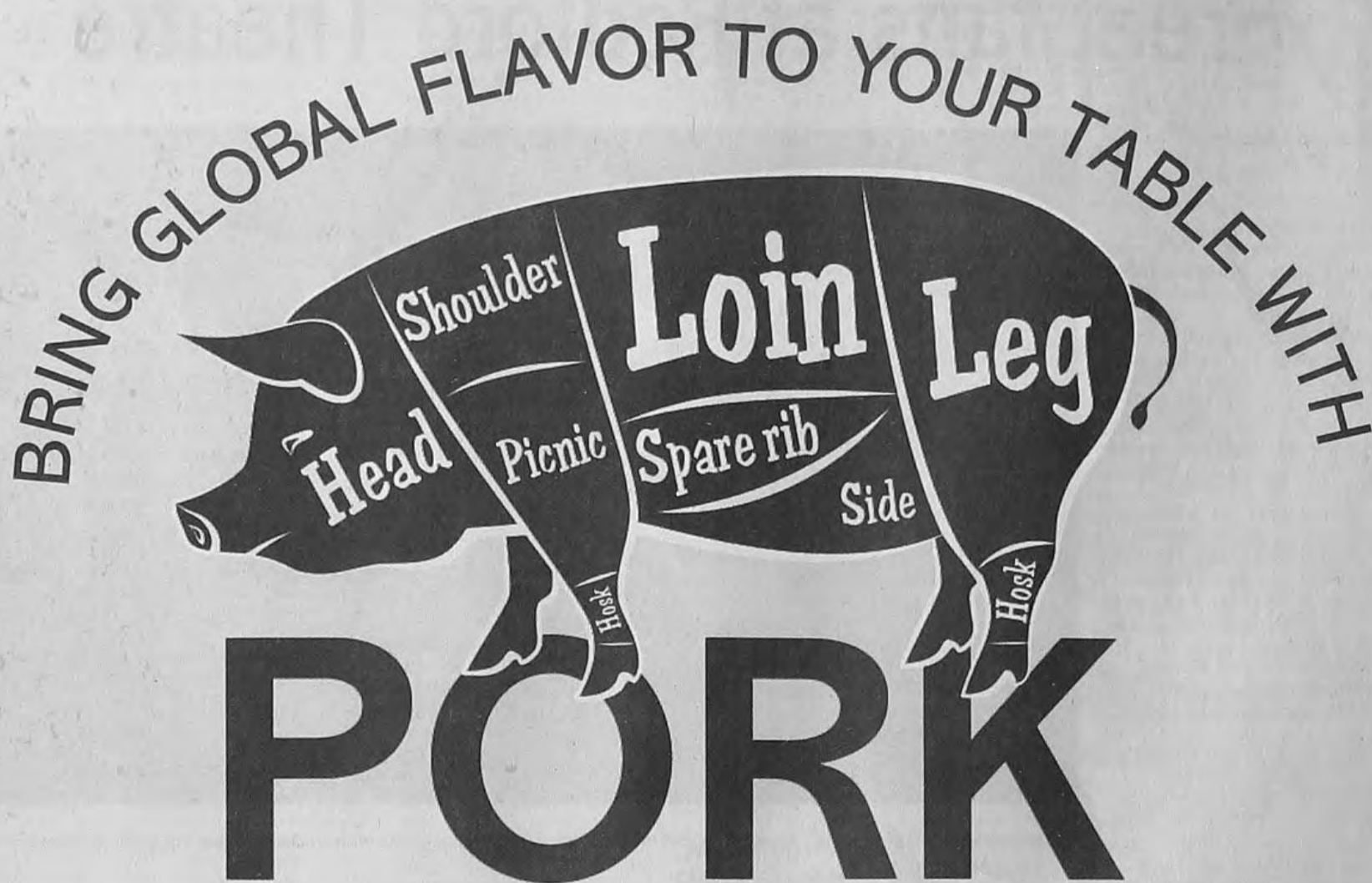
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Wheels of Summer, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940



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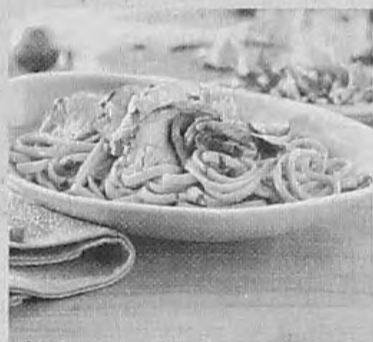
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THAI PORK NOODLE BOWL

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Marinating time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

4 boneless ribeye (rib) pork chops, about ¾- to 1-inch thick
¼ cup soy sauce
¼ cup cilantro, chopped or 1 tablespoon dried cilantro
3 cloves garlic, crushed (about 3 tablespoons)
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 lime, juiced
Peanut Noodles:
10 ounces pasta, spaghetti, linguini or angel hair
1 lime, juiced
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
½ cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup hot water
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Whisk together the soy sauce, cilantro, garlic, brown sugar, vegetable oil and lime juice in a bowl. In a large baking dish, arrange the ribeye pork chops in an even layer. Pour the marinade over the pork chops, reserving about ¼ cup of the marinade in the refrigerator for later use. Marinate the pork chops for 20 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the pasta according to the package directions. Whisk together lime juice, garlic, peanut butter, hot water and soy sauce for the peanut sauce. Drain the pasta once cooked, and toss the pasta with the peanut noodle sauce in a large bowl. Add more soy sauce if desired.

Heat an indoor grill pan or outdoor grill to medium-high heat. Remove pork chops from the marinade, discarding the excess marinade. Place pork chops on the hot grill for 4 minutes on each side, flipping once until the internal temperature of the pork measures between 145 degrees F. (medium rare) and 160 degrees F. (medium) on a meat thermometer. Transfer the grilled pork chops to a cutting board and let rest for 3 minutes before slicing against the grain. Pour the reserved marinade over the sliced pork before serving and serve over the peanut noodles.



SPICY KOREAN PORK SKEWERS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Marinating time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

2 pounds boneless country-style pork ribs, cut into 1-inch cubes
½ cup chili garlic sauce
¼ cup soy sauce
2 inches fresh ginger root, skins removed and chopped (or substitute 2 teaspoons of ground ginger)
4 tablespoons filtered sake, or dry sherry (optional)
2 tablespoons sesame oil
3 tablespoons brown sugar

In a large bowl combine the chili garlic sauce, soy sauce, ginger, sake, sesame oil and brown sugar and whisk to form a marinade. Add the cubed pork to the marinade and let sit for 20 minutes. Heat an indoor grill pan or outdoor grill to medium-high heat. Thread the marinated cubes of pork on skewers, about 4 to 5 pieces per skewer. Transfer the skewers to the grill and cook, uncovered, turning to brown evenly every 2 to 3 minutes until tender, about 10 minutes. Serve immediately.



MEXICAN CHORIZO HUEVOS RANCHEROS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

12 ounces Mexican chorizo
8 corn tortillas, 5- or 6-inches in diameter
Cooking spray
1 15-ounce can refried black beans, warmed (substitute refried pinto beans or any kind of cooked whole bean you prefer)
Vegetable oil
8 large eggs
1 15-ounce jar roasted tomato salsa
Optional garnish: cilantro, avocado and queso fresco

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Arrange tortillas on 2 baking sheets, making sure they are evenly spaced and not overlapping. Lightly spray the top of each tortilla with cooking spray and then transfer the baking sheets into the oven. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until crisp, but not brown.

Heat a cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Once hot, stir in the chorizo, breaking it up with a wooden spoon as it starts to cook. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until chorizo is cooked through. Remove the cooked chorizo from the skillet with a slotted spoon to let any excess fat drip off. Place the chorizo in a medium bowl and set aside. Drain any excess fat left behind from the chorizo and, in the same skillet, add 2-3 teaspoons of oil. Carefully crack 3 eggs into the skillet, evenly spaced so they have room to cook, and cook until the egg white is solid, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove the fried eggs to a parchment-lined baking sheet and repeat this process for remaining eggs. To assemble, smear equal amounts of the refried beans on top of each crisp tortilla, followed by equal parts of the jarred salsa. Sprinkle equal amounts of the cooked chorizo on top of the salsa, followed by one fried egg on top of each tortilla. Serve immediately.



CARIBBEAN PORK SANDWICH

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Marinating time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

4 New York (top loin) pork chops, ¾-inch thick
1 tablespoon coarse salt
½ teaspoon pepper, fresh cracked
½ teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon allspice
½ cup mayonnaise, or light mayonnaise
1 teaspoon chipotle chile in adobo sauce, minced
1 teaspoon lime zest, grated
4 ciabatta rolls, sliced in half horizontally
Lettuce leaves
Tomato, slices

Combine the salt, pepper, cumin and allspice in a small bowl. Rub onto both sides of the pork chops. Cover and refrigerate at least 20 minutes.

Prepare medium-hot fire in charcoal or preheat gas grill to medium high. Pat chops dry and grill over a medium-hot fire, turning once, until just done, about 8-9 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees Fahrenheit.

Transfer chops to a cutting board. Cover loosely with foil; let rest 5 minutes. Meanwhile, combine mayonnaise, chipotle pepper, lime rind and juice in a small bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spread 1 to 2 tablespoons mayonnaise mixture on top half of rolls. Cut pork into thin slices and place on rolls. Add lettuce leaf and tomato slices if desired.