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Bus woes continue to plague district

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Officials for Plymouth-Canton's transportation vendor pointed Tuesday to the fact fewer calls are coming in complaining about transportation issues as an indication the situation is getting better.

But district administrators and Board of Education trustees weren't buying it as, three weeks into the new school year, buses are still getting kids to school late, missing

stops and suffering from overcrowding.

Board of Education Trustee Sheila Paton said her son wanted to come to Tuesday's board meeting to complain about the issues. Paton, who lives five minutes from the high school park but whose son rode the bus for an hour home, said the drop in calls may be more an increase in frustration than satisfaction with solutions.

"I'm concerned we're missing calls because people have just given up," said Paton, who

acknowledged her frustration level is high. "Three weeks into the school year we're still getting kids to school late."

Fixing things

According to Francisco DuPrey of TransPar Group, the vendor hired to handle transportation scheduling for the district, one measure of improvement is the drop in the number of calls to complain. A look at some of those numbers:



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See BUS, Page A2 Three weeks into the school year, buses are still late and overcrowded.



DARRELL CLEM

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and ITC chief operating officer/executive vice president Jon Jipping cut the ceremonial ribbon on Canton's new recreation trail.

READY TO RIDE

Canton cuts the ribbon on new trail

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Richard Rafalski, 74, rides his bicycle 10 miles most days.

"It's something to do and it's really enjoyable," he said. "When you get to my age, you don't stop or you might not get started again."

Rafalski's bike outings are easier now that Canton has extended the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail by 3.5

miles, connecting it to Flodin and Griffin parks.

Rafalski and two of his neighbors, Maureen Merrill and Rex Beeding, live near Flodin Park, so they joined an upbeat crowd there Tuesday evening during a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the trail expansion along the ITC, or International Transmission Co., utility corridor.

"I have no excuse (not to use the trail) now that it's here," Merrill said.

Added Beeding: "I'm go-



DARRELL CLEM

Canton neighbors (from left) Richard Rafalski, Maureen Merrill and Rex Beeding say they use the recreation trail for biking.

ing to have to get me a decent bicycle now."

Flanked by other Canton officials and trail supporters, Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Jon Jipping, ITC executive vice president and chief op-

erating officer, used a large pair of scissors to cut the ribbon on a trail designed for bicyclists, hikers, joggers and others who appreciate

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Canton man charged in Salvation Army store robbery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man has been charged with armed robbery following allegations he pulled a knife on workers inside The Salvation Army thrift store on Canton's north side after concealing merchandise inside his clothing, police say.

No one was injured, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said, and store employees managed to tackle the suspect and detain him until police arrived to arrest him.



Nowak

Garrett Michael Nowak, 29, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of a closing-time incident that police say occurred about 10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, inside the thrift store at Joy and Morton Taylor.

Workers approached a suspect amid allegations he hid a coffee mug and two hats inside his clothing, Baugh said, leading to a confrontation involving a knife.

"He (allegedly) threatened them with a knife," Baugh said. The suspect was accompanied by a woman, but she wasn't charged.

Nowak was arraigned Sept. 18 in 35th District Court and ordered jailed with a \$500,000/10-percent bond on a single charge of armed robbery. The bond means he would remain jailed unless \$50,000 is posted for his release.

Nowak is facing a preliminary hearing Friday in front of 35th District Judge Ron Lowe to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

In a separate incident, The Salvation Army thrift store was struck again after someone smashed out a front window shortly before 5:30 a.m. Sunday and stole an undisclosed amount of money, police say.

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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Canton part-time workers receive pay raises

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A spike in Michigan's minimum wage to \$8.15 an hour is having a rippling effect in Canton, ushering in pay raises for 368 part-time and seasonal employees who account for 86 percent of the Canton Leisure Services workforce.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the hourly wage increase ends

a pay freeze that has been in effect since 2011 for part-time employees, who don't receive benefits such as health care and pensions.

The township board approved the pay increases Tuesday evening.

"I do believe it's the right thing to do," Trustee Pat Williams said. "We want to keep the employees happy with the township - and the state is

driving us to elevate the lower-paid people. We also need to recognize those who have been with us a long time."

The hourly wage hike amounts to 5.43 percent. Leisure Services workers already earning more than the minimum wage also are to receive the same percentage increase to maintain a fair wage structure, officials said.

"We wanted to maintain the

integrity of the pay structure," Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

She said the raises, retroactive to Sept. 1, result in hourly pay ranging from \$8.15 up to \$20.63 for skilled employees who have special certifications for jobs such as private and group swimming lessons.

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Canton library expo helps fledgling women's businesses

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Tammy Brown struggled eight years ago when she started her own Farm Bureau Insurance agency.

"I started from scratch, so I didn't have any clients," she said. Raising three daughters, Brown had family support, a network of friends and a desire to become involved in her community. Together, they helped her grow her Canton-based agency to more than 1,400 clients and earn her the Business Person of the Year award in 2011 from the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

said. "As a working mom, as a working woman, it's important to find that work-life balance."

Finding balance

Women still struggling to find that balance and start or grow a new business have an ally as the Canton Public Library rolls out its first Women's Small Business Expo. It features educational sessions, networking opportunities, a meal and a vendor fair allowing participants to showcase their products and services.

The library typically doesn't allow such commerce. "This is a very special occasion," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications department head. The expo happens

from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, and is limited to 16-20 participants, Golden said. Interested women need to fill out an application form by Oct. 6. Vendors will be chosen to provide a diverse group of new or aspiring businesses.

"We want to make sure we're not having, like, four jewelry vendors," Golden said, adding later, "This could be for a stay-at-home working mom or maybe someone who is selling handmade items at the farmers market."

Priority given

Potential vendors pay a \$50 deposit that is refundable as long as they attend the entire program. Application forms are available at

www.cantonpl.org; simply look under the Business Resources tab. For more information, send an email to Amy Lee, business resources librarian, at leea@cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999.

Canton residents will be given higher priority, though others may apply. The library is looking for entrepreneurs, artisans and small business owners.

Earlier this year, American Express OPEN commissioned a study, State of Women-Owned Business Report, that revealed 1,288 U.S. women start a new business every day, a rate that doubled in just three years. It found there are more than 9.1 million women-owned business-

es that generate \$1.4 trillion in revenues, employ 7.9 million people and account for 30 percent of all enterprises.

Experts available

Yet, as Brown knows, women starting out often need to tap into networking opportunities and learn from industry experts, which is what the library hopes to offer for women who have a new, small business or an idea they plan to pursue. Those bringing products or services to the expo get a four-foot table for the vendor fair.

The expo occurs in a library that has a Business Resource Center certified by the Michigan Small Business Development Center. The library is one of only three

in western Wayne County to receive the certification; others are Dearborn and Plymouth.

As potential vendors fill out their application, they are asked to cite topics of interest to them to help the library choose expo sessions. Those topics may be time management, finance, networking, marketing and advertising, developing a business plan and balancing work and family, among others.

Depending on the interest level, Golden said, the library may offer another Women's Small Business Expo. "We'll see how the first one goes," she said.

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BUS

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» Overcrowded buses - On Sept. 3, the second day of school, there were 28 reports of overcrowded buses, or 4.1 percent of the routes. By Sept. 19, those calls had dropped to eight. DuPrey pointed out that two of those reports turned out to be false.

» Late bus calls - Peaked at a high of 81 calls Sept. 8, but had dropped to two calls Sept. 15.

» Call center concerns - In the first four days of school, the call center took 684 calls from angry parents, including a peak of 217 Sept. 5, the fourth day of school. In a four-day period Sept. 12-15, calls had dropped to 42.

"We're down significantly ... from the beginning (of the school year)," DuPrey told board members Tuesday.

Efforts to solve the problem, he said, have included shifting stops from one route to another to allow the late route to complete its run on

time; using on-board cameras to monitor the situation and make adjustments; putting some additional buses on the road; and establishing earlier pick-up times for high school students.

Problems persist

John Parker, the district's director of operations, pointed out the district is now running 124 buses making 685 bus runs a day to transport some 10,000 kids who ride buses throughout the district.

Still, he acknowledged, there are problems.

"We have some systemic things to work on,"

Parker said. "We have late routes and those are a high priority."

DuPrey told board members problems continue to exist at Discovery and Pioneer middle schools, but that those issues - and what he said were "the majority" of late-bus issues - would be worked out by Friday of this week or Monday (Sept. 29).

"We're very frustrated we haven't been able to fix this," DuPrey said. "It's not for lack of trying."

That didn't appear to appease board members, who continued to question TransPar's performance.

"I just don't understand why we continue to have problems three weeks into the school year," board Treasurer Mark Horvath said. "I want to quit talking about the fact when customers stop calling it's 'good news.' When customers stop talking to you, they stop being your customers."

Define the issues

Part of the problem, according to trustees and Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen, is the definitions for "late buses" and "overcrowded" buses. TransPar is using the standard of three students to a seat on

elementary school buses and two to a seat on high school buses to define the latter.

And while DuPrey said the standard for on time has been the first bell of the day, Meissen said kids need more time than that.

"Students need to be on time and that means enough time to get off the bus, get into class and get organized for the day," Meissen said.

"We need to set our clocks to 10 minutes before school starts. That seems reasonable to me."

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TRAIL

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nature. The latest expansion adds to the Lower Rouge trail that already winds from Canton Center to I-275, with a trail head off Morton Taylor, north of Michigan Avenue.

Public Works Manager Bob Belair, among those who pushed for a trail system more than a decade ago, said Canton now has about 20 miles of recreation trails for non-motorized use. The project has involved a partnership among Canton, Wayne County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the ITC Transmission Co., among others.

"I try to ride 10 miles a day," said Valerie Krimmer, a Canton Leisure Services advisory committee member. "It's a very nice ride. The trail conditions are great."

Krimmer said trail users still have to use caution when crossing Palmer and Cherry Hill roads, even though motorists are supposed to heed special traffic lights. Krimmer attended Tuesday's ceremony after riding 30 miles in the recent Tour de Troit in Detroit.

Bicyclist Rick Hakala, 63, said he tries to ride 30 miles every day.



DARRELL CLEM
Bicyclist Rick Hakala says he tries to ride 30 miles a day.

He has a mountain bike for the Canton trail system and a road bike for paved Hines Park.

"This trail is pretty cool," he said during Tuesday's ceremony.

Canton residents have long cited trails as one of their top priorities on community surveys commissioned by Canton Leisure Services. Canton's trail system also gives township workers access to the local sanitary sewer system.

Brad Sharp, Canton maintenance manager, said local officials eventually hope to extend the trail along the ITC corridor to Cherry Hill Village, though no timetable is known.

"It's a dream," he said, one local trail enthusiasts say is worth pursuing.

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RAISES

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Leisure Services has 215 part-time and 153 seasonal employees for a total of 368. The change affects only a few employees in other departments.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the Leisure Services budget can accommodate the pay increases while

the township conducts a broad review of pay levels for part-time and seasonal employees.

LaJoy said the minimum wage gradually increases through January 2018 until it reaches \$9.25 - increases that also will affect Canton's part-time employees who are often college students or senior citizens.

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Part-time workers at places such as Canton's Summit on the Park are getting pay raises due to changes in the state's minimum wage.

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Concert benefits Canton arts factory

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities continues its fundraising push to build its signature project, the Village Arts Factory, on the site of the Henry Ford Cherry Hill Mill in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

And the partnership is enlisting the aid of one of the area's more popular bands to get it done.

Fifty Amp Fuse, transitioning to become Your Generation in Concert, headlines a fundraising concert next month at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, a concert organizers hope can help raise thousands of dollars for the factory project.

"They have, as my son would say, a gi-normous following," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director. "We wanted this to be an amazing fundraiser. ... We need a heavy hitter. They have followers of every age range."

The band takes the stage in a pair of concerts Saturday, Oct. 11, at the theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. The matinee starts at 2 p.m.,

with an evening concert at 8 p.m.

In addition to the concert, the evening performance features a pre-concert reception that starts at 6:30 p.m. That reception will feature appetizers from a variety of local restaurants, including Compari's on the Park, Karl's Cabin, La Bistecca Italian Grille and The Post Local Bistro, along with desserts from Main Street Catering.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the preservation and rehab of the Henry Ford Village Industry, including the World War II veterans dormitory and Cherry Hill factory. The Village Arts Factory, Engel said, will be a regional visual arts complex stretched across 14 acres, with special programming options being designed for local veterans to tie the property back to its original heritage.

"We are so honored to donate food toward the cause of this event," said Peter Poulos, manager at Karl's Cabin. "We feel it's important to support art, not only for the growth of our youth, but for future generations to enjoy. This is truly a great way for our company to give back to the community."



YOUR GENERATION IN CONCERT

Your Generation in Concert featuring 50 Amp Fuse headlines a fundraiser Oct. 11 for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

For the fourth year, Canton-based Showroom of Elegance is the event's reception sponsor and will again provide gifts to ticket-holders (along with Indigo Salon, Spa & Boutique).

"I feel the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is an essential part of the Canton

community," Showroom of Elegance owner Linda Robin said. "The arts and culture help define the community and Showroom of Elegance wants to share in that. It's a great way to celebrate what Canton has to offer."

Being able to support pro-

grams for veterans is a benefit for Iron Mountain, the event's entertainment sponsor.

"Iron Mountain has a long and proud history of supporting our veterans, as well as the communities in which we work, and this (event) allows us to contribute to both," said Iron Mountain vice president Steve Kowalkoski, a retired Marine Corps officer. "On a personal note I ... am honored to have the ability to present this donation on behalf of Iron Mountain."

Tickets are \$40 for the matinee and \$75 for the evening concert, which includes admission to the reception. Other details and tickets are available online at

www.cantonvillagetheater.org

Engel said she's as excited about the Fifty Amp Fuse appearance as she's been about any of the organization's fundraisers.

"The age range of people who can enjoy this show is wonderful," Engel said. "I've been to their concerts in Plymouth twice and they've had thousands of people there. It's going to be amazing."

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Forum features state House hopefuls

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County hosts a candidates forum for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th and 21st District seats at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Canton Township Hall.

The 20th and 21st districts cover Belleville, Van Buren Township, Canton, Plymouth city and township and Northville Township. Kurt Heise and Nate Tyge-Smith, running for the 20th District seat, and Kristy Pagan and Carol Ann Fausone, the 21st District candidates, have all agreed to attend.

The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions for the candidates that will be asked by a league moderator. The public can also submit questions in advance through the league's email address at lwwmail@yahoo.com. The forum will be filmed and available on the league's website for viewing shortly after the event.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.

Worthy praises teamwork on rape kit processing progress

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Progress is reported on a backlog of rape kits in Detroit and Wayne County.

"We are working very diligently on this," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said. She praised partners who've made processing of kits possible and anticipates working well with the new county administration beginning in January 2015.

Worthy was joined by Gov. Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette in June 2013 to announce a \$4 million plan to DNA test thousands of rape kits from crimes committed in Detroit.

"It was extraordinary and it was crucial," Worthy said of the funding.

To fund the rape kit testing, Snyder included a \$4 million appropriation for the State Forensics Laboratory Fund in his proposed supplemental budget. The appropriation was funded by settlement money recovered by Schuette from state and national litigation.

In 2009, approximately 11,300 untested rape kits dating back 25 years were discovered in a Detroit Police Department property storage facility. Each kit has the potential to solve multiple crimes, including those committed by serial rapists. Since the closure of the Detroit Police Department Crime Laboratory in September 2009, the Michigan State Police has provided forensic science services to the city of Detroit and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

HELP AVAILABLE

Michigan victims of sexual violence are encouraged to call the national sexual assault hotline toll-free, 800-656-HOPE. All calls are confidential and will be answered by a local counseling center affiliated with the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. Assistance is also available online at www.rainn.org.

The MSP's Forensic Science Division has been instrumental in the laboratory analysis of sexual assault kits and works with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Detroit Police Department on efforts to test the remaining sexual assault kits.

In February 2010, the Michigan State Police and DPD partnered with Michigan State University on a project to test 400 randomly selected sexual assault kits to determine the statistical probability of obtaining an offender profile from the stockpiled kits. This project, called the 400 Project, used a federal grant awarded to the Michigan Department of Human Services from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to outsource the initial analysis of the selected kits. The 400 Project was completed in March 2011. The result was 90 CODIS associations.

Worthy's office reports now a total of 21 cases resolved, including eight pleas, five jury convictions, three jury acquittals, three dismissed at preliminary exam (one insufficient evidence, two for defendant lack of competency) and two cases pending now (bound over for

Two private labs are now testing 4,000 each under MSP contracts, Worthy said. That leaves approximately 1,000 to process.

Observer-area legislators had a role in the bills in 2013 to process the rape kits. State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, was the sponsor of H.B. 5445, which outlines the process and time line for kit processing and the handling by law enforcement. Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, explained the approximately \$4 million in 2013 was "to help process the rape kits that were on

backlog. We fast tracked it basically," he said of legislative efforts including Walsh.

"They're processing them nicely now," Heise said of state police and the kits. "It's going well. The work is getting done. I think Kym Worthy is pleased with how it's going."

Heise, who chairs the House Criminal Justice committee, said, "When you don't have the rape kits processed, you are denying justice. It's also not fair to the accused, the defendants. They don't get their day in court."

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Plymouth man pleads guilty to tax evasion, fraud

A former Farmington Hills man pleaded guilty to wire fraud and tax evasion in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service announced.

According to court documents, Michael Stover of Ply-

mouth was the president of Omni Facility in Southfield. Part of his responsibilities included approving and paying subcontractors. Stover created a fictitious subcontractor called Envirovac, Inc., and from 2004 through 2010 he created fictitious invoices from Envirovac that billed

Omni for work that was never performed.

Stover then approved payment of those invoices on Omni's behalf and, over the course of this scheme, Stover embezzled approximately \$2,178,423 from Omni. On his tax return for 2007, Stover evaded taxes by not reporting

the income he embezzled from Omni, according to court documents.

Stover faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in prison on the wire fraud count and five years in prison on the tax evasion count. He also faces three years of supervised release and a maxi-

mum fine of \$250,000 for each count. U.S. District Judge Stephen J. Murphy set sentencing for Jan. 23, 2015.

The case was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation. Trial attorneys Yael T. Epstein and Kenneth C. Vert of the Tax Division prosecuted the case.

Canton residents cite weekend rash of larcenies from autos

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton residents reported a rash of thefts last weekend of items they left inside their vehicles, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

Canton police received at least four reports of stolen items such as GPS devices and wallets from unlocked autos parked in residential driveways near Cherry Hill and Sheldon roads, Baugh said.

The incidents happened late Saturday

night and early Sunday morning.

Baugh warned residents against leaving their valuables in sight, especially in unlocked vehicles, a scenario that makes it far too easy for would-be thieves to carry out their crimes.

He cautioned residents to remove electronics, wallets and other valuables from vehicles or, at a minimum, to hide them in the trunk.

"They also should lock their doors if they want a safe environment for their property,"

Baugh said.

Over the years, Canton police have repeatedly warned residents against leaving valuables in sight in their vehicles, even when they are locked. Police have called larcenies from autos one of the most preventable crimes by refusing to tempt potential criminals with personal belongings.

Even in Canton, which local officials say has a comparatively low crime rate for a community of its size, thieves have repeatedly stolen

items from vehicles parked in residential driveways, shopping center parking lots and outside movie theaters, among other places.

The bottom line, officials say: Make it as difficult as possible for thieves to seize an opportunity.

Anyone who witnesses an incident or who has information about suspects should call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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Vandal spray paints Livonia message on I-96 in Redford

A vandal with a can of spray paint had a message for Livonia early Tuesday morning – but he delivered it in Redford.

Police were called at about 1:45 a.m. to eastbound I-96 under the Columbia Street overpass on report of a male in a gray hoodie spray painting the cement wall.

When police got there

the culprit was gone, but a message was left behind.

"Dear Livonia, Please take Duggan back before he sells everything," was painted in red on the south wall at Columbia, according to police reports. Mike Duggan is the mayor of Detroit, but he formerly lived in Livonia.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting grandma

A 63-year-old Canton Township grandmother was ticketed on a shoplifting charge Friday night after being detained at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

The woman confessed to having stolen some jewelry and a video disc and told police she had been having money troubles and was having trouble coping with retirement, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The incident occurred around 10 p.m. A store security worker told police he had witnessed the woman put jewelry in her purse and leave the store, the report said.

When she was confronted outside, the report said, a DVD from the store was also found in her purse.

The woman told police she cares for grandchildren, who were at home. She was released after being issued a ticket for third-degree retail fraud.

Vandalism

A township woman reported vandalism to her vehicle Sept. 16 while it was parked outside apartments on Heritage Drive, near North Terri-

torial and Sheldon Road, in the township.

The clear plastic cover over the vehicle's license plate had been spray-painted black, a police report said. The vandalism occurred between 5 p.m. Sept. 15 and 5 a.m. the next day, the woman told police.

She said it was the third time her car's license-plate cover had been painted over in that manner.

Vehicle burglaries

Police reported three vehicle burglaries that occurred within a short distance of each other, in the area of M-14 and Nappier, late Sunday or early Monday.

Two were outside a house on West Hills Drive, where a wallet with cash, a credit card and identification in it was stolen from a Ford Flex, while an iPod was stolen from a Jeep Wrangler, a police report said. Both vehicles had been left unlocked.

The third was outside a house on nearby Weston Drive, where a \$200 briefcase and around \$5 in change was stolen from a Lincoln Navigator. The Navigator had also been left unlocked.

—By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

The obstinate date

A 25-year-old Canton woman's overnight date refused to leave her apartment the next morning, prompting her to call police for help.

The woman called police shortly before 7:30 a.m. Saturday, saying she was concerned for her safety after the 23-year-old suspect, apparently drunk, refused to leave and continued to drink alcohol. She locked herself inside a room until police arrived.

Police found the suspect hiding behind a door, unsteady on his feet while emitting a strong odor of intoxicants, a police report said. The woman told police the date – their first – didn't go well.

The suspect yelled at

police officers and the woman, the report said, and he was repeatedly warned to lower his voice to avoid disturbing neighbors. The woman at one point offered to give him a ride home, but couldn't find her car keys, then changed her mind due to his behavior, the police report said.

The man's behavior prompted police to arrest him for trespassing and being disorderly. He was taken to the police station, but complained of pain in his left side, so he was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. He was discharged with his police citation intact.

Speed sign vandalized

Vandals stole part of an electronic speed limit sign police had placed

near Glengarry and Seabrook following complaints of speeding motorists in the area.

The theft occurred sometime prior to 2:30 a.m. Monday, a police report said.

The theft occurred when the 25-mph speed limit sign was missing from a trailer on which it was mounted, a police report said. The trailer was being repaired.

Traffic stop arrests

Police made a traffic stop after noticing a Ford Focus that was traveling erratically along Haggerty near Palmer, a police report said.

The incident happened about 12:35 a.m. Sept. 18.

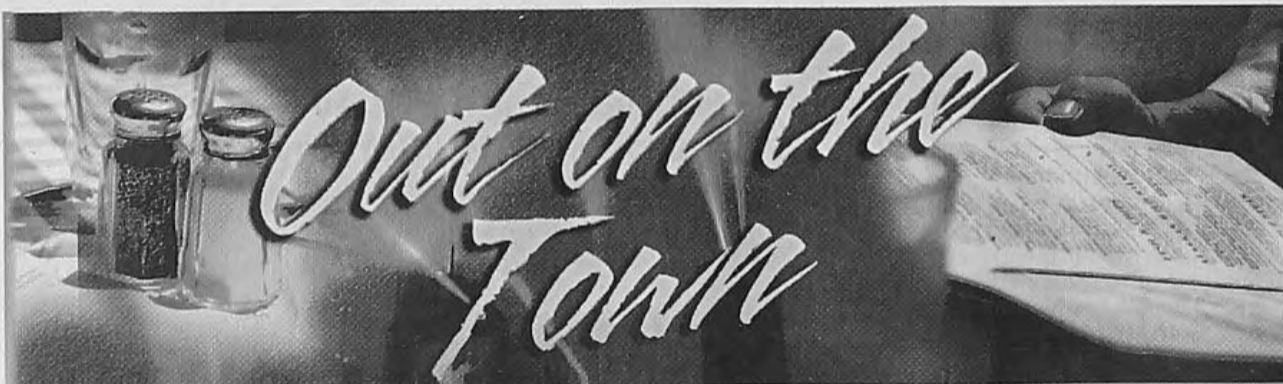
The vehicle initially turned north on Haggerty from westbound

Michigan Avenue, veering and crossing the double yellow line, a police report said. Police said the driver, after being stopped, said he was taking two passengers home from his residence in Wayne.

Police could smell alcohol and marijuana from the vehicle.

After an investigation, the 28-year-old driver was arrested for operating while impaired and having marijuana that was found in his clothing. A 21-year-old woman was arrested for warrants out of Bloomfield Township for not having proof of insurance. A 25-year-old male passenger was taken into custody for having marijuana and Xanax in his possession.

—By Darrell Clem



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DAVID VESELENAK

The Slomba family of Livonia came to the I-96 family fun day Sunday dressed up in goofy costumes. They welcomed the announcement that I-96 through Redford and Livonia would open up before Monday's commute.

Thousands walk I-96 hours before freeway opens

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

MORE PHOTOS

The party on I-96 was a photographer's delight. Check out more images on A9.

The Slomba family had waited patiently for Interstate 96 to reopen during the past several months. In the meantime, they decided walking along the freeway in costume seemed like a good idea for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The family came dressed in various outfits, with dad Raymond coming as the left-lane inspector, mom Robyn as the "I-96 judge" donning a black robe and daughters Veronica and Rachel coming as a dancer and a reporter, respectively.

"You only live once," Raymond Slomba said. "They say, 'YOLO.'"

The family was one of nearly 10,000 people to traverse the freeway by foot, bicycle and skateboard Sunday during the family fun day planned by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

While the event saw massive crowds, it brought along welcome news that the freeway would open later that day in time for Monday's commute, the first rush hour the freeway had seen in almost six months.

MDOT director Kirk Stuedle said the scope of the project, as well as the amount of work and detail, is one of the largest he's seen.

While Stuedle has overseen several major projects, this one through Livonia and Redford was one of the more difficult ones to wrap up and do, he said.

"This one had 50 different contractors," he said. "At one point, there was probably 2,000 workers here. The magnitude

of it, in this short amount of time, this is probably one of the most impressive."

Some work to still complete

The deadline for contractor Dan's Excavating to have the freeway open was Oct. 11, though MDOT officials projected earlier this month it would most likely open by the end of September. It wasn't until Sunday afternoon that the state said the freeway would open up even earlier.

The \$148 million freeway project is not completely done, however. MDOT officials say there will still be some intermittent lane closures along the route between Telegraph and Newburgh for work along the sides of the freeway. Those should be complete later this year.

The freeway fun day attracted hundreds of people early on, with many arriving well before the planned ribbon-cutting. Several local leaders were on hand to celebrate, including Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz and Gov. Rick Snyder, who announced to the crowd that the freeway would open early.

"We want to say 'thank you' to all the businesses and all of you who have put up with this in a very positive way over the last few months, because this was a major challenge," Snyder said.

In addition to some two-wheeled vehicles,

several representatives from an area group, the Redford Township Unicycle Club, brought down their one-wheeled vehicles and rode along the freeway.

Dan Visscher and his daughter Catherine rode a stretch of the freeway on their unicycles. Dan Visscher said he had heard the club had ridden a parade down on the freeway when it opened in the 1970s and thought it would be fun to bring the unicycles down on the freeway, even with the rain.

Catherine, an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School, said she knows her mother will be ecstatic to begin using the freeway again.

"My mom, she takes this way to get to work in Troy, so it's been crazy," she said. "She's always talking how she can't wait for the freeway to open."

For the Slomba family, the freeway will mean less time in the car, less money spent on gas and less time waiting in traffic. Raymond Slomba will now be able to drop off his children for school and not need to take Inkster to I-94 anymore.

"With school, I'll be able to drop her off and get to work at the same time, because I drop her off and leave," he said. "When it was closed, I'd have to drop her off sooner. So little things like that."

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Joe Neussendorfer is one of those who instigated the new freeway event.



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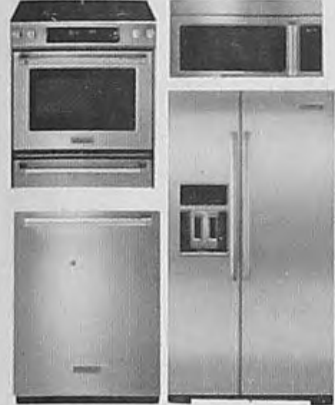
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Walkers took to the picturesque paths of Heritage Park for Saturday's fourth annual Bark for Life Canton.

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GIVING PAWS

Walkers, pets raise money for cancer research

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

One of the most emotional moments in the annual Relay for Life cancer fundraisers comes right at the beginning, when those who've beaten the disease take the first "Survivors Lap." That's how it was Saturday for Wayne Stafford of Canton, a two-time cancer survivor who beat bladder cancer 10 years ago and kicked ureter cancer three years ago.

Walking at the fourth annual Bark for Life relay event in Canton's Heritage Park, Stafford said the walk was "a little emotional."

"You realize how fortunate you are to still be alive," Stafford said. "Not everybody is that lucky."

Growing yearly

Bark For Life adds a twist to the American Cancer Society's traditional Relay For Life, serving as a fundraising activity to honor the care-giving qualities of canine companions while supporting the mission of the American Cancer Society.

The first Bark for Life, in 2011, raised some \$5,500, but that total jumped to \$18,000 the last two years. Event chair Janet Stafford - Wayne's daughter - said figures for this year's event weren't yet available, but organizers hoped to eclipse the \$18,000 the event raised last year (the drive actually lasts through Dec. 31).

The presence of the dogs - "And this year we have some kitties who wanted to help," Stafford

said - underscores the important role pets play in the care of cancer patients.

"Our canine companions are family members who are there when you need them," she said. "They never have to be told, 'Hey, can you do this?' They're just there. My dogs would sit at my dad's feet or on his lap and they're just there when you're not feeling well."

Giving hope

Chloe Desselles of Canton, the reigning Miss Teen Michigan United States, heard about Bark for Life while walking the Relay for Life earlier this year. Her grandparents are cancer survivors, so she figured the Bark for Life would be a good cause.

"I figured I have a dog, why not go for this?" said Chloe, who raised \$115. "Coming and supporting people, giving people hope, motivates people."

Plymouth resident Diane Pike manned the hot dog booth for Wagging for Wayne, where proceeds were going to be split evenly between Bark for Life and Relay for Life.

She said she was involved for the fourth year because she believes in the American Cancer Society's mission - "It's a great organization," she said - and simply wants to help.

"I'd do anything to help other people not have to go through cancer," Pike said. "If they find a cure, that'd be great."

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Starbuck grabs a drink of water during Saturday's Bark for Life Canton.

BRAD KADRICH



Cancer survivors walk the emotional "Survivors Lap" at Saturday's Bark for Life.

BRAD KADRICH



Plymouth resident Diane Pike manned the hot dog booth for Wagging for Wayne. Proceeds were split between Bark for Life and Relay for Life.

BRAD KADRICH



Chloe Desselles (left), Miss Teen Michigan United States, and Miss Michigan United States Heather Laymond, with Chloe's greyhound/labrador mix Lola.

BRAD KADRICH



Canton resident Kelsey Anderson waits patiently while Diesel takes a break.

BRAD KADRICH

Plymouth District Library hosts Star Wars Reads Day



Yoda meets with teens to talk "Star Wars." The Plymouth District Library hosts Star Wars Reads Day on Oct. 11.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

The Plymouth District Library will join with libraries, schools and others throughout the galaxies from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, to celebrate Star Wars Reads Day.

The library will be filled with Star Wars collectibles, posters, decorations and more. Attendees are encouraged to dress as a favorite Star Wars character and enjoy the following activities:

» The Music and Movies of Star Wars - 11

a.m. Professor of music Karl Schmidt is back after his successful summer library series on Great Films & Film Music.

With film clips from the original trilogy, Schmidt will show how John Williams' music is an integral part of the George Lucas films. Sign up is requested.

» Make-up Workshop - 12:30 p.m. Teens and adults should bring a friend and learn the complex make-up secrets of the Star Wars phenome-

non. Space is limited; sign up in advance.

» Star Wars Trivia Contest - 2:30 p.m. Trivia experts should bring a team or join one at the library for a fun, competitive test of Star Wars knowledge. Prizes will be awarded.

» Star Wars crafts for one and all - 2:30-4 p.m. Library staffers have created some Star Wars crafts for crafters of all ages and all abilities. Drop in.

» Movie Surprise - 3-5 p.m. The film librarian

has select one of the Star Wars animated favorites for all to enjoy.

» Cozy Reads in a Galaxy Far Far Away - all day. Curl up with one of the many Star Wars books in the library's main floor parlor or lower level storytime room.

» Fun with Star Wars snacks - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

» Star Wars Photo Booth - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the library at 734-453-0750, Ext. 4 or go to plymouthlibrary.org.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Beethoven and blue jeans

The Michigan Philharmonic goes casual in this year's season opener with "Beethoven, Bridges and Blue Jeans" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. The program invites the audience to dress informally and enjoy an evening of two classics and an exciting world premiere, "Bridges," by composer Victoria Bond. "We know it's not a predictable combination to combine well-known classics with a contemporary piece of music inspired by bridges around the world, but we want to encourage many different audiences to come and appreciate diverse kinds of music with us," said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic executive director.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Fire Station No. 1, 1100 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: The Canton Fire Department hosts an open house that will include station tours, a vehicle extrication demonstration, fire gear dress-up station, fire safety fun bags for kids, fire prevention handouts, hot dogs and popcorn. The department's Fire Safety House will also be open for kids to go through. The open house is being held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 5-11) to promote fire safety in the community.

Contact: For further information, contact the Canton Fire Department office at 734-394-5455.

AAUW BOOK SALE

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

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

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

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz @ The Elks presents Interlochen- and Julliard-trained Walter White and his Quartet. Walter White plays trumpet, Jeff Trudell (son of Johnny Trudell) on drums, Gary Schunk on keyboard and Ralph Armstrong on bass. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

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

ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP

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

Location: Geddes Road, between Sheldon and Beck

Details: Volunteers are needed to help clean up Geddes Road between Sheldon and Beck.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, bring their own work gloves, grabbing tools, etc. and dress appropriately for weather. Look for the special green tubs along the roads for bags and visibility vests at several locations. Just sign in, put on a visibility vest (for your safety), grab some bags, gather litter and trash, tie bags and leave them for pickup along the roadside. Wayne County employees will come at a later time to pick them up. For required community service letters, which are available after participation, please request them in advance and be sure to sign in on the sheet included in the supply tub. Supply tubs will be located at Beck and Michigan Avenue, Beck and Geddes, Geddes and River Meadows, Geddes and Sarah Ann and Geddes and Sheldon.

Contact: To volunteer, contact Greg Greene via email at gregreedotbiz@aol.com, call 734-855-6192 or go to www.gregreedotbiz for instructions.

ISSUES FORUM

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

Location: Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center

Details: The third Canton Township Issues Forum will consist of factual presentations, solutions not slogans, affecting the residents of Canton Township, the Plymouth-Canton School District and other local communities. The two primary issues to be discussed are Michigan Jobs Growth Strategy and Patient-Centered Health Care Solutions. Presentations will be made by local, district, county and state level personnel.

TUTOR TRAINING

Dates/Times: Thursday, Oct. 16, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 23, 6-9 p.m.

Location: 39750 Joy Road, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council provides volunteer tutors to adults with literacy skills below a ninth-grade level. Interested volunteers are invited to attend the October training session consisting of 12 hours of training spread out over the course of three days. Once trained, volunteers spend just 1½-2 hours/week helping in a setting of their choice. Some volunteers work with a student one-on-one, while others help in a small conversation group or assist in an adult classroom. No prior experience is needed. Register online to reserve your spot in the training class today.

Contact: For more information or to register to become a tutor, visit <http://www.plymouth-cantonliteracy.org/get-involved/tutoring>

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.

QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY

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

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

Details: Canton Newcomers & Neighbors hosts a Quarter Auction Friendly. 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.

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.mmapi.org/pages/about.html

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.

FIRE STATION TOURS

Dates: Oct. 5-11, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Plymouth City Hall fire station

Details: The city Fire Department celebrates Fire Prevention Week by hosting a daily open house at the City Hall Fire Station. Firefighters will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Oct. 6-11, to give tours of the station and provide fire prevention information. The department is also now scheduling tour groups for Fire Prevention Week. The department has tours geared to both youngsters and adults, so all groups are welcome.

Contact: To schedule a tour time during Fire Prevention Week, call the city Fire Department at 734-453-1234, ext. 280.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Fire Station No. 1, 9911 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Fire Department hosts its popular Fire Safety Open House. The event, free to the public, will feature the Fire Safety House for kids, free food, fire station and apparatus tours and demonstrations of how to use a fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication and how to handle a stove fire.

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Nico & Vali will be one of 10 restaurants offering meal deals during Plymouth's third annual Restaurant Week.

Annual Restaurant Week tempts Plymouth diners

The third annual Plymouth Restaurant Week kicks off Friday, Sept. 26, and runs through Saturday, Oct. 4, a nine-day epicurean event celebrating downtown Plymouth, a city that features some of Michigan's most diverse dining establishments.

Ten restaurants will offer three-course lunch and dinner menus priced at \$15, \$25 or \$35 per person. Beverages, gratuity and taxes are not included in the rate. No tickets or passes are necessary and diners can participate as frequently as they wish over the nine-day period. While advance reservations are not required, they are strongly encouraged by contacting participating restaurants directly. To view menus, pricing and for

additional info, visit Plymouth Restaurant Week's official website at plymouthrestaurantweek.com.

Participating restaurants include Compari's on the Park, E.G. Nick's, Fiamma Grille, Ironwood Grill, Nico and Vali, The Post Local Bistro, Penn Grill, The Sardine Room, Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub and Stella's Black Dog Tavern. Sponsors include Fat Tire, Darkhorse Brewing Co., Bell and Sons, Sysco, Bacardi and Grey Goose.

Recognized for its vibrant downtown, Plymouth has a well-earned culinary reputation and this event will spotlight some of the city's finest dining establishments. With a wide variety of participating restaurants - all within walk-

ing distance of one another - Plymouth Restaurant Week offers standout dishes at a great value for every palate.

From Fiamma Grille's Flat Iron Steak with Flash Fried Brussels Sprouts to Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Curry Grilled Chicken Breast to E.G. Nick's Chicken & Portabella Lasagna and Penn Grill's Lobster Mac and Cheese, there's a taste to satisfy every appetite.

"With our fantastic restaurants being one of the best draws to our community, it's great to see some of our downtown restaurants teaming up to showcase the quality of their fare," said Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

How to reverse a Roth IRA conversion

I recently met with a new client who last year converted stock from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. Since he completed the conversion, the stock has fallen more than 50 percent in value. The client has somewhat of an attachment to the stock and still wants to hold on to it. My advice is that since the stock had fallen, it would make sense to reverse the Roth conversion.

He was surprised that this was possible, considering that the conversion was done in 2013. I informed him that not all tax laws work against taxpayers and a reversal was something that I would recommend.

Most people are unaware that a Roth IRA conversion can be reversed. The rules allow it up through the time your tax return would be due, including any extensions. Therefore, since 2013 tax returns with extensions are due Oct. 15, 2014, there is still time to reverse a Roth IRA conversion that was done last year by filing an amended return.

The procedure is known as re-characterization. You can re-characterize the entire Roth



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

conversion or a portion of it. The key is that the transaction must be completed by Oct. 15.

There are two reasons to consider re-characterizing a Roth conversion. The first is like the situation at hand, where the investment converted has significantly dropped in value. The other is if your tax bracket has unexpectedly changed.

For example, if when you converted the IRA you were in a 28-percent tax bracket and because of changing situations today you're in a 15-percent bracket, it may make sense to reverse the conversion. Why pay taxes at the higher rate?

There is one other item that also benefits taxpayers. Just because you reverse the Roth conversion doesn't mean that you're barred from doing the conversion again. As long as you wait 30 days, you can redo the conversion.

In my client's situation, I had recommended that after he re-characterized the Roth conversion, he wait 30 days

and then redo it. The bottom line benefit is that he was still able to eventually convert the stock into a Roth IRA. However, he would only have to pay half the tax.

Anyone who reads my column regularly knows that I am a fan of Roth IRAs. The benefit of having money grow tax-free versus tax-deferred is significant.

I'm also a believer that on a year-by-year basis, people ought to look at Roth conversions. However, as is typical in life, not everything always works according to plan. That is why re-characterization is something to consider.

There's not much time left this year. So if you did a Roth conversion last year, take a few minutes to review it. If your investment in the Roth has dropped or you're in a much lower bracket, then it makes sense to consider re-characterizing your IRA.

Good luck.

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

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ladies night

Canton-based Clearly You is asking women to join them for a "Tricks and Treats Ladies Night Out" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Red Olive Banquet Center, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

Organizers said participants will learn some seasonal tricks for beauty, skin care and styling while shopping for treats for themselves or getting a jump-start on holiday ideas.

Some of the women businesses that will be there include Clearly You Professional Skin Care Center, Stella and Dot, Canton Newcomers, Orange Fork Chefs, The Z Spot, Paint & Picnic, Palm Readings by Darlene and many more. There is no charge for admission and the event will feature a cash bar and raffle prizes to benefit Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

For more info, call 734-453-7475 or 734-604-1984.

Plymouth openings

» Barrio Cocina y Tequileria, downtown Plymouth's new Mexican restaurant, opened its doors Tuesday on Forest Avenue, according to the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Patrons can look for a Day of the Dead (El Día de los Muertos in Spanish) celebration Nov. 1-2, coinciding with the similar Roman Catholic celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

» Britt's Bow Wow Boutique & Spa is expected to open within weeks in Westchester Mall, next to Three Dog Bak-

ery. It's a full-service pet spa that will keep dogs pampered.

» Blaze-Thru Comics is expected to open sometime next month between La Case Plymouth and Drought.

NSO board

Neighborhood Service Organization, a nonprofit human services agency, announced the addition of five new members to its board of directors, including Canton resident Russell Simmons.

Simmons is vice president, community development market manager Michigan at Citizens Bank, a position he has held since May 2013. In this role, he leads and coordinates the company's community reinvestment performance and other programs that support economic development, affordable housing and more. He has nearly 35 years of banking experience, starting as a teller and working his way up. The Canton resident received a bachelor's degree in corporate finance from Wayne State University.

"All of these individuals are incredibly involved in their community, both professionally and personally," President and CEO Sheila P. Clay said. "Each one brings something special to NSO and I am looking forward to working with them to help NSO continue its almost 60 year history of providing innovative human services to the residents of this community."



Simmons

Graphics firm remakes its image in Plymouth

Image360-Plymouth recently held an open house and grand reopening for its Image360 center, an event that included a center tour highlighting the new products the visual communications firm has added to its business. The grand opening also provided an inside look at the services available to the community through Image360.

Formerly Progressive Art & Frame Design, Image360-Plymouth underwent a rebranding process earlier this year with the objective of providing enhanced visual communications capabilities to its portfolio of artwork, display and signage offerings to regional businesses and organizations.

"We are extremely excited to share our business with our customers and the local community," General Manager Grey Schwartz said. "We strive to keep our business on the cutting edge



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Skeletons are alive in Downtown Northville! Join us as we kick off the arrival of 100 boney friends who will inhabit downtown Northville for the month of October. The fun starts on Friday, October 3rd with music, dancing, food and fun from 6:30 - 9:00 pm in Town Square.

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Joel and Michelle Gunderson photograph daughters Gretchen, 18, and Grace, 11, under a bridge. They are from Canton.



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Thousands showed up for the event.



KIMBERLY BUZETTE

Nuns enjoy a stroll along I-96 during Family Fun Day.



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Eleven-year-old Tyler Beeny of Westland practices his skateboard skills in an unlikely location.



ERIN O'BRIEN BOEHM

Erin O'Brien Boehm sent in this snapshot of her children, Charlotte and Pierson Boehm, with Gov. Rick Snyder.



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Six-year-old twins Charlotte and Madeline Lenk scoot and skateboard the crowded freeway. They are from Canton.



JAQUELYN BIEBEL

Teddie Johnston and her friend Luke do exactly what so many mothers have urged bothersome children to do over the years.



MELISSA M. MORRISON

Sarah Jones and Max Morrison were all smiles at the I-96 Family Fun Day. "So much fun riding our bikes on 96 today! Great idea opening it up to the public," said Melissa M. Morrison, who submitted this photo.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Skateboarder Michael Lance is from Plymouth.

OUR VIEW

Slavens gets nod in 7th Senate race

Voters in the Michigan state Senate 7th District have rarely had a choice as clear as the one they face in the Nov. 4 general election.

Incumbent Republican state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton, conservative enough to be a Tea Party darling, faces liberal Canton Democrat Dian Slavens.

We believe voters in the district – which serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Canton, Wayne and Livonia – should choose Slavens.

The district, which used to be a Republican stronghold, now leans more to the middle

than it has in the past. That's why Democrats like Dr. Syed Taj and Steven Sneiderman can get elected to the Canton Township board; Sneiderman, in fact, was the board's highest vote-getter two years ago.

The term-limited Slavens has been an effective state representative. In her first term, she piloted legislation that provided incentives for battery-makers to make Michigan their business home. Republicans essentially co-opted her



Slavens

effort to end life-time health benefits for legislators, but the measure passed nonetheless.

She may have had her best – and strongest – moment at the beginning of the current term when, against leadership and even party recommendation, she refused to support state Rep. Jase Bolger as Speaker of the House after he was implicated in a vote-rigging scandal before the 2012 election. It was a stance she knew – because leadership told her outright – would cost her politically, but she took it anyway.

Slavens is a strong supporter of public education and would support changes to the

formula for financing public schools. While charter schools and cyber schools currently get the same foundation allowance as public schools, Slavens believes that because they don't have costs such as transportation, they shouldn't get the same allowance.

Colbeck, on the other hand, firmly believes that the cap should be eliminated to allow more charter schools to pop up and provide competition to local public schools.

While Colbeck eschews anything that looks like a tax to fix roads, Slavens would look at things such as higher user fees for larger trucks and

tweaking the user fee schedule. And while Colbeck refused to vote to make the Medicaid expansion effectively immediately, Slavens supported the move.

Colbeck is a stand-up guy who believes in what he's doing, makes his choices and backs them up with data he believes explains them. He explains his votes (explanations can be found on his Facebook page) and stands by what he says.

But we believe Slavens comes closer to representing the district than does Colbeck. **Dian Slavens** gets our nod for the state Senate 7th District.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Assaults on women

Sen. Patrick Colbeck and his committee spearheaded legislation to provide \$4.9 million for testing rape kits. Rape kits consist of DNA evidence collected from women who were raped/sexually assaulted.

The testing of rape kits frequently is the key piece of evidence required to convict these vicious criminals. Approximately 11,000 kits were found in a Detroit police warehouse in 2009, some going back to the 1970s, potentially preventing the prosecution of criminals who committed these crimes.

Overwhelmingly, this involved African-American women from the city of Detroit. Approximately 2,000 rape kits were tested internally, with \$4 million going toward the outsourcing of 7,300 kits in 2013. This was a major effort to bring justice to minority women who were savagely attacked, many murdered.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has been fighting a one-person battle with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to provide the necessary funding for this effort. Her department has not just been underfunded, but understaffed as well, since the city of Detroit and Wayne County have experienced severe budgetary problems.

Funding the testing of these rape kits and staffing the Wayne County Prosecutor's office has not been the highest priority for Ficano. As everyone knows, Detroit is in bankruptcy with Wayne County not far behind. The priority of Detroit and the county has been to pay off debt at the expense of solving crime and bringing criminals to justice. The consequences of these rape kits not being processed on a timely bases allowed serial rapists to be out in public, free to attack additional women.

In addition, Sen. Colbeck and his committee were involved in providing funding for the hiring and training of 250 new state police officers, who are on the job to provide crime fighting resources, accident prevention and investigation and to ensure trucks traveling on our roads and highways are



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth about the need to fund the testing of rape kits.

properly maintained and operate within load limits. His efforts include, providing funding to hire and train additional state police officers, to be available in the near future.

The safety of Michigan's citizens is the highest priority for Sen. Colbeck, whether it is crime-related, in investigating or in preventing accidents, with his legislative successes reflected in these results.

Michael Hansel
Canton

Paving Lotz

The paving of Lotz Road to ease traffic is a wonderful idea and one that we've been awaiting for a very long time.

Unfortunately, it seems that, according to the article in Thursday's *Observer*, one of the reasons it is finally going to happen is because of the proposed 100-store outlet mall. I'm sure I'm not alone in saying that adding this development in this location is a terrible idea at this time.

All of the other proposed improvements to the Ford Road corridor between Lotz and Haggerty need to be completed prior to building this mall. Anybody who has been on Ford Road at I-275 on a Saturday afternoon is well

aware of the congestion in this area. Merely paving Lotz Road is not going to solve that problem.

No one is even sure if the extension of the exit ramps and the creation of a boulevard will improve traffic conditions. Some township officials have even said that the boulevard idea was a good one 20 years ago, but it won't work now.

My question to our officials is this: Will all the work be completed on Ford Road before the outlet mall is allowed to build? I think I already know that answer.

For years you've said you are committed to correcting the dangerous traffic conditions on Ford Road. So now is your chance to prove it. Let's not help to add one more vehicle until all improvements are complete. Do this for the safety sake of our community.

Don Kelm
Canton

Too far right

After picking up the mail today, I saw where the Koch brothers and company are doing their part to aid the U.S. Postal Service.

I received two of those giant postcards (both poorly done, I might add) from the Republican Party. The first

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showed a ghastly looking chap in agony and I thought it was from one of those Halloween costume shops.

But it turned out to be some type of slam against Democrat Kristy Pagan, who is running for our 21st District House seat. I can't comment further because whoever wrote that card was apparently writing in tongues.

The second flier touted Carol Fausone, who is running against Kristy Pagan. It appears that Fausone is the female version of Patrick Colbeck, Kurt Heise and Dave Trott. She brags that she is in favor of the right-wing policies enacted over the past four years.

Evidently, she is hoping her time in the National Guard will sway some voters her way. Well, let's put that to rest, because it has nothing to do with the issues at hand. So, I thank her for her service; now she can thank me for mine (four years active, four years reserve) and we can both thank all our fellow veterans. Case closed.

In my opinion, Fausone is just as far to the right of the political spectrum as any Tea Party extremist in Lansing or Washington, D.C.

Oh, in regard to the English major scholar who complained about the prose used by myself and two other writers (*Observer*, Sept. 18), I question whether the scolding was about the wording or the fact all three managed to throw barbs at Patrick Colbeck or the "new" Republican Party.

James Huddleston
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

Truth is always an issue in election years

The election season is always pretty interesting. Maybe it's just me, but it sure seems like we hear a lot more from our elected officials during elections than we do during off-years. Of course, that makes sense because they are pretty eager to prove to us what a great job they've been doing for us since the last election.

Incumbent officeholders usually paint a pretty rosy picture and tell us the future is bright, while their opponents try to show us how the sky is falling. I suppose it is the nature of the beast that is our political system. You kind of have to take things with a grain of salt during elections.

That was the case last week, when state Rep. Kurt Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican who also represents the Northville community, put something out on his Facebook feed applauding a decision by the Michigan Strategic Fund and Michigan Economic Development Corp. that allowed Northville Town-



Kurt Kuban

ship to capture more than \$23 million in taxes "to convert the former state hospital campus at Seven Mile and Haggerty into a public green space and trail system."

Heise continued: "The project is leveraging the private development of the commercial and retail space going in at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads which is expected to generate a total capital investment of \$130 million and create 100 full-time jobs."

Well, Heise's post led to a series of calls to Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix. Some people took the post to mean the state was going to shower \$23 million onto the township so it could finally tear down a major eyesore in the community and implement the recreation



An artist's rendering of Northville Park Place, a mixed-use commercial site at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township that is moving right along and should have tenants in early 2015.

plan the township has for the property. This would have been welcome news, indeed.

However, the truth is little murkier, as Nix pointed out at last week's township Board of Trustees meeting.

Nix, who had traveled to Lansing to attend the Michigan Strategic Fund meeting that Heise was referencing, wanted to make it perfectly clear that the township is no closer now to clearing the Seven Mile property of the old state psychiatric hospital than it was before the meeting. Really, all that happened is the state approved the brownfield plan that the township put in place a year ago. Things move a little slower in Lansing, unless they are trying to ram through lame-duck legislation like right-to-work.

In addition, Nix explained the \$23.4 million number

Heise quoted is really about \$17 million – the rest will be interest paid on the project.

And, in fact, when you factor in that Schostak, which is the developer of the commercial Northville Park Place project from which the tax capture will come, will get 50 percent of the tax capture, the township is actually only going to get about \$12 million over the 30-year brownfield plan. And that's only if the commercial property is fully developed, which it is not at this point. There's still another 40 acres on the property that is undeveloped with no plan in place, even though the clock is ticking on the tax capture.

The frustrated Nix also pointed out that the money the township is ultimately able to capture from the brownfield plan most likely won't even be enough to demolish all the buildings that

are left on the old hospital property, let alone begin to implement the recreation plan.

"At this point, we will begin collecting taxes next year and then figure out how we are going to pay the cost of this project," Nix said. "We're going to have quite a challenge to capture this money. We may be forced to do this project in incremental bites. The only way we could get this money now would be to go out for bonds. I don't think we're in any financial position to do that."

So, as you can see, the situation is not quite as rosy as Heise portrayed it. But, hey, it sounded pretty good – and there is an election around the corner.

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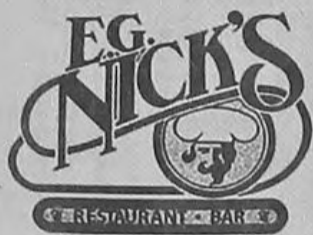
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NEW WAVE



Back on defense for the Plymouth Whalers for 2014-15 is Alex Peters, a Dallas Stars prospect.

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Plymouth Whalers eye successful start to post-Vellucci era

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

What stands to be a very important season on and off the ice for the Plymouth Whalers is set to open this weekend.

The 25th season for the Peter Karmanos-owned Ontario Hockey League franchise will be a lot different than any other, simply because Farmington native Mike Vellucci is gone.

Vellucci, the longtime president/general manager and head coach of the team, left after last season to join the brain trust of the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes (also owned by Karmanos, by the way). Vellucci presided over a team that made the OHL playoffs 23 consecutive seasons.

Will there be a 26th season in metro Detroit when 2015-16 rolls around? That remains in question because last spring Karmanos did not dismiss rumors the team might be on the move if attendance at Compuware Arena does not pick up substantially from last year's estimated 2,500

per contest.

The first chance for local fans to back the Whalers is at 7 p.m. Saturday against the Erie Otters. Plymouth begins the 2014-15 season on the road, Friday at London.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the opener," said forward Danny Vanderwiel, entering his fourth season with the Whalers. "People should definitely come out, give us a look.

Help us get our attendance up.

"Whalers games are a lot of fun.

It's good hockey, it's good-paced hockey, just a bunch of kids trying to battle to make their dreams come true."

Sonny days ahead

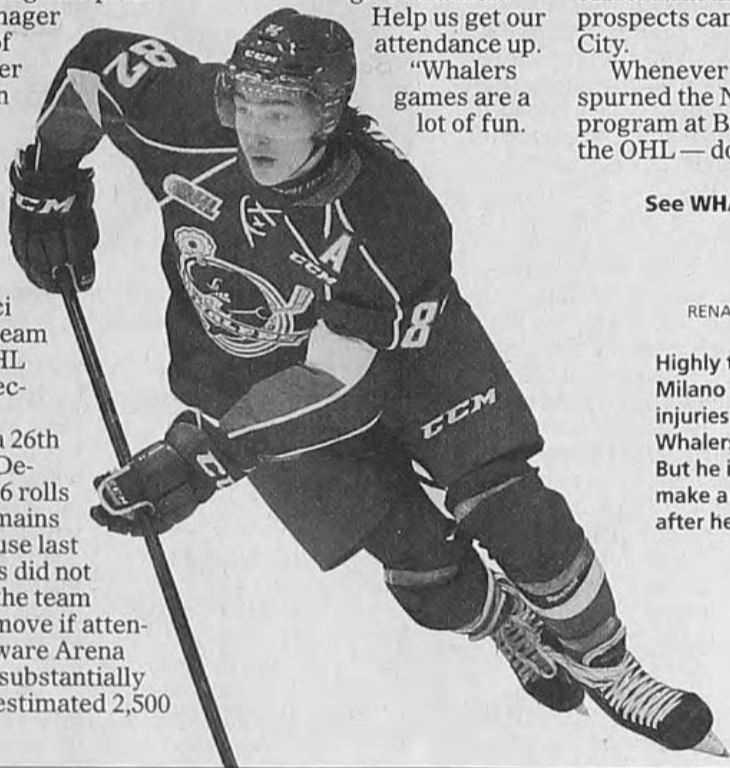
There is more of a buzz around the Beck Road arena this fall, perhaps because of the now-delayed arrival of forward Sonny Milano, who is out for an undetermined period following facial fractures suffered at the recent NHL prospects camp in Traverse City.

Whenever Milano — who spurned the NCAA Division I program at Boston College for the OHL — does make it back

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Highly touted Sonny Milano is recovering from injuries as the Plymouth Whalers season opens. But he is still expected to make a major impact after he is healthy.



GIRLS SWIMMING

Salem depth sinks Chiefs

Versatile Rocks cruise to big victory

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The early season is good for experimentation and moving swimmers around the lineup, as long as the athletes are talented and versatile enough.

That indeed is the case for Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team, which Tuesday night parlayed a lot of mixing and matching and superior depth to a 125-60 victory over campus rival Canton.

"Our team has so much depth," said Hannah Tardiff, one of Salem's standout senior captains. "All our relays are able to score points whether it's the 'A' relay, the 'B' relay or the 'C' relay.

"And then in our individual events, we're really strong, too. We always have one swimmer that's really strong in each event."

And for Salem head coach Chuck Olson, there is no better time than the first weeks of a season to switch things up and see who might be able to do what when crunch time arrives for his team (now 3-0 overall).

For example, Tardiff swam the 50 and 100 freestyle events Tuesday instead of her usual 100 butterfly. She scored points in both events, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

There were others who gave Olson food for thought.

"Lisa Zhang had a real nice swim in the 100 back (first, 59.35). That's the first time she's gotten to swim the backstroke in probably three years and she hit a state cut time," Olson said. "And Linda (Zhang) had a state cut time in the 100 butterfly (first, 59.04), which is where Lisa's usually at. They kind of switched

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KRISTIE SMITH

Canton and Salem swimmers start the 200 free relay during Tuesday's meet.

BOYS TENNIS

Blend of experience, talent sparks Chiefs

Canton second only to Plymouth in South Division

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Despite a near-miss for the KLAA South Division title, the Canton Chiefs still are enjoying a rewarding boys tennis season.

Canton had been undefeated in the division until the Sept. 16 showdown against the Wildcats. Thanks to Plymouth's 7-2 victory, that curtailed the Chiefs' title hopes.

Going into Tuesday's KLAA crossover matches, the Chiefs had a 4-1 record in the division, while Plymouth is 5-0 (and 8-0 overall).

It's the same scenario as 2013, when Plymouth and Canton took the top two spots in the KLAA South.

According to Chiefs head coach Barb Lehrmann, the talented core of returning sin-



CANTON TENNIS

Focusing on his return shot is Canton No. 1 singles player Rohan Vaishnav.

gles players Rohan Vaishnav, George Zhou, Noah Lindbauer and Athul Rao is sparking the team to another fine season.

Team leadership, meanwhile, also is good hands with co-captains Vaishnav, Zhou and



CANTON TENNIS

Smacking a return is Canton No. 2 singles player Noah Lindbauer.

Lindbauer.

But the singles players are hardly alone in coming through for the Chiefs.

"They are supported by a strong doubles lineup that cur-

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Salem's Jeffress stepping into elite category

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With every weekend and every invitational, Salem junior Chaz Jeffress continues to state his case for being one of the area's elite runners.

Jeffress continued that trend at Saturday's Jackson Invitational, where he ran 15:54 to finish fourth overall.

His effort lifted Salem's varsity boys cross country team to a 10th-place finish out of 24 schools.

"Chaz has established himself as one of the top runners in the state with his performances over the last two weekends," Rocks head coach Steve Aspinall said. "(Saturday) he finished behind only three runners with

extremely deep accolades and did not go down without a major fight.

"In fact, he led the race through the halfway point on his way to setting a new personal best (and fifth fastest time in Salem history)."

Jeffress literally gave defending national high school cross country champion Grant Fisher of Grand Blanc a run for his money at Jackson. For a portion of the race, Jeffress led Fisher, who went on to win the race in 15:22.

"I look forward to continued improvement from Chaz and I am excited to see what he can accomplish the rest of this fall," Aspinall said.

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Steelers knocking on door of 'Big House'

Plymouth-Canton gridiron teams set to roam stadium where Brady, Howard and other stars excelled

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Players for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers youth football organization are just over a week away from seizing an opportunity to perform on the same hallowed patch of real estate where Tom Brady once carved up secondaries, Desmond Howard executed his famed Heisman Trophy pose and Anthony Carter electrified crowds that were larger (and louder) than most cities.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the Steelers' four football teams and their cheerleaders will "host" the Lakes Area Hawks at the University of Michigan's famed "Big House." The Steelers' junior-freshman team will kick off the day-long proceedings at 10 a.m., followed by the freshman game at noon, the junior varsity contest at 2 p.m. and the varsity showdown at 4 p.m.

Steelers unit director Harry Walkley said the chance to play in arguably the most famous college football stadium in the United States was too good to pass up.

"We heard through the grapevine that an Ann Arbor youth football team hosted a game at the University of Michigan last year, so we contacted them to see what their experience was like," Walkley said. "Our initial concern, obviously, was the cost. But when we found out it would cost roughly half of what we paid to have our freshman team play for six minutes during a Detroit Lions halftime last season, our board decided to go for it."

U-M permits the par-

ticipating organizations to sell individual tickets to the game for a maximum of \$20, but Walkley said the Steelers board of directors opted to set the price at \$10.

"We thought \$20 was too high; we didn't want a family of five to have to pay \$100," Walkley said. "We think \$10 is fair and we should draw more fans than if it was twice that much. There are a lot of people who have never seen a game at the 'Big House,' so this will be a great opportunity for them."

Walkley said the Steelers organization delivered 100 tickets to each of the three P-CEP high schools. Families of players and cheerleaders will also be allowed to purchase tickets in advance of the games.

Members of the public can purchase tickets at the gate the day of the games.

The junior freshman players will warm up on the stadium's field prior to their game. The other three teams will get the unique opportunity to get loose in the Wolverines' indoor practice facility, which the Steelers rented for the day.

The gates to the stadium will open at 9 a.m.

Varsity improves to 3-0

Powered by a strong rushing performance Saturday from Carson Miller and Ian Gozdor, the varsity Steelers up-ended visiting West Bloomfield, 49-6, at Central Middle School. Gozdor's career day included three TDs, while Miller bulled into the end zone twice for the winners.

The Steelers also



Pictured are representatives from each of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers football and cheerleading squads that will be putting their gridiron and sideline skills on display Oct. 4 at the University of Michigan's football stadium.

scored on a 65-yard punt return by Ben Wright and a 5-yard run by Conner Meadows. Liam Radoski, James Hansen, Miller, Jackson King and Gage Wheatley paved the way for the Steelers' big ground game.

Spearheading the defense were Jack Yates, Seth Troszak, Jason Perko and Ben Bennett (interception).

JV rolls

The junior varsity Steelers improved to 2-1 with a come-from-behind 30-7 victory over the Lions.

Trailing 7-0, the Steelers took the lead for good in the final minute of the first half when quarterback Mason Hackney connected with Logan

Walkley for a 47-yard TD pass that was made possible by a key block from Cian McGill. Cooper Donlin's two-point conversion kick made it 8-7.

Walkley scored two more times in the second half on a 40-yard pass from Hackney and on a sweep. Hackney capped the scoring with a six-pointer on a keeper. Nate Janke, Sean Mullin, Cenzie DeFelice, Aidan Tafalski, Josh Martin and Justin Tafalski all blocked well for the winners.

Defensively, Tyler Overaitis, Zack Kubacki, Zack Sweet, Drew Poet, Calvin Vos, Jonathan Simpson and Nate Cain all excelled.

Freshman team still perfect

The freshman Steelers ran their record to 3-0 by blanking the Lions, 27-0. Brayden Willis led the offense with two touchdowns and several drive-sustaining runs. Also shining for the offense were Luke Janack and Andrew Iaquaniello, both of whom scored a TD. Iaquaniello also hooked up with Brady Blakita on a point-after conversion pass. Charlie Tams also booted a two-point conversion kick.

Setting the tone on the offensive line were Trevor Moulton, John Delaney, Andrew McGuire, Connor Hands, Dante Favor, Brenden Church and Acelino Villarini.

Defensively, Adam Nicholas, Barrett Barker, Baechler Houser and Iaquaniello (interception) were standouts for the triumphant hosts.

Junior-freshman team shines

The Steelers junior-freshman contingent delivered its finest defensive performance of the season as it forced four turnovers: fumble recoveries by Preston Houser, Lee Krueger, Marco Tate and Rick Williams. Other key contributors on defense were Nick Gozdor, Nathan Sadowski and Danilo Guberinich.

Marco Tate made a touchdown-saving tackle in the second half.

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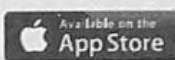


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Warriors run to daylight, 40-26

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It's kind of fitting that Lutheran Westland football coach Paul Gusé hasn't quite figured out a nickname yet for his pair of yards-devouring senior running backs, because the Warriors' opponents haven't quite figured out a way to stop them.

The Warriors improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference when they battered visiting Oakland Christian with a 509-yard rushing attack Saturday.

It was the winners' third consecutive victory heading into Friday night's 7 p.m. homecoming game against Lutheran Northwest. Portable lights will be set up.

Doing the bulk of the damage were Austin Olson (23 carries for 264 yards and two touchdowns) and Jacob Davenport (218 yards and four scores on 28 hauls).

"We're thinking about maybe calling them peanut butter and jelly or salt and pepper; we haven't decided yet," said Gusé,



Lutheran Westland back Jacob Davenport gained 214 yards and scored four TDs in Saturday's win over Oakland Christian.

whose team was never threatened by the Lancers after cruising to a 28-0 third-quarter lead. "Both Austin and Jacob run hard and they make a lot of people miss. We'll go as far this season as those two carry us."

The tone of Saturday's contest was established early and often by the Warriors, who vaulted to a 7-0 lead on their first drive when Davenport plunged in from the 1 to cap a 57-yard drive. Olson set up the score with a 24-yard run a few plays earlier; he also booted the first of his four extra

points. The hosts doubled their lead to 14-0 with 2:28 left in the first quarter, when Davenport closed out an 11-play possession with a 10-yard TD run.

LW took a 21-0 lead into the intermission when - guess who? - Davenport raced 65 yards to the end zone.

"At halftime, I told the boys to keep grinding and doing what we did in the first half," Gusé said. "I knew (Oakland Christian) would come out and throw everything they had at us - trick plays and all - and sure enough, that's what they did."

Davenport extended his team's lead to 28-0 early in the third quarter with a 1-yard TD run, but the Lancers answered minutes later with a touchdown off a halfback pass to make it 28-6.

After the Warriors went three-and-out on their next possession, it appeared the momentum was shifting slightly in favor of Oakland Christian - that is until LW defensive back Caleb Richter picked off a pass and returned it 33 yards to the Lancers' 35.

Olson made the Lancers pay for the pick when he scored on a 41-yard run to up the Warriors' lead to 34-6.

LW closed its scoring with a 44-yard Olson TD run with 7:50 left.

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| Liv. Stevenson (3-1, 2-0) at South Lyon (4-0, 2-0) | South Lyon | South Lyon | South Lyon |
| Northville (3-1, 1-1) at Salem (0-4, 0-2) | Northville | Northville | Northville |
| Liv. Churchill (4-0, 2-0) at Wayne Memorial (0-4, 0-2) | Churchill | Churchill | Churchill |
| Canton (3-1, 2-0) at Westland John Glenn (3-1, 1-1) | Canton | Canton | Canton |
| Plymouth (3-1, 1-1) at Livonia Franklin (0-4, 0-2) | Plymouth | Plymouth | Plymouth |
| Romulus (3-1, 2-0) at Liv. Clarenceville (0-4, 0-2) | Romulus | Romulus | Romulus |
| Garden City (3-1, 3-0) at D.H. Robichaud (4-0, 2-0) | Robichaud | Robichaud | Robichaud |
| Dear. Edsel Ford (3-1, 2-0) at Red. Thurston (1-3, 0-2) | Thurston | Edsel Ford | Edsel Ford |
| Lutheran N'west (3-1, 1-1) at Luth. Westland (3-1, 2-0) | Lutheran W. | Lutheran W. | Lutheran W. |
| Royal Oak (0-4, 0-3) at N. Farmington (2-2, 1-2), 8 p.m. | North. Farm. | North Farm. | North Farm. |
| Farmington (3-1, 3-0) at Pontiac (1-3, 1-2), 8 p.m. | Farmington | Farmington | Farmington |
| Saturday, Sept. 27 | | | |
| Farm. Harrison (3-1, 2-1) at Southfield (3-1, 3-0), 1 p.m. | Harrison | Harrison | Southfield |
| Last week's record | 12-0 | 12-0 | 8-4 |
| Overall record | 39-14 | 47-6 | 35-18 |

WHALERS

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to Plymouth, fans could be watching the team's most electrifying performer since Tyler Seguin started for two seasons.

"We're just going to play with they guys we have," first-year head coach Don Elland said. "There's no contingency plan as far as bringing someone in. We'll do what we can until (Milano) gets back in the lineup. Just like if someone went away to camp."

The longtime youth hockey coach at Compuware was part of Vellucci's coaching staff the past five seasons, so there promises to be a seamless transition from the Vellucci era. The coaching staff also includes popular former Whalers player John Vigilante.

Taking over as the general manager is Mark Craig, also no stranger to youth hockey in the area. Vellucci, in addition to his duties with the Hurricanes, will remain involved as the Whalers' governor for OHL matters.

"I'm excited, it's been great," Elland said when asked about picking up where Vellucci left off.

"Learning a lot from Mike, the transition's been smooth. Obviously, I'm anxious to get the season started, anxious to get everybody back from camp and see what we have."

And therein lies the rub as the Whalers try to get off to a good start in the OHL West Division standings.

Because a number of players are prospects for NHL teams, they either remain in big league camps or are returning to Compuware Arena just a couple of days ahead of the official start of the season.

Helping Ned

Standout goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who has been in the Carolina camp, may or may not be ready for the opening games. If he isn't, backup Zack Bowman will play.

Nedeljkovic was instrumental to the Whalers' qualifying for the playoffs last season, often seeing 50-plus shots per game and earning OHL Goalie of the Year honors for his efforts. He made 2,042 saves and posted a .925 save percentage, helping Plymouth to a 28-33-0-7 record.

"Everyone says it's easy because you have the best goalie in the league coming back and we do," Elland said. "We're going to rely on him. But we should have better expectations than just, 'Hey, we have the best goalie in the league, so let's just rely on him.'"

"Hopefully he has a great year, both for him and for us. But hopefully, we're not relying on him like we did last year, 50-60 shots a night. If we're doing that, than we're doing something wrong."

Other top Plymouth players such as forwards Matt Mistele (Los Angeles), Connor Chatham (New Jersey), Victor Crus Rydberg (N.Y. Islanders) and defenseman Josh Wesley (Carolina) might have their debuts with the Whalers delayed.

Another defenseman, Alex Peters, did return from the Dallas Stars prospect camp and will be ready Friday to face the



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One of the players who could pile up a lot of points for the Plymouth Whalers is forward Matt Mistele.

Knights

Peters is one of the leaders who will look to help young defensemen such as Tyler Sensity (who hails from Canton).

"I have a lot of confidence in our team," Peters said late last week. "I think we could do a lot of good things this year."

"Once we get everybody back (from NHL camps) and start working more in systems, I think we have an opportunity to make a run for the playoffs for sure and see how far we go."

Peters, fully healthy after an injury-plagued 2013-14, embraces the opportunity to lead.

"I'm an older guy now. We have a lot of new guys to the league and on our team, so I'm just trying to help out as much as I can, in any way I can, just by giving a couple tips around the (locker) room."

"I think we're going to be a lot more aggressive this year. We're going to be hard on the teams and not give them any space."

Breaking it down

The Whalers look to be tough at the offensive end of the rink, too.

Elland is confident that Milano won't need long to make up for any lost time and that veterans who had somewhat down seasons in 2013-14 will bounce back.

"I think (Mistele) is going to have a huge year," Elland said, reminding that Mistele was a 35-goal scorer two seasons ago. "I think he's been great in camp. I'd go so far as to say Misty's been our best player. Every game that he's dressed in training camp he's been the best player on the ice."

"Victor's going to have a great year. (Chatham) should have a bigger role offensively than he had last year and put up more points. Those three guys we're going to rely on until Sonny gets back."

Mistele netted 18 goals and 19 assists last season, while Crus Rydberg (12 goals, 26 assists) and Chatham (13 goals, 18 assists) all had their moments.

Also back is elusive center Francesco Vilardo, who showed plenty of promise with 13 goals and 25 assists last year.

Two newcomers also have the chance to keep game statisticians busy, namely center Mathew Campagna (acquired from Sudbury in an August trade) and promising rookie

forward Will Bitten.

"He's a great point guy, but more importantly, he's a kid that we can use on the power play, killing penalties, five-on-five late in a game whether we're up a goal or down a goal," Elland said about Campagna. "He's got tremendous experience; he's a good two-way player."

As for Bitten, the coach said the youngster will be heard from, hopefully sooner rather than later.

"I see him making an impact. I don't know if it's right away," Elland said. "I don't care how good you are, in this league there's very few guys that come in and there's not an adjustment period."

"Although Will's been great in training camp, once the regular starts, it's even more intense. There's going to be an adjustment period for him, but there's no doubt he's going to be a really, really good player."

Opportunity

Several others have the opportunity to play a much bigger role, namely blue-collar forward Vanderwiell, left wing Liam Dunda and center Cullen Mercer.

"Danny is a great skater, he's great on the forecheck," Elland said. "He really gets in and really pressures their D, he helps us kills penalties, he's a great two-way player."

"He can be physical when he needs to be. He's just got to keep doing what he's doing and understand that, even though he doesn't put up a ton of points, he is still very valuable."

Also in the mix will be Bryce Yetman, Connor Sills, Brook Hiddink, Vincent Scognamiglio and Nicholas Caamano.

Along with Peters and Wesley, the Whalers' defense will include veterans Gianluca Curcuruto (who possesses a wicked point shot), Mitch Jones (Rochester), Mathieu Henderson, Yannick Rathgeb and younger players Sensity and Alex DiCarlo.

"(Curcuruto is) always going to be a factor on the power play because of his shot and because he skates so well," Elland said. "That's a 20-year-old in our league, he should be dominant every night. Every night he should make a difference. He knows what an important year this is."

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JEFFRESS

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The Rocks had others who stepped up at the Jackson Invite, namely senior Noah Engerer, "who overcame a bit of an illness to run very well" and finish second among Salem runners, the coach noted.

Salem's third best showing was by senior Jason Rogers.

"Both of these guys (Engerer, Rogers) ran big season bests and will be looking to crack 17 minutes in the next couple of weeks," Aspinall said.

Rounding out Salem's scoring at the Jackson Invite were senior Nabil Ahmed, junior

Jacob Kubinski, sophomore Alex Kroll and junior Griffin Skaff.

CANTON 16, JOHN GLENN 45: Canton swept the top four places Tuesday in this convincing KLAA South Division boys cross country triumph over Westland John Glenn.

Medalist with a time of 18:05 was Mike Roberts.

He was followed by Canton teammates Nick Sosha (second, 18:09), Shane Andrews (third, 18:11) and Zac Clark (fourth, 18:12).

Other Canton scorers were Zach Cannon (sixth, 18:54) and Xavier Reinders (16th, 20:30).

In fifth for the Rockets with a time of 18:46 was Austin Hickerson.



SALEM CROSS COUNTRY
Chaz Jeffress (right) races against Grand Blanc's Grant Fisher at the Jackson Invite.

PREP ROUNDUP

Strong offensive output not enough for Salem gridders

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The 2014 football season is not unfolding the way the Salem Rocks wanted to.

Salem remains without a victory so far this year, after falling 30-22 to Novi at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks are now 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the KLAA Central Division, entering Friday's homecoming game against Northville (7 p.m. at the P-CEP varsity turf field).

Northville is 3-1, 1-1 going into Friday's action.

In the loss to Novi (1-3, 1-1), Salem junior quarterback Alex Nicholson got the Rocks off to a good start with a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter.

Following a Novi TD, the Rocks answered when Johnny Perko bulled his way into the end zone from the 1-yard line, with 7:54 left in the first half.

That 12-7 edge didn't last long, as Emanuel Jackson scored the first of his three touchdowns. He raced in from 26 yards to put the Wildcats in front 14-12 late in the second quarter.

The see-saw battle continued, however, with John Kwiecinski nailing a 31-yard field goal just 13 seconds later to put the Rocks up 15-14 at halftime.

Unfortunately for Salem, the visitors responded after intermission with 15 unanswered points to put the contest away.

Jackson (228 all-purpose yards) did most of the dam-

age, reeling in a 50-yard scoring pass from quarterback Alec Bageris and then running it in from the 8-yard line.

The Rocks made the final score more respectable when Nicholson completed an 81-yard TD pass to Jacob Miller late in the final quarter.

It was a tough defeat for the Salem, largely because the Rocks outgained Novi 421-274, with Nicholson completing 13-of-27 passes for 242 yards.

BOYS SOCCER: Plymouth tallied a 2-0 victory Sept. 18 over KLAA South Division rival Livonia Churchill.

Scoring for the Wildcats were Nick Freda and Nathan Harris.

GIRLS GOLF: Plymouth registered a 335 to tie with Detroit Country Day at Saturday's M&M Girls Golf Tournament, but lost on the fifth player score.

Leading the Wildcats was senior Sydney Murphy, individual medalist with a 74. It was her fourth first-place finish this season.

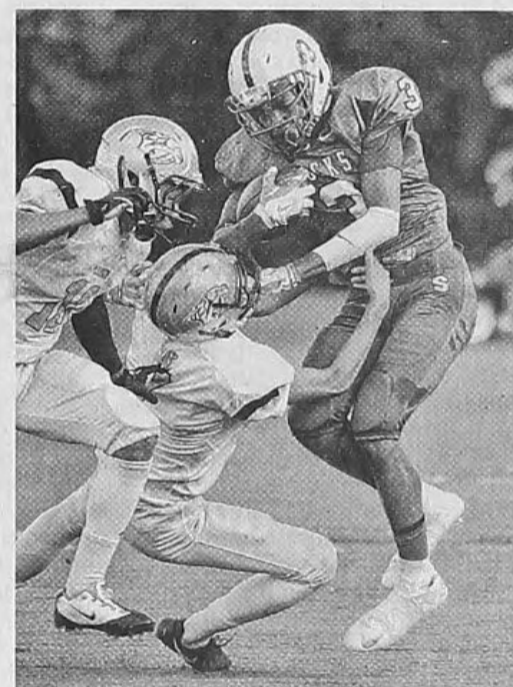
Katie Chipman tallied an 80, while Alaina Strzalka chipped in with an 84.

Salem and Canton also participated.

The Rocks (376 overall) were led by Darby Scott (90), Keista Elder (92), Kiley Flynn (94) and Hope Warkoczeski (95).

Canton registered 435 overall, with the top performers being Alyce Krumm and Meghan Meredith (99 each).

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Salem receiver Calin Crawford is shown from this season's opener against Plymouth. The Rocks are still looking for their first win.

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places.

"The captains (Tardiff, Stephanie Solterman, McKenzie Maurice) did a nice job tonight. It's a whole team effort. ... And they all went different events tonight. Maurice is usually a backstroke, sprinter, freestyler and she swam the 500 free tonight."

Maurice did the job, too, finishing fourth with a time of 6:10.16 to help chalk up two more points for the Rocks.

Other Salem individual victories were turned in by Lisa Zhang (200 IM, 2:13.20), Jenna Chen (50 free, 26.36), Camille Burt (1-meter diving, 183.83 points) and Katie Xu (100 free, 56.82; 100 breaststroke, 1:12.51).

Salem also took all three relays. The quartet of Xu, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Solterman finished first in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:52.90.

In the 200 free relay, taking the top spot with a time of 1:45.44 were the Zhang twins along with Solterman and Molly Rowe. And in the 400 free relay, Linda Zhang, Chen, Rowe and Solterman won with a finish of 3:54.14.

Plenty to like

According to Canton head coach Ed Weber, the key is to not get caught up in the final score and instead look at positive trends. The Chiefs now are 1-1.

"Salem's really strong and they have been for years," Weber said. "They've got a great base. We're working on

ours. We have good experience on our team and we're trying to build our team to put together a whole program.

"We're looking forward to the rest of the season, when we get into our division and we get toward some of the exciting meets in the future. This is always a good rivalry."

Weber added that there were plenty of things to be enthusiastic about Tuesday, despite the lopsided result.

"We had a lot of great swims," Weber said. "Sydney Darnall's been on fire the last couple meets and she had a great meet this particular time."

"Claire Green, she had a good 200 free (first, 2:02.86) and a particularly good 400 free relay. Emily Hagan in the 100 breaststroke, she dropped great time."

Hagan tallied a time of 1:13.54, second to Salem's Xu. Green also prevailed in the 500 free, with a time of 5:25.90.

"Emily Osika did a combo, the 200 free relay and the backstroke," Weber said. "That's always a tough combo to come up with and she held strong in that backstroke."

Osika's mark of 1:05.22 trailed Salem's Lisa Zhang (59.35) and Patricia Freitag (1:01.52).

Meanwhile, the Canton coach praised the effort turned in by senior Jocelyn Moraw in sprint freestyle events. Moraw finished second in the 200 free (2:11.82) with a personal best in that event and finally cracked the one-minute mark in the 100 free (58.81).

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Salem finishes near top at two races

Rocks' two teams place in top five at Jackson and Linden invitationals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Once again, Salem is building solid depth that could help the Rocks make some noise when state tournament time rolls around.

Salem's varsity girls 'A' cross country team placed fourth at the prestigious Jackson Invitational, held Saturday at Sharp Park.

The Rocks held their own against several top-rated Division 1 programs, finishing with 145 points.

Taking the top three spots were No. 1-ranked Birmingham Seaholm (33 points), Northville (102) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (116).

"This group competed extremely well today against some of the top teams in the state," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "We are

taking steps forward each week and working as a cohesive unit.

"Lauren (Arquette) ran the perfect race today and showed true strength and leadership. As this unit continues to improve, it will be exciting to see what they can accomplish."

Arquette finished eighth overall with a time of 19:02, earning a medal in the process.

Also capturing medals were Anya Cho (26th, 19:58) and Kayla Hughes (30th, 20:12).

Other Salem finishers were Madalyn Simko (38th, 20:30), Erin McCann (43rd, 20:40), Elizabeth Tripp (48th, 20:46) and Shekinah Johnson (55th, 20:54).

And for good measure, the 'B' team also excelled Saturday with a fifth-place finish at the Linden Invitational. Milford won the invite going



Salem's varsity girls 'A' cross country team (above) finished fourth at Saturday's Jackson Invitational, held at Sharp Park.

away, with 37 points; Salem tallied 129.

"Our 'B' varsity got an opportunity to compete at a varsity level at Linden today and several athletes stepped up," Gerlach said. "Kayla Delacruz, Hannah Jeffress and Shea Wilson all

made the most of this opportunity and competed at a high level."

DelaCruz (21:31) and Jeffress (21:45) each earned a medal, finishing 22nd and 23rd, respectively. Wilson came in 26th with a mark of 21:58. They were followed

by teammates Sierra Bowden (28th, 22:00), Kaya Knake (30th, 22:07), Karissa McCarthy (31st, 22:09), Katy Robeson (33rd, 22:16), Jessica Hughes (40th, 22:52), Kelly McEvilly (41st, 22:54) and Annie Dermody (56th, 23:27).

'Cats sixth at Monroe

Plymouth's varsity girls cross country team finished sixth at Saturday's Monroe Jefferson Invitational, tallying 143 points. Winning the race was Brighton, with Saline in second place.

The top runner for the Wildcats was sophomore medalist Annie Bonds (fifth place, 20:08).

Junior Emma Radke (34th, 22:05), senior Hailey Foster (35th, 22:11) and freshman Claire Curvin (36th, 22:12) were next to finish for Plymouth. Marianne DeBrito placed 43rd (22:39).

"The girls did pretty well considering they had a pretty tough week of workouts," Plymouth assistant coach Alice Ahern said. "We have already started our push to have them ready for the regional meet."

"We did have some season best and personal best times throughout the JV team."

Ocelots' Contreras comes up clutch with pair of goals

After trailing 2-1 Saturday afternoon, Schoolcraft College's Victor Contreras came to the rescue.

Contreras scored two consecutive unassisted goals (in the 39th and 71st minutes) to lift the Ocelots to a 3-2 victory over host Lake Michigan College.

Also scoring for Schoolcraft (7-0-0 overall, 3-0-0 in the MCAA) was Livonia Stevenson alum Billy Werthman, another unassisted tally just 16:41 into the match.

Just five minutes later, however Michael Esare-Beckson found the range for Lake Michigan, putting the ball past Schoolcraft goalkeeper Colton Robison (Livonia Churchill).

Jose Perez then scored for Lake Michigan (1-7-1, 1-2-1) at 30:36.

But Contreras still had something to say about the final outcome.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Also Saturday at Benton Harbor, Schoolcraft's women's team prevailed 4-1 over Lake Michigan.

Scoring for Schoolcraft (4-0-0, 3-0-0) were

Hannah Hasbrouck, Cienna Rael-Whitsitt, Lexie Cano and Stephanie Newton.

Earning the win for SC was Kaitlyn Dangelmaier, who made three saves.

Also standing out for the Lady Ocelots were forward Jessica Parry and defender Cynthia Konan.

"Jessica propelled our team with high energy and hard work," Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman said. "Cienna's goal has to be one of the best scored in the nation, fantastic upper 90 laser type of shot."

"And despite fighting a bad cold, Cynthia was a wall, blocking shots and putting in all of her efforts to resist (Lake Michigan's) attacks."

CROSS COUNTRY: On Friday, the Ocelots cross country team traveled to Elyria, Ohio, to compete in the Commodore Invitational hosted by Lorain County Community College.

Leading the team for the second straight week was Liam Cardenas (Plymouth). His time of 31:09

for the 8K was 21 seconds ahead of teammate Caton Hacker (Plymouth) and 43 seconds ahead of Ethan Levack (PCA) who finished in 31:38 and 31:52, respectively.

For Cardenas, the time was the fastest ever for a Schoolcraft runner on the course. Meanwhile, both Hacker and Levack registered personal bests for the course.

Also competing were Brandon Sutton (38:48) and Ryan Stamper (44:18).

Also running unofficially from Schoolcraft was Scott Howse who finished in 33:27.

In the woman's 5K, Audrey Baetz finished ahead of all of the runners from Wayne County Community College and all but one from Lorain and Hiram with a time of 25:05.

Running for Concordia was former Schoolcraft All-American Adriana Beltran, who finished ninth overall in 21:00 and took home one of the special awards given to the top 10 finishers.

Williams' two goals spur MU win

Thanks to the scoring touch of Ryan Williams, chalk up another victory for the Madonna University men's soccer team.

The senior forward from Auburn Hills Avondale notched his sixth and seventh goals of the season Saturday as the host Crusaders improved to 5-2 overall by blanking Robert Morris (Ill.) in a non-conference match, 3-0.

Both of Williams'

goals were unassisted, with his first coming in the 14th minute (on a free kick) followed by his second the 54th minute to give MU a 2-0 lead.

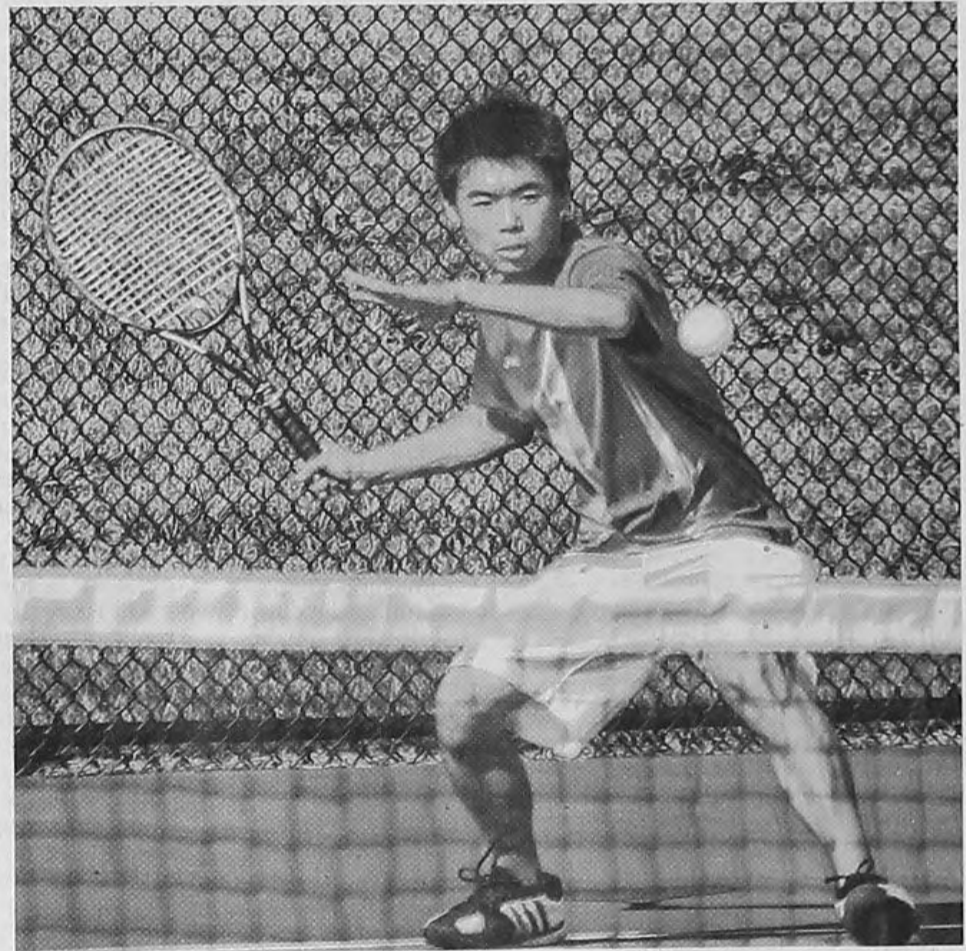
Sophomore Amadou Cisse (Willow Run) then put it away with his first goal of the season in the 74th minute off an assist from freshman Strahinja Ljubovic (Walled Lake Central).

It was MU's fifth shut-out of the season as

starter goalkeeper Marcel Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany) went the first 74:27 before giving way to backup John Boudreau (Livonia Stevenson), who finished the final 15:33.

Julian Soto made five saves for Eagles (0-4).

Madonna returns to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action at 7 p.m. Saturday against host Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne.



George Zhou, who plays No. 3 singles for Canton, prepares to make a shot.

CHIEFS

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rently includes Shivang Shah and Howard Zhang at the (No.) 1 position," Lehrmann said, ticking off the names of the other doubles players (Chandler Larimore-Matthew Mukhtar, No. 2 doubles; freshmen Sri Narayanan-Jacob Paton,

No. 3 doubles; Aaron Cannon-Kailash Saravanan, No. 4 doubles; Joey Mosca-Sreyas Narayanan, No. 5 doubles; Daniel Zhang-Razeen Karim).

Against the Wildcats, the duo of Narayanan and Paton earned a 6-4, 7-6 victory over Plymouth's Matt McDonald and Alex Tsakoff.

Canton also prevailed at No. 4 doubles, with

seniors Cannon and Saravanan taking care of business 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile Lehrmann noted that she is being helped by first-year assistant coach Bev Lardin, who also teaches the rackets gym class at Canton High School.

"We are lucky to have her expertise" on the team, Lehrmann said.

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Red-hot Hawkins lifts MU spikers

It was a breakout performance Saturday for Madonna University outside hitter Amanda Hawkins.

The 6-foot freshman from Livonia Stevenson High finished with a team-high 31 kills on the day as the MU women's volleyball team captured both matches at home in the Can-Am Classic.

In the opener, Hawkins recorded a career-best 19 kills, including a .536 attack percentage, as the Crusaders downed the University of Windsor in four sets, 25-13, 25-20, 25-27, 26-24.

Hawkins also contributed three solo and three block-assists in the win.

Canada natives Hannah Poole and Katie Breault also chipped in with 12 and 10 kills, respectively, while Breanna Geile had 11 kills.

Setter Spencer Stokes collected 47 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Obrycki's 10 digs paced the defense for MU.

Windsor (3-2) got 12 kills from Hannah Robson, along with 36 assists from Andrea Jones.

In the second match of the day, MU got 12 kills from Hawkins and nine

from Samantha Geile in a 25-21, 25-15, 25-15 triumph over the University of Waterloo (Ontario).

Stokes chipped in with 36 assists, while Obrycki finished with 11 digs for the nationally ranked Crusaders (No. 9 NAIA), who improved to 17-2 overall.

The first-place Crusaders return to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action with a pair of weekend home matches: 7 p.m. Friday vs. Lawrence Tech and noon Saturday against Marygrove College.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to Plymouth Township residents that **October 6, 2014**, is the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2014 State General Election. Below is a listing of the offices and proposals that will be on the election ballot:

Partisan Section

Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, United States Senator, Representative in Congress - 11th District, State Senator - 7th District, Representative in State Legislature - 20th District, Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County Executive, County Commissioner - 10th District

Nonpartisan Section

Judicial

Justice of Supreme Court, Justice of Supreme Court Incumbent Position, Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position-Partial Term, Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position - Partial Term, Judge of District Court 35th District Incumbent Position

Community College

Board of Trustees Member Schoolcraft Community College

Local School District

Board Member Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 6 and 4 year terms

District Library

Board Member Plymouth District

Proposal Section

State

Proposal 14-1

A referendum of Public Act 520 of 2012 establishing a hunting season for wolves and authorizing annual wolf hunting seasons

Proposal 14-2

A referendum of Public Act 21 of 2013 granting the Natural Resources Commission the power to designate wolves and certain other animals as game without legislative action

County

The Wayne County Retirement Commission

Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter appoints the Wayne County Executive and the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission as members of the Wayne County Retirement Commission. Section 6.112 authorizes the Wayne County Executive to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the Retirement Commission. Shall Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the Retirement Commission?

The full text of the proposals may be obtained from Plymouth Township Clerk's Office or by visiting www.plymouthtwp.org.

Residents of Plymouth Township who are not already registered to vote may register at a Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency, or by visiting the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mail-in registrations postmarked by **October 6, 2014** will also be accepted.

Nancy Conzelman
Plymouth Township Clerk

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Firefighters face big challenge in protecting disabled residents

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, encompassing the years 2008 through 2012, 7 percent of the people at least 5 years of age living in the community had some type of ambulatory disability, defined as "having serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs." Such disability can delay or prevent an individual from escaping a fire.

The National Fire Protection Administration estimates that physical disability was identified as a contributing factor in an estimated average of 400, or 15 percent, of U.S. home fire deaths per year during years 2007 through 2011.

Providing adequate fire safety for individuals with physical disabilities can be challenging, particularly in cases of severe mobility limitations. Detection requirements consider the time a typical person needs to leave the building. If an individual cannot move out of danger, a working smoke alarm provides less benefit. In rare cases, particularly when an individual is already in poor health and in the immediate area of the fire origin, fatal injury may occur before a sprinkler operates.

In most cases, however, sprinklers reduce the intensity of the fire and the danger even when an individual cannot fully evacuate. In 2012, *NFPA Journal* writer Kenneth Tremblay described a Florida fire in which an operating sprinkler saved the life of a 50-year-old woman who used a wheelchair in a 13-story apartment building primarily for older adults. The woman's discarded cigarette ignited her sofa and spread to the adjacent paneling. A single sprinkler controlled the fire until firefighters could extinguish it completely. While the woman suffered severe burns, she did survive.

In this analysis, national estimates derived from the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and NFPA's annual fire department experience survey are used to show the causes and circumstances of



home fire deaths of victims when physical disability was a factor and highlight differences from overall home fire deaths. The NFIRS Complete Reference Guide notes that "physically disabled" includes temporary conditions, but it does not indicate if sensory disabilities should be included. Although the overall numbers may not capture disabilities that were not obvious, this information can help people with disabilities and those who work with or care for them to develop and communicate ways to better protect this community from fire.

Compared to all home fire victims, victims with physical disabilities were more likely to be female and at least 65

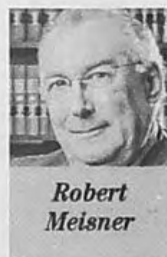
years of age. Fifty-one percent of these victims were female. Fifty-six percent of all home fire victims were male. When physical disability was a factor, three of every five (60 percent) victims were at least 65 years old compared to 30 percent of all home fire fatalities.

While home fire deaths in general are much more common between midnight and 6 a.m., time patterns were less pronounced when physical disability was a factor.

More than half (55 percent) of these deaths resulted from home fires with operating smoke alarms compared to only 40 percent of home fire deaths overall.

Boat, trailer parking can obstruct access

Q: We are board members of a marina condominium. Some of our boat owners are parking their boats and trailers on public roads abutting the community. Do you think we have any basis to stop them from doing so because it has, in our opinion, a detrimental effect on property values?



Robert Meisner

A: While the association would probably have no jurisdiction over members of the public, and cannot regulate owner resident behavior outside of the community if there is no nexus to the community, there is at least some precedent that it can regulate the behavior of owners and residents on property outside of the project if it has an impact presumably adverse on the association. A good example would be a situation where it is necessary to prohibit owners and residents from parking boats and trailers on public roads abutting the community if it obstructs access to the community. You are best advised because of this unique issue to retain an experienced community association attorney.

Q: Our condo unit previously had bedbugs. The previous owner was told to treat her unit since their older documents and state law were silent on the pest bedbug type issue. Now, I understand that bedbugs have appeared in the second unit, and I assume they crawled across the common elements. Who do you think should be responsible for taking care of the bedbugs in the individual units?

A: That is a tough question, because the cause of the bedbug may not have emanated from the common elements, but may have traversed the common elements to get into your unit or they may not have. It requires the review of your condominium documents and an out of the box analysis by a knowledgeable condo attorney. It may also be that the association may choose to pay for a general building inspection and then owners can deal with their own issues and the association can deal with bedbugs on the common elements, if any. Good luck.

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

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which

will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 12-16, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

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| 16980 Birwood Ave | \$240,000 |
| 16060 Buckingham Ave | \$217,000 |
| 18910 Hillcrest St | \$395,000 |
| 18175 Kinross Ave | \$364,000 |
| 22508 Metamora Dr | \$390,000 |
| 19523 Wilshire Blvd | \$350,000 |

BIRMINGHAM

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 848 Ann St | \$468,000 |
| 863 Ann St | \$870,000 |
| 695 Baldwin Ct | \$1,673,000 |
| 928 Bennaville Ave | \$225,000 |
| 375 Coolidge Rd | \$145,000 |
| 1645 Derby Rd | \$820,000 |
| 1709 E 14 Mile Rd Unit B | \$83,000 |
| 855 Harmon St | \$1,625,000 |
| 587 Lakeview Ave | \$625,000 |
| 575 Merritt Ln | \$299,000 |
| 2467 Polo Pl | \$453,000 |
| 544 Wallace St | \$445,000 |

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 2733 Glenbrooke Ct | \$566,000 |
| 249 Alice Ave | \$120,000 |
| 775 Kingston Ct | \$148,000 |
| 5846 Pentland Rd | \$315,000 |
| 2787 Turtle Shores Dr | \$500,000 |
| 529 Whitehall Rd | \$415,000 |

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 840 Adams Ct | \$433,000 |
| 4462 Barchester Dr | \$575,000 |
| 2959 Chestnut Run Dr | \$725,000 |
| 1171 Edison Ave | \$194,000 |
| 564 Fox Hills Dr S | \$91,000 |
| 7455 Glengrove Dr | \$240,000 |
| 1307 Knollcrest Cir | \$660,000 |
| 4035 Lincoln Rd | \$335,000 |
| 430 S Williamsbury Rd | \$266,000 |

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

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| 324 Annison Dr | \$290,000 |
| 8459 Arlis St | \$289,000 |
| 5973 Birchcrest Ln | \$430,000 |
| 1931 Cheshire Ln | \$395,000 |
| 4928 Driftwood Dr | \$400,000 |
| 2064 Marc | \$340,000 |
| 4391 Ravinewood Dr | \$558,000 |
| 8858 Romer Dr | \$209,000 |
| 422 W Beechdale St | \$147,000 |

FARMINGTON

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| 21119 Dunkirk St | \$200,000 |
| 33964 Glenview Dr | \$131,000 |
| 20917 Meadowlark St | \$165,000 |

FARMINGTON HILLS

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| 23425 Barfield St | \$145,000 |
| 28186 Briar Hill Dr | \$184,000 |
| 27231 Cambridge Ln | \$344,000 |
| 30893 Cedar Creek Dr | \$240,000 |
| 38608 Chessington | \$153,000 |
| 21560 Collingham Ave | \$87,000 |
| 29900 Grand River Ave | \$79,000 |
| 22899 Inkster Rd | \$190,000 |
| 39365 Lilly Ct | \$395,000 |
| 32518 Nestlewood St | \$190,000 |
| 21406 Parker St | \$182,000 |

HIGHLAND

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 2583 Jackson Blvd | \$230,000 |
| 1620 Kingsway Dr | \$194,000 |
| 1598 Sandra Dr | \$278,000 |
| 1622 Sandra Dr | \$254,000 |
| 2812 Steeplechase | \$290,000 |
| 3673 Tara Dr | \$59,000 |
| 1403 W Highland Rd | \$118,000 |
| 572 Woodruff Lake Rd # 574 | \$65,000 |

LATHRUP VILLAGE

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| 17596 Meadowood Ave | \$188,000 |
| 27700 Stanford Ct | \$145,000 |
| 19010 Wiltshire Blvd | \$159,000 |

MILFORD

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| 801 Bishop St | \$135,000 |
| 1579 Boulder Lake Dr | \$560,000 |
| 595 E Commerce St | \$341,000 |
| 636 Florence Ct | \$301,000 |
| 972 Hill Hollow Ct | \$836,000 |
| 1664 S Creek Dr | \$270,000 |
| 3481 Silver Stone Dr | \$219,000 |
| 1395 Wixom Trl | \$228,000 |

NORTHVILLE

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| 986 Grace St | \$545,000 |
| 20774 Richmond Dr | \$700,000 |
| 42174 Roscommon St | \$125,000 |
| 20940 W Glen Haven Cir | \$120,000 |

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| 43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 6033 | \$172,000 |
| 28135 Carlton Way Dr | \$182,000 |
| 27952 Declaration Rd | \$145,000 |
| 45715 Irvine Dr | \$430,000 |
| 24750 Olde Orchard St | \$108,000 |
| 22379 Peachtree | \$90,000 |
| 1537 West Lake Dr | \$550,000 |
| 24906 White Plains Dr | \$306,000 |

24264 Whitman Way

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| 24264 Whitman Way | \$278,000 |
| 54675 Brentwood Dr | \$339,000 |
| 26080 Daria Cir E | \$387,000 |
| 61621 Fairland Dr | \$151,000 |
| 23778 Maple Ct | \$375,000 |
| 979 Oak Creek Dr | \$220,000 |
| 24502 Padstone Dr | \$73,000 |
| 774 Pepper Dr | \$180,000 |
| 24799 Ravine Dr | \$548,000 |
| 25476 Stanley Ln | \$370,000 |

SOUTHFIELD

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| 28501 Brentwood St | \$60,000 |
| 25019 Champlaign Dr | \$35,000 |
| 28527 Everett St | \$66,000 |
| 20120 Harbor Ln | \$132,000 |
| 15915 Harden Cir | \$172,000 |
| 21720 Mada Ave | \$33,000 |
| 27035 Sutherland St | \$111,000 |
| 26040 Woodvilla Pl | \$210,000 |

WHITE LAKE

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 9005 Cedar Island Rd | \$170,000 |
| 9560 Crown Ridge Dr | \$240,000 |
| 10210 Lakeside Dr | \$270,000 |

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 2-6, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 7374 Admiralty Dr | \$193,000 |
| 47193 Ashley Ct | \$412,000 |
| 5998 Beaufort Dr | \$175,000 |
| 40492 Blythefield Ln | \$132,000 |
| 612 Buckingham Cir | \$173,000 |
| 1581 Commodore Rd | \$162,000 |
| 4044 Forest Bridge Dr | \$223,000 |
| 7068 Foxridge Dr | \$275,000 |
| 45851 Gainsborough Dr | \$210,000 |
| 49173 Manhattan Cir | \$360,000 |
| 883 Meadowlake Rd | \$182,000 |
| 1698 N Sheldon Rd | \$71,000 |
| 43774 Nowland Dr | \$244,000 |

360 Roosevelt St

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| 360 Roosevelt St | \$195,000 |
| 45662 S Stonewood Rd | \$195,000 |
| 47436 Saltz Rd | \$264,000 |
| 1947 Vanderbilt Rd | \$191,000 |
| 46631 Waddington Rd | \$301,000 |
| 659 Worthington Rd | \$205,000 |
| 47109 Yarmouth Dr | \$335,000 |

GARDEN CITY

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 6636 Deering St | \$65,000 |
| 6451 Henry Ruff Rd | \$75,000 |
| 6521 Hubbard St | \$80,000 |
| 31527 James St | \$155,000 |

9632 Farmington Rd

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| 9632 Farmington Rd | \$125,000 |
| 15720 Fitzgerald St | \$110,000 |
| 19182 Flamingo Blvd | \$151,000 |
| 17217 Golfview St | \$250,000 |
| 36498 Grove St | \$181,000 |
| 30987 Industrial Rd | \$188,000 |
| 19651 Inkster Dr | \$59,000 |
| 37739 Northfield Ct | \$267,000 |
| 33245 Oregon St | \$145,000 |
| 38496 Richland St | \$180,000 |
| 37113 Sherwood St | \$231,000 |
| 11203 Stark Rd | \$175,000 |
| 37995 Summers St | \$159,000 |
| 36901 Sunnydale St | \$244,000 |
| 38559 Tuscany Ct | \$180,000 |
| 19001 Westmore St | \$125,000 |

NORTHVILLE

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 20020 Caldwell St | \$17,000 |
| 16692 Country Knoll Dr | \$280,000 |
| 46150 Neeson St | \$263,000 |
| 17420 Parkshore Dr | \$740,000 |

41995 Scenic Ln

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| 41995 Scenic Ln | \$148,000 |
| 17622 Stonebrook Ct | \$650,000 |
| 44433 White Pine Cir E | \$635,000 |
| 20540 Woodcreek Blvd | \$445,000 |

PLYMOUTH

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 13122 Drury Ln | \$390,000 |
| 12909 Latheron Dr | \$475,000 |
| 46316 Litchfield Dr | \$342,000 |
| 9241 Mapletree Dr | \$290,000 |
| 40638 Newport Dr | \$105,000 |
| 8904 Oakview St | \$346,000 |
| 101 S Union St Unit 109 | \$215,000 |
| 8525 Turtlehead Dr | \$320,000 |
| 13947 Berwyn | \$100,000 |
| 11815 Columbia | \$25,000 |
| 18222 Fox | \$69,000 |
| 19591 Garfield | \$32,000 |
| 18809 Olympia | \$2,000 |
| 20600 Olympia | \$49,000 |
| 9135 Salem | \$50,000 |

14025 Seminole

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| 14025 Seminole | \$75,000 |
| 9194 Telegraph Rd | \$200,000 |
| 19450 Wakenen | \$34,000 |
| 12948 Wormer | \$55,000 |

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| 3106 Winifred St | \$40,000 |
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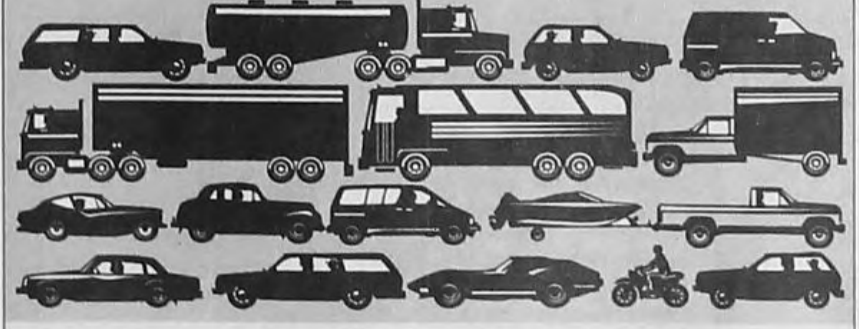
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BROCKMAN, PHYLLIS

September 20, 2014 Beloved wife of the late John for 57 years. Loving mother of Carol Hubbard (Lee) and Linda Brockman Quinette (Rene). Cherished grandmother of Beth, Matthew, Britton and Erin. Great grandmother of Charlie, William, Jack and Emma. Sister of the late Eugene Larson and Betty Bourke. Phyllis was very much loved by her family and friends, had a positive outlook on life and was a stoic model for her family. A memorial service will be held in November 2014 at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Inurnment will take place in Wilderness Bay located in the Les Cheneaux Islands. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, American Diabetes Association or Alzheimer's Association. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. Sign guestbook and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JONES, MARLENE H.

80, passed away September 20, 2014. Loving mother of, Cheryl Jones of Taylor, Robert (Patricia) Jones of Virginia, Donald (Dawn) Jones of Brighton, Karen (Martin) Knoll of Pinckney, David (Micky) Jones of Westland. Sister of Robert Richards of Ypsilanti. Grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of two. Services have taken place at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg, MI, 810-231-0200. Please leave a message of comfort to the Jones family by calling, 1-877-231-7900 or sign the guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



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KARKER, JUNE MAE

September 18, 2014, age 82. Dear sister of Joyce Stevenson and the late Francis, George, Robert and Roberta Karker. Dear aunt of Jerrison (Donn), Edward (Cindy), Joann (David), Georgina (Dennis), James (Sharon), Casey and Charles. Also leaves many great and great-great-nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Monday, share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com



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MAGGIONCALDA, MARY T. (NEE O'BRIEN)

Age 93, September 19, 2014. Preceded in death by her husband Joseph, daughter Joanne and grandson Matthew. Survived by her children Marianne (Robert) Luzzo, Joseph Jr. (Marilyn), John (Sheri), Timothy (Therese), Eugene (Linda), Joan (Jack) Reimann, Theresa Bush and Angela (Pam), 13 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm with a 3pm Scripture Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Monday 9:30am followed by the 10am Funeral Service at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to St. Thomas the Apostle Church (St. Raphael).
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MENCHACA ELISEO "CHIEF"

Passed away August 23, 2014 at 84 yrs old @ the Tidwell Hospice in Bradenton, Florida. He was born in Sequin, Texas 9/17/1929 to Leobaldo and Margarita Menchaca. Eliseo moved to Livonia in 1945 where he spent most of his life. He was a factory worker and served in the Army during the Korean War. In May 2009 he moved to Windsor Oaks Assisted Living in Bradenton Florida where he enjoyed 5 years of care and friendship. He enjoyed playing cards, the lottery and watching baseball. He is preceded by his wife Joyce, Stepson Barry Covert, brother Elias Menchaca and sister Lidia Menchaca. He is survived by his sister Ofelia Nolen, brother Eloy Menchaca and his wife Rickie, brother Mardo Menchaca and his wife Norma, nieces Michelle and family, Jennifer and her stepson Vaughn Covert, stepson Tom Covert and his wife Mary, granddaughters Casey and family, Candace and family. Memorial service will be on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 2-6pm @ Shrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 S. Main Plymouth, MI. Donations to Tidwell Hospice 3355 26th Street, Bradenton, FL 34205 or Windsor Oaks Assisted Living 2614 43rd Street West, Bradenton, FL 34209 for the purchase of a memorial bench in Chief's memory.

SEPTEMBER 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: 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 Kopistansky, 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.iocc.org

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

OUTREACH FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Sept. 27 through Oct. 4
Location: Ward Church, 4000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Includes a soccer tournament Sept. 27-28; service of praise, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27; Tony Campolo, guest speaker, at all services, Sunday, Sept. 28; film festival featuring *Blood Brother*, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3; guest speaker Moses Parmer, 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4; along with many workshops from Monday-Friday, Sept. 29 through Oct. 3
Contact: 248-374-5954; ward-church.org

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

OCTOBER BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Free breakfast of pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee; a home safety presentation. Reservations requested by Oct. 1
Contact: 248-549-5170

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)

RELIGION CALENDAR

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. to noon, Friday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 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; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17; 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 18
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: A little something for everyone including specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home decor, 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 Shulenberg 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 kindergarten-nurs

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, Oct. 16; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17; 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 18
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, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush

following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation 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, AAAA 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.
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 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. Thomas' 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. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org

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Duo brings songs of hope, personal struggle to Plymouth church

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Listening to For King & Country's second album is a bit like reading a page from its diary.

"This album feels more personal," said Luke Smallbone, 27, who makes up half of the Christian music duo with his brother, Joel, 30. "I realize with music that something very powerful happens when you mesh personal lyrics with powerful melodies. There is a spiritual component to that."

"We're all living with highs and lows and you write about those things."

Highs for the brothers, who will perform this weekend in Plymouth Township, include professional and personal achievements, such as For King & Country's win as New Artist of the Year at the 2013 GMA Dove Awards, Joel's marriage, the birth of Luke's first child. Luke's bout with a life-threatening illness was among the challenges. The song *Shoulders* on the new album, *Run Wild. Live Free. Love Strong.*, was inspired by his illness and conveys a sense of calm and deep faith, recognizing that God is "right here, pulling me through my weakness, my sickness, my brokenness."

"In the last few years there have been incredible moments when I've cried out to God, saying I don't know what's going on in my life, but you have a purpose for me," said Luke, adding that he finds the silver lining in hopelessness.

On tour

For King & Country will perform favorites from their first album, 2012's *Crave*, and songs from their new album, which was released last week, when their "You Matter - The Tour" visits NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township. The concert is at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial Road.



For King & Country rocks out with songs that encourage listeners to feel hopeful. The Christian music duo is Joel Smallbone (left) and his brother, Luke.

Admission is \$10.

The duo, which performs with a five-member band, plans a full night of music with no opening act.

"We try to be the best we can, innovative, trying to do things differently," said Luke, during a recent phone interview from Nashville, Tenn., where the duo lives. "We've gone out with other bands and sampled all over America. Our fans would say we want a night with you guys, where we can

hear you play. That got us thinking, what if we just did a tour ourselves?"

Achievements

In the eight years since For King & Country was formed, the duo has been named one of *Billboard's* 17 acts to watch, performed on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, and was named Breakthrough Artist of the Year at the first annual K-LOVE Fan Awards. Their spiritual and musical foundations



For King & Country performs Sunday, Sept. 28, at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

When: 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Where: NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

What: The Christian music duo's "You Matter Tour" will include fan favorites and songs from *Run Wild. Live Free. Love Strong.*, a new album released Sept. 16.

Tickets: \$10 general admission. Order in advance at northridgechurch.com

sang background vocals for their sister, gospel music singer, Rebecca St. James.

"A lot of people will ask 'how did you learn to be in a band?' My response is I was around it my whole life," Luke said. "I grew up playing drums and fiddle and my brother Joel plays piano. We're not master musicians, yet we write all of our own songs. It forces me to be more creative with my thoughts and ideas."

"It all comes from the brain and the heart. I'll play a chord and go hmmm hmmm — can you play that? It just comes. Sometimes I can be driving along and humming something and I (record it) in my phone. That is how songs are created."

He hopes the Plymouth concert will be "wildly entertaining and fun" for the audience.

"And we went to give people hope," he added.

were set years before while growing up in Sydney, Australia, and since 1991 in Nashville, Tenn., with their parents and five siblings. Their father worked as a music promoter and often took the brothers to concerts. As teenagers, they

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" includes works by 10 employees of Artpack Services, Inc., a Farmington Hills business

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

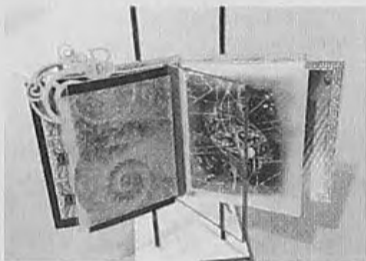
Details: "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition

Coming up: "Art Quilts: Then and Now," featuring works by local fiber artists, runs Oct. 3-Nov. 1

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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



Works in the Artpack Services exhibit in Farmington Hills.

Thursday through September

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage

Contact: plymoutharts.com

AUDITIONS

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25

Location: Adray Auditorium, on campus, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn

Details: Auditions for *Hairspray* are open to all. Course enrollment required for all who are cast in the show. Cold readings and performance of a dance combination taught at the audition. Auditioners also may sing an excerpt from the show or a portion of a 1960s song. Bring sheet music, recorded accompaniment without vocals or sing a capella

Contact: Mary Bremer-Bear at 586-264-2611

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@tclproductions.org

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Shane Mauss; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Mwatabu Okantah's poetry will be featured during the Chamber Music Society of Detroit concert on Friday, Sept. 26.

Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 25-26, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Willie Barcena; tickets \$18

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FESTIVAL

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Location: Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

Details: Traditional Native American drumming, dancing, crafts and food

Contact: 734-261-1990

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: Through Thursday, Sept. 25

Location: Imagine Novi, 39535 Ford Road, Canton and Imagine 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: Imagine Novi at 248-468-2990; Imagine Canton at 734-721-3456

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 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

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *The Hundred Foot Journey*, admission \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: *West Side Story*, \$7. Rita Moreno, who played Anita in the film, will arrive one hour and 15 minutes before each show. She'll greet fans. Autographs and photo opportunities are available for an additional fee

Coming up: Three Stooges Halloween Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

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

MUSIC

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 26

Location: The Music Box at the Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: The Cavani String Quartet will perform a program called "Collage: Music and Poetry." The concert features poetry by Mwatabu Okantah; tickets \$30 for adults and \$15 for students with ID

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusic-detroit.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Walter White and his Quartet play Sept. 30. The group features Jeff Trudell, Gary Schunk and Ralphe Armstrong in addition to White. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

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

Details: "Beethoven, Bridges and Blue Jeans" is the opening show of the season, with guest composer, Victoria Bond. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for students

Contact: michiganphil.org

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 10

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: The Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Allen Toussaint perform. Tickets are \$30-\$50

Contact: 313 887-8501

US 12 BAR AND GRILL

Time/Date: 6 p.m. doors open; midnight after party begins, Sept. 27

Location: 34824 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: Fuel will play a 90-minute set of their hits. Special Guests include Paul Jolly and Critical Bill. Advance tickets, available only at US 12 Bar and Grill, are \$15 for age 21 and over and \$30 for ages 18-20. The after party is for age 21 and older with advance tickets. All other guests, 21 and older, pay a \$5 cover charge for access from midnight to 2 a.m.

Contact: 734-722-3170

THEATER

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 24-27, 2 p.m. Sept. 28

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

Details: *Acting: The First Six Lessons* was written by Emily Bridges and her father, Emmy Award-winning actor Beau Bridges. Tickets are \$15 and \$15, available online or at the door

Contact: emergentarts.com; 734-985-0875

SCORE A TAILGATE

TOUCHDOWN

Football season can only mean one thing — time to grab the best seat in the house, and we're not talking about at the stadium. In fact, 77 percent of Americans think the best seat in the house is at home in front of an HDTV, according to a recent survey by McIlhenny Company, maker of Tabasco brand products. Instead of heading to the stadium, keep the tailgate at home and throw a "homegating" party.

The ultimate homegate is not only about the football game, it's about the food. No matter what's happening on the field, the spread can be the real game-changer. In fact, the survey found the following:

» 78 percent of American adults think good food can make up for a bad game.

» Americans spend, on average, 42 percent of the game eating or drinking.

» More than half of Americans (57 percent) voted the grill as the most important appliance when hosting a homegate.

For a homegate touchdown, banish the boring and serve beer-infused chili, barbecue pulled pork and spicy sides. For other game day recipes, visit www.tabasco.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

SUPER GOOD CHILI

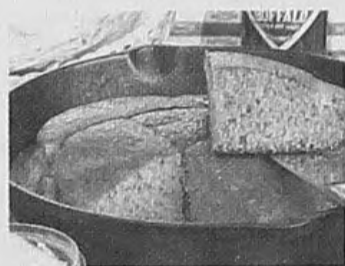
Servings: 6

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 ½ pounds ground beef chuck
1 large onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 (12 ounce) can diced tomatoes
2 (16 ounce) cans pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 (16 ounce) can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 (12 ounce) can or bottle beer
1 (4 ounce) can diced green chilies
1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
1 ½ teaspoons salt
Shredded cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese, optional

Heat oil in 5-quart saucepot over medium heat. Add beef and cook until well browned on all sides, about 5 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove to bowl.

Add onion and garlic to drippings remaining in skillet; cook over medium heat until tender, about 5 minutes.

Return meat to saucepot; stir in cumin. Cook 1 minute. Stir in diced tomatoes with liquid, pinto beans, red kidney beans, beer, green chilies, Tabasco Sauce and salt. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes to blend flavors, stirring occasionally. Serve with cheese, if desired.



CAJUN CORNBREAD

Makes: 6 servings

¾ cup cornmeal
½ cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar (optional)
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup milk
1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Buffalo Style Hot Sauce
1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, soda, and salt in a mixing bowl; whisk together and make a well in the center. Combine milk and Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce in another bowl; stir in egg and oil, then pour into well in cornmeal mixture and whisk just until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not overmix.

Pour batter into a well-greased 8-inch iron skillet or round cake pan. Bake in a 450°F oven for 15 minutes or until bread springs back when gently pressed in center. Let cool 5 minutes; serve hot.



CHIPOTLE BBQ PULLED PORK

Makes: 6 servings

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 (2 ½-pound) boneless pork roast
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup ketchup
¼ cup cider vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons Tabasco brand Chipotle Pepper Sauce
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
6 rolls

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Season pork with salt and pepper and brown on all sides. Combine ketchup, vinegar, sugar, Tabasco Chipotle Sauce, paprika, and Worcestershire sauce in slow cooker. Add pork and 2 teaspoons of the skillet drippings; cover and cook on low for 8 hours.

Or brown meat in oil in an oven-safe Dutch oven or large skillet with cover. Then combine ketchup, vinegar, sugar, Tabasco Chipotle Sauce, paprika, and Worcestershire sauce and add to Dutch oven or skillet. Cover and bake in 350°F oven for 4 hours or until fork tender.



BAYOU POTATO SALAD

Makes: 6-8 servings

2 pounds red potatoes, peeled and quartered
4 hard-cooked eggs
1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup Tabasco brand Buffalo Style Hot Sauce
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
½ cup finely chopped green onion

Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and cook until potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and set aside to cool.

Cut eggs in half and place yolks in a large bowl. Mash yolks with a fork. Chop egg whites finely and add to yolks. Stir in mayonnaise, Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce, mustard, celery, and green onion and mix well. Dice potatoes and stir into mayonnaise mixture until well blended.



ULTIMATE BLOODY MARIA

Makes: 2 servings

3 tablespoons key lime juice
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
¼ cup chopped celery
½ teaspoon minced garlic
¾ cup clam & tomato juice
¼ teaspoon Tabasco brand Original Red Sauce
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon salt
1 ½ cups tomato juice
½ cup tequila reposado
Garnish:
Salt to rim glasses
2 celery sticks
2 key lime wedges

Fill two 12-ounce highball salt-rimmed glasses with ice. Blend ingredients in a blender, then strain into glasses to remove solids. Stir with celery stick. Garnish with lime.