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## PIPELINE

### On the move

Plymouth business locations that had lain dormant for a period of time are now bustling with activity.

Plymouth Tailoring & Alterations has moved into the former Plymouth Observer offices at 1100 S. Main. The store can be reached at (734) 254-0144.

Meanwhile, Julie's Bridal has moved down the street. Now known as Bridal Couture of Plymouth, the salon has moved to 408 S. Main, the spot formerly occupied by The Muse.

Find out more about Bridal Couture of Plymouth, visit the salon's Web site at [www.bridal-couturemi.com](http://www.bridal-couturemi.com) or call (734) 455-1100.

### Coats for kids

The deadline for the Plymouth Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program is rapidly approaching.

The annual campaign to provide winter coats to needy children from low-income families is underway. The Salvation Army is working with Pennsylvania-based Operation Warm to provide the coats.

They're looking for donations to help buy the coats. A \$15 donation buys a brand-new coat for a child kindergarten through 12th grade. Donors can drop off their donations to the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, in Plymouth. The Salvation Army serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

To make an appointment to apply for a coat, stop in at the Salvation Army or call (734) 453-5464.

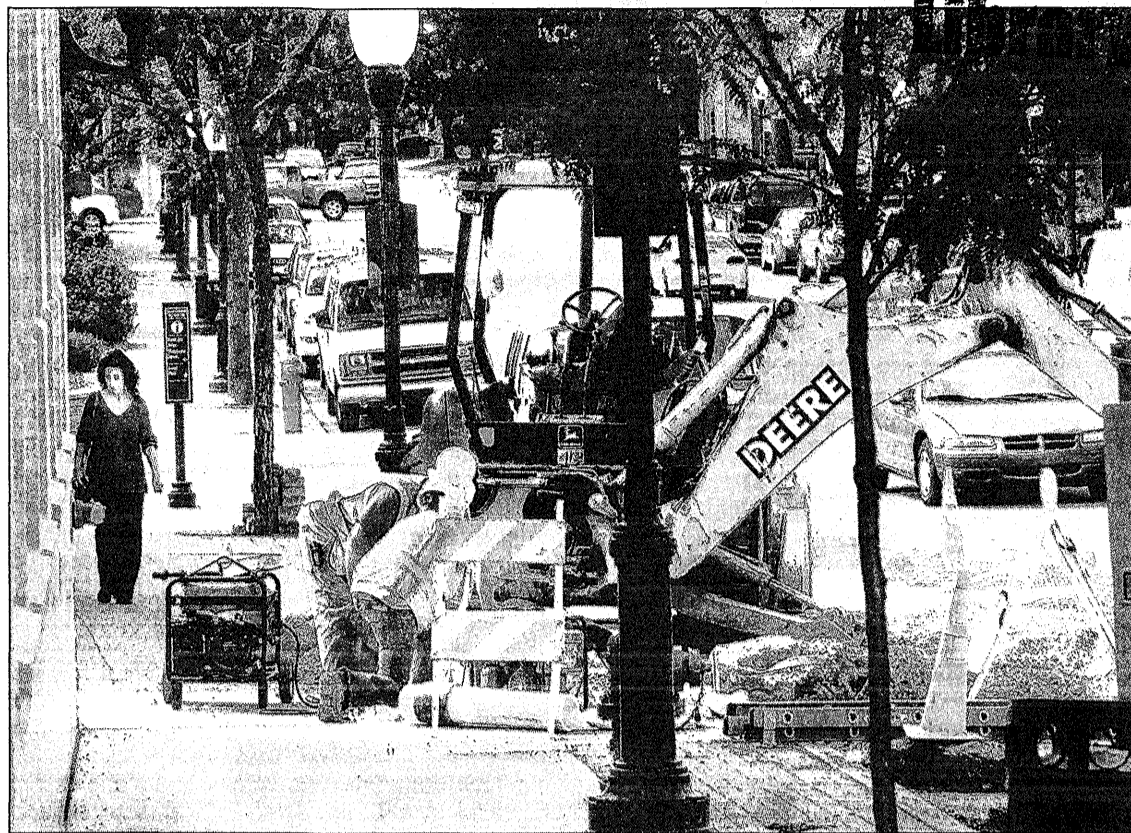


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### Scary stuff

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is now taking reservations for the 2009 Scarecrows in the Park. Groups, businesses and families are invited to decorate a scarecrow in Kellogg Park from September 25-27. The cost to decorate a scarecrow is \$35 and reservations must be made through the Chamber of Commerce. Scarecrows in the Park will be on display to the public from Sept. 28 through Nov. 2.

For more information, please contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-1540.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Utility work in Plymouth made it difficult to find a parking space. The work should be done early this week, according to Consumers Energy officials.

## Downtown gas main work to wrap up soon

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Central Plymouth should start recovering a sense of normalcy later this week, as a Consumers Energy contractor is expected to wrap up a gas-line replacement project Monday.

The work, along Ann Arbor Trail between Union/Deer and Harvey, involved replacing about 2,000 feet of cast-iron gas main with plastic pipe as well as replacing service lines, stemming from the main, to individual gas customers, Consumers spokeswoman Debra Dodd said.

Traffic lanes and on-street parking spots were sometimes blocked because of the work, while downtown pedestrians were exposed to dust and the noise of jackhammering, but city officials say the project was not as disruptive as initially feared.

"Our engineers and our city staff have been working with Consumers very, very closely to minimize the disruption the program has caused," City Manager Paul Sincock said.

City officials said the workers avoided having to make saw-cuts across Ann Arbor Trail, as had been originally planned. No intersections had to be completely blocked.

"They've done a good job of keeping traffic flowing," said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "Everybody's been pretty impressed with that."



Blocking handicapped parking spaces was one side effect of utility work being done in Plymouth.

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## Hear her roar

Lions' first female prez dedicated to the cause

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the record, Al Crowley has no problem with the newest president of the Plymouth Lions Club being — for the first time — a woman.

And, with *most* of the kidding aside and a little smile, Crowley, a member of the club for more than seven years, points out his feelings aren't really swayed by the fact the first woman club president is his wife.

Sharon Jordan-Crowley was installed earlier this summer, capping a rise up the leadership chain that began when she joined the club six years ago. She's been 3rd, 2nd and 1st vice president, she was on the membership committee and now she takes center stage as the club's leader.

And her husband is fine with that. "Number one, she's my wife," said Crowley, who married her four years ago. "She's a leader who will do the club a lot of good. She's very dedicated to the Lions. She's been in leadership positions before and, knowing her, it's going to be a great step forward for the Plymouth Lions."

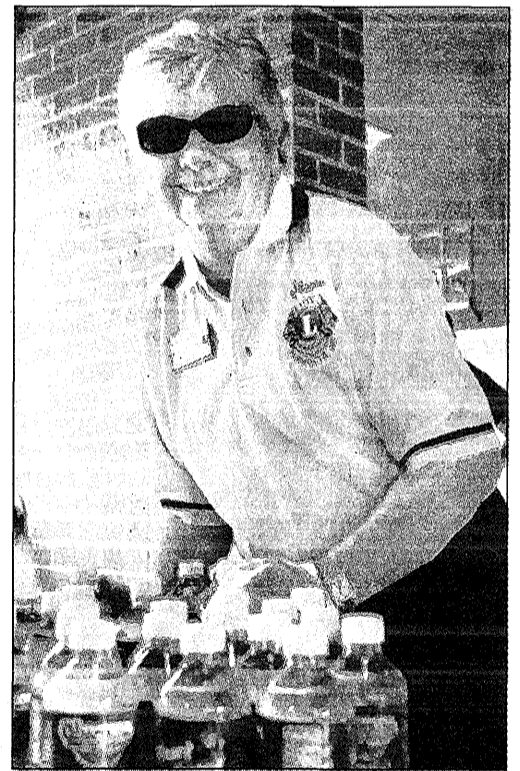
Jordan-Crowley said she was asked to sit as club president by charter member Bill Feeley, which was a little strange, she said, because Feeley "didn't think women should join the club (they weren't allowed to, she said, until 1987). He was worried about 'his guys.'"

Feeley was a big influence on Jordan-Crowley.

"I loved him, and he said he was impressed with me," she remembered of Feeley, who died in December. "I was praying he'd make it to my installation in June, but it wasn't meant to be."

Her start with the club came innocently enough. She attended a meeting with a co-worker she thought should join because the

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sharon Jordan-Crowley said she's the president of the Plymouth Lions Club 'not because I'm a woman, but because I'm a Lion.'

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## Parking deck repairs starting to wind up

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Downtown Plymouth's central parking deck, which has been undergoing maintenance and repairs for several weeks, should be almost fully operational in a week or less.

Workers on Friday were preparing the upper deck for a concrete sealant, said John Buzuvis, assistant operations director of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority, and if the weather cooperates, the sealant should be on and dry by Friday, or by Monday, Sept. 7, at the latest.

"We're not anticipating any other major shutdowns" once the coating is on and cured, Buzuvis said. Some minor repairs may still be needed, but that isn't expected to have a big

The rehabilitation project, which meant partial, and sometimes full, closures of the deck, was more extensive than originally planned, as workers discovered more damage that was anticipated. The extra work added to the cost of the project, but the total price tag of about \$225,000 is still less than what was budgeted.

impact on the number of spaces available in the 200-space deck, Buzuvis said.

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The free parking deck is off

of Harvey between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail.

As the project began, officials didn't expect any total deck closures, but in recent weeks the deck had been totally closed at times. Officials said that was because some motorists were driving under caution tape and parking in places that endangered workers, or parking in traveling lanes and other places they shouldn't have.

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**Community ed slots**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Community Education is now accepting registrations for Fall courses.

The program has almost 600 courses to choose from, with the most popular courses including the Youth Dance classes and the Youth Basketball League. Course catalogs were mailed to homes in Plymouth and Canton and can also be found online at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

**McCotter hours**

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will conduct office hours 9-10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Canton Summit Senior Center and the same day from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Congressman McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

**A few good men**

First Step is looking for a few good men to speak out as October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month approaches.

Men as allies of First Step and anti-violence supporters can attend a meeting at First Step's Plymouth office, 44567 Pinetree, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.

For more information, call Ed or Judith at (734) 722-1772.

**Tiger trip**

The Plymouth Historical

Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians baseball game at Comerica Park on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The tickets are in the upper deck.

A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends.

The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum. Buy tickets at the Museum 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the administrative office on Mondays, but call 734-455-8940 before coming to the Museum on that day.

Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the Museum's Web site at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>

**Barn dance**

The Salem Area Historical Society's annual "Barn Dance" takes place 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile, west of Curtis.

Donations of \$5 per person or \$15 per family will be accepted at the door and will be used to maintain the Jarvis-Stone School and the Dickerson Barn. Members and non-members are welcome. The Picks 'N' Sticks and their Square Dance Caller will assist dancers with all levels of experience. Families and groups are encouraged to attend. Cider and donuts will be available for purchase.

Sponsors include Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Wally and Marlene Donoghue, Marcia Van Fossen and Sherry and Gary Whittaker.

**Junior Miss**

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contes-



**Taking the stage**

Brett Moore of Plymouth as Oliver, Robert Doyle of Romulus as Mr. Bumble and Leigh Paige Cooley of Taylor as Widow Corney will be among the Spotlight Players who take the stage for their production of "Oliver!" next month at the Village Theater of Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Performances take place: 8 p.m. Sept. 18; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 19; 2 p.m. Sept. 20; 8 p.m. Sept. 25; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 26; 2 p.m. Sept. 27. Cost is \$16 to \$18, senior, student and group discounts available. Call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or go online to [www.canton-mi.org/village theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village theater) to purchase tickets.

tants to participate in this years program, which takes place Friday, Nov. 20 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Senior girls who will graduate from high school in 2010, reside in Plymouth or Canton and are interested in participating should go to the [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org) Web site and register as a contestant.

The program is for senior girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, no matter which high school they attend.

Questions should be directed to Marissa at [pcjmiss@yahoo.com](mailto:pcjmiss@yahoo.com). Officials are also still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the program.

**Learning Spanish**

Fun, interactive, educational bilingual Spanish classes for toddlers through elementary children are available through Bilingual Fun, which teaches Spanish through music, movement, games and hands on activities.

Registrations are now being taken for fall classes. Arrange for a free trial class at [www.bilingualfun.com](http://www.bilingualfun.com) or by calling (877) 686-7399.

**Perennial exchange**

The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, will sponsor a perennial exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9-11 a.m.

It will be located at the east end of Kellogg Park at Union and Ann Arbor Trail. This is a free-bring something, take something event. Members will answer any inquiries about our club as well as general gardening questions.

For additional information call (734) 459-7146.

**Tour of hope**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one-hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in Northville.

This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough of Plymouth.

Tour dates include 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 16; and 9 a.m. Oct. 16.

To attend one of the tours, RSVP to New Hope at (248) 348-0115 or e-mail [griefhelp@newhopecenter.net](mailto:griefhelp@newhopecenter.net).

**Grief workshop**

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope beginning Sept. 14. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support.

Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church, located on 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville.

For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit the Web site, [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

**Sweetest Day dance**

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room. Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in 50s and 60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar.

For more information, call (734) 459-6700.

**Scrapbooking fund-raiser**

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host an all-day Scrapbooking event to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program.

Those interested in scrapbooking can join us on the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to

10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrapbooking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20.

For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at [cassiekh@gmail.com](mailto:cassiekh@gmail.com). Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

**Cutest baby**

Personalized Nursing LIGHT House sponsors its first Cutest Baby Contest during the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. Winners will be announced Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

Parents should send one 5x7 (or smaller) picture with the required \$10 entry fee by Sept. 1. Mail entries to Cute Baby, c/o Teresa Smith, 575 S. Main, Ste. 6, Plymouth, MI 48170. Child must be 36 months old or younger.

For more information, call (734) 451-7800.

**Fall Fest crafts**

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com) or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at [cbrown57@comcast.net](mailto:cbrown57@comcast.net) or call her at (734) 455-1614.

**Business booths**

The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com) or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - [cbrown57@comcast.net](mailto:cbrown57@comcast.net).

**CORRECTIONS**

• A photo on the front page of the Thursday, Aug. 20, *Observer* sports section should have identified a player as Travis Smith of the Canton Oaks club soccer team. Smith now is a member of the Adrian College soccer team. The published caption was based on inaccurate information from an archived photograph.

• Thursday's sports section included a story on page B2 which should have identified Jeff Neschich as the Plymouth varsity boys soccer coach and Dan Adsit as goalkeeper for the Salem Rocks.

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**LIONS**

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co-worker "lived out here and hadn't joined anything." But Jordan-Crowley was impressed at that first meeting (the club met at the Ginopolis restaurant in Compuware Arena at the time) with the club's camaraderie. She had recently resigned as president of the Village Players in Birmingham and "had time on my hands and wanted something to do."

"Turns out the Plymouth Lions were right up her alley. They care about their community," Jordan-Crowley said. "People come to us because they can't afford glasses, or they need a hearing aid, or they need a ramp built. Their motto is, 'We save,' and they do."

The club's diversity of assistance impressed Jordan-Crowley. In addition to its work getting eyeglasses to the needy, the club supports causes such as the Plymouth Historical Museum, Leader Dogs for the Blind and the marching band. Members also ring bells for the Plymouth Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle fund-raiser.

"It's so great to have people

'I tease about the "good ol' boys," but I know they've got my back. They're all helpful, and they all have big hearts. I'm so grateful for that.'

SHARON JORDAN-CROWLEY, new Lions Club president

you can depend on," said Teresa Moriarty, who coordinates the annual campaign for the Salvation Army. "The Lions Club people are great. If we need them, they're there for us."

The Lions Club also funds four scholarships each year to the tune of \$1,500 apiece.

"What a nice investment in the community," Jordan-Crowley said. "People come to us with their need and ask if we can help. If we can, we do."

One of the largest beneficiaries of the club's work is the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. The center provides five-day residential, day care and consultation/evaluation services to blind, multi-disabled children.

"It's a fabulous center ... they do so many things," Jordan-Crowley said. "If you've never seen a child who's blind and never walked, because of the track system they have, these kids are able to walk. It's just amazing."

Jordan-Crowley retired from a career in the insurance industry. She'd been a long-time member of the Birmingham Village Players which, she said, is the oldest continuously running theater group in the country (it was formed in 1923).

She preferred the production and stage work, behind the scenes, rather than being on stage.

"I put myself on stage once, because someone told me, 'You'll never forgive yourself if you don't,'" she said, smiling. "I had a non-speaking role, and I was never so bored in my life. I prefer the producing and stage work."

Well, she's center stage now as president of the Plymouth Lions, a position she thought she'd be nervous accepting as the first woman. She said the club as a whole "needed a growing period to figure out if they were going to stay the largest service group in the world. We need to re-think some things."

The "first woman" thing has

not been an issue in Plymouth, she said.

"I tease about the 'good ol' boys,' but I know they've got my back," she said with a smile. "They're all helpful, and they all have big hearts. I'm so grateful for that."

Her husband has been one of those "good ol' boys" for seven years now, but he says it's absolutely time for the club to move forward.

"Women have demonstrated leadership qualities all over the world," said Crowley, who serves as the club's secretary. "I have no negative feelings about a woman leading a club like the Lions or sitting on the Supreme Court. I think the time is right for that; in fact, it's overdue."

"She's in a position to bring a lot of people together who may have had negative feelings about that," he added of his wife.

For her part, Jordan-Crowley downplays the significance and just wants to focus on the good things the Plymouth Lions do.

"I'm standing up there as president, not because I'm a woman, but because I'm a Lion," she said. "I believe strongly in what we do."

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**DOWNTOWN**

FROM PAGE A1

The work did bring some complaints from those closest to it.

"Who wants to come into a store when the front of it is a construction site?" said AmiAnn Royer, manager of Bella Mia Dressed Up on Ann Arbor Trail. Workers a few feet from the shop's front door Thursday were working in a deep pit in the street.

Nearby, Lauren Kolde, an employee at Edible Arrangements, said she hadn't heard many complaints from customers, although one woman, heading into the store for a pickup, fell when she tripped on an asphalt patch and had to be taken to an emergency room.

Another businessman, who did not want to be named, said the project has likely cut into his business, though it would be difficult to measure how much.

"It's got to be done. I'd rather have it done now than in the Christmas season," he said.

Graff said he hadn't heard many complaints from local businesspeople, aside from those at some restaurants where outdoor seating was affected by noise and dust that result from digging in the street.

"That makes it difficult for a restaurant patio, that I've heard," Graff said.

Dodd said the city has asked to finish cleanup work, which could involve things like final gradings and grass-seeding, and will bill Consumers for it.

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# EDUCATION

## New charter school opens with 560 students and a plan for more

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When National Heritage Academies was building its first charter school in Canton nine years ago, officials tabbed Claudia Williamson to be the school's first teacher.

So it seemed natural that when NHA wanted to open its second school this year, they'd turn to a familiar face. That's why Williamson was the one welcoming visitors, students and parents to Achieve Academy's grand-opening ceremony Tuesday.

The K-6 school opens its doors next week, with the veteran Williamson at the helm. And she's happy to be there.

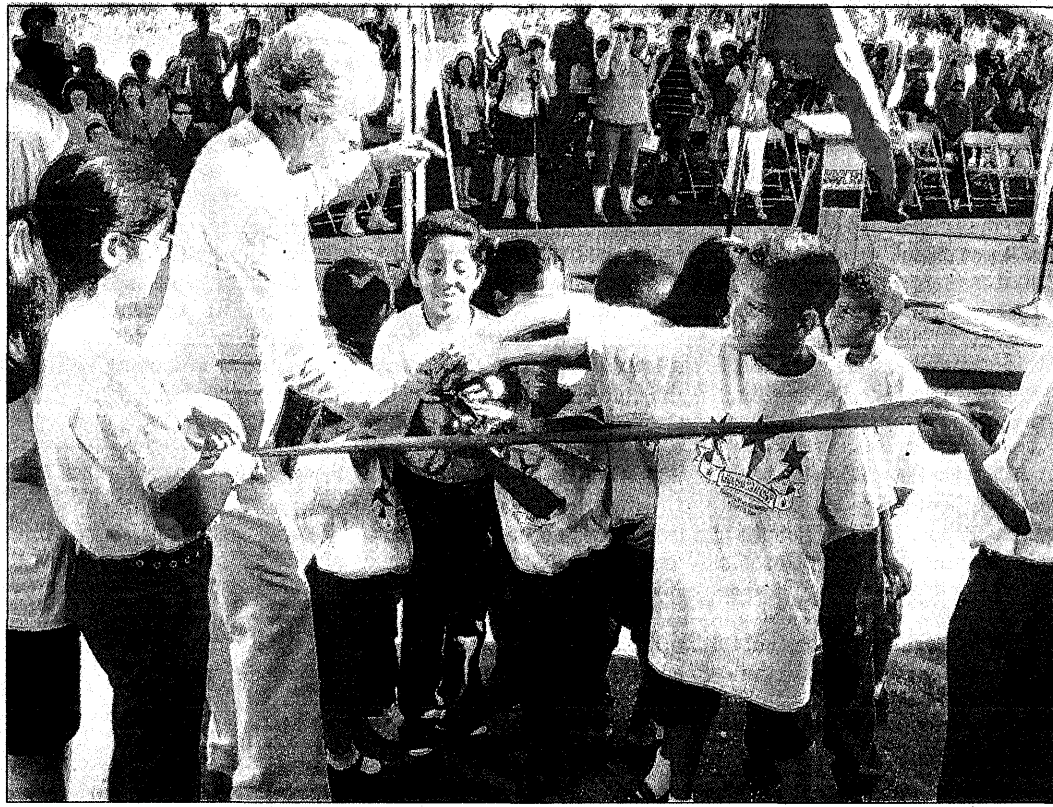
"There was a great need in this community," for a second charter school, Williamson said. "I have a lot invested in this community."

Achieve Academy opens with 560 students in grades kindergarten through sixth, a change Williamson asked NHA officials to make from normal company policy of stopping at the fifth grade.

The school draws from more than a dozen southeast Michigan school districts, among them Plymouth-Canton (from which it draws by far its biggest contingent at 280 students), Van Buren, South Redford, Livonia, Farmington, Wayne-Westland and Garden City.

The school not only opens Sept. 8 at capacity (plans are to eventually expand to a K-8 school serving more than 700 students), but there's a waiting list of more than 900 kids now.

"We have an educational program parents want," Williamson said. "With the rigor of our academic pro-



Principal Claudia Williamson and some of her first-grade students cut the ribbon at Achieve Academy, the new charter school on Denton in Canton.

gram, parent involvement and moral development ... I think we have a great product."

Achieve Academy opens in a 45,000-square-foot facility on Denton, construction of which started in April. The building features individual art and music classrooms, a comprehensive media center, gym and a designated parent area.

The school employs 30 teachers and will have a 25-1 student-teacher ratio in kindergarten classes, 27-1 in grades 1-6.

The curriculum, according to school officials, centers around challenging academics, a strong moral focus and a commitment to parental partnership along with student responsibility.

"We have a great opportunity to have a dramatic impact and create great cit-



Achieve Academy first-graders lead the crowd in song at the school's ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday.

izens," said NHA CEO Jeff Clark. "Parents tell me they really appreciate our high academic standards. Our teachers embrace student

accountability for learning. We really focus on character traits that are going to create great people."



Achieve Academy Principal Claudia Williamson accepts the ceremonial shovel from Joe Sprys of Bouma Construction, the company that built the 45,000-square-foot facility on Denton in Canton Township.

### FROM WENCE THEY CAME

Achieve Academy draws students from 17 southeast Michigan school districts, including these from the Observer readership area:

District	No. of students
Farmington	1
Garden City	5
Livonia	2
Plymouth-Canton	280
South Redford	2
Van Buren	94
Wayne-Westland	83

part of NHA," Patni said. "They have a lot of parent involvement, and I like the approach they use. I like the teachers ... they challenge their students."

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Achieve Academy (and Canton Charter Academy) don't take away from educational opportunities in an area that has an 18,000-student public school district (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools). Instead, he said, it adds to the quality.

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# Hollywood meets Plymouth in new reality TV pilot

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The blending of West Hollywood reality and Plymouth reality is providing fodder for a new reality television pilot currently being shot in town.

The star is Dean Sadler, a hair and makeup artist with 22 years of Hollywood experience whose Dean Sadler Hair and Makeup Studio opened on Penniman in the spring.

Sadler, who worked in film (*Beverly Hills Cop III*) and television (*Cybill*, *Burning Zone*), has made Plymouth his base as he runs his studio and launches two lines of hair-care products he plans to manufacture in Auburn Hills.

Originally from Springfield, Mo., Sadler said he fell in love with Plymouth a few years ago when he visited friends for Thanksgiving. A few months later, he returned to make his home.

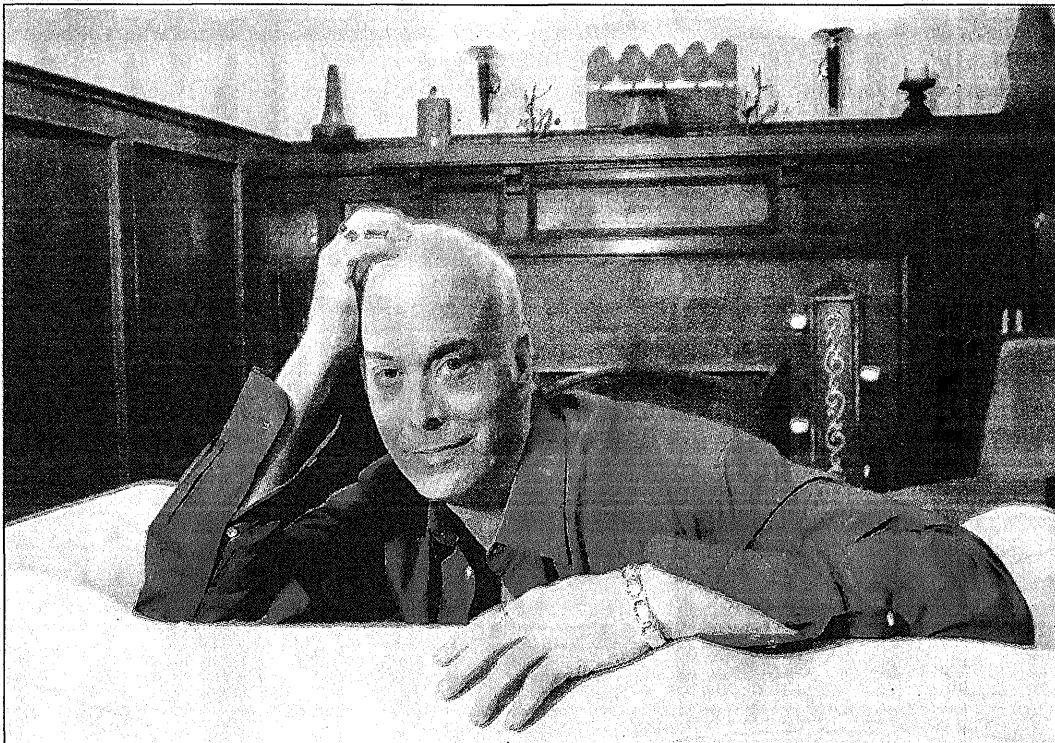
"This town is like quintessential perfection. There is like zero crime," said Sadler, who called Plymouth "hip but sleepy."

"This is like Norman Rockwell meets the millennium," he added.

Sadler calls himself a fish out of water, but adds, "I wanted to be in that water."

Enter Carl Kendall, a television producer who also lives in Plymouth. Kendall is putting together a reality show featuring Sadler, his business ventures and his life in Plymouth, and says the drama, and humor, Sadler and those around him bring to different situations will make for compelling television.

"Dean was a major stylist in Hollywood," said Kendall, who works with producer



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Dean Sadler stars in the pilot for a reality television show being put together by Plymouth television producer Carl Kendall.

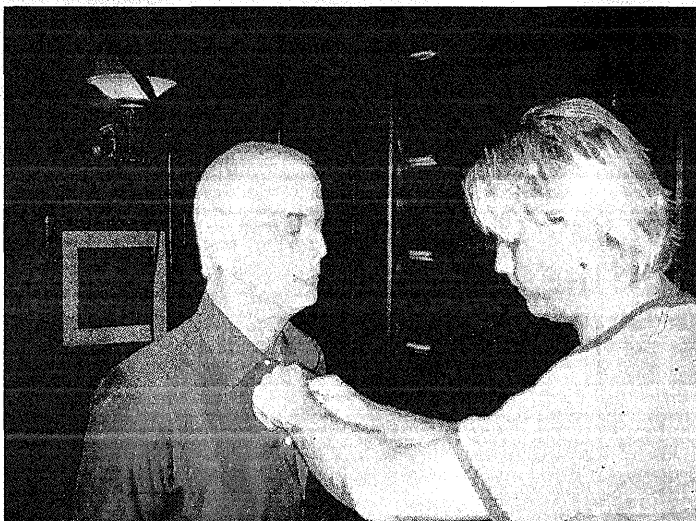
partners Bill Hunt and Jerry Taylor at The Idea Mill (they also have separate businesses). "We've got so many elements here. ... He's a superstar wherever he is."

Kendall said his show has drawn interest from two television networks, though he added he couldn't say which ones. He's been taping for about two weeks and should be wrapped with that part of the production in another two, he said.

Sadler is the star, Kendall said, though people who work with him will also be spotlighted. "A lot of fascinating people are drawn to this kind of business," he said.

The Plymouth setting will also be prominent.

"I want it to be funny. I want it to be hilarious. I want it to show some drama," said Sadler. "I want to show the



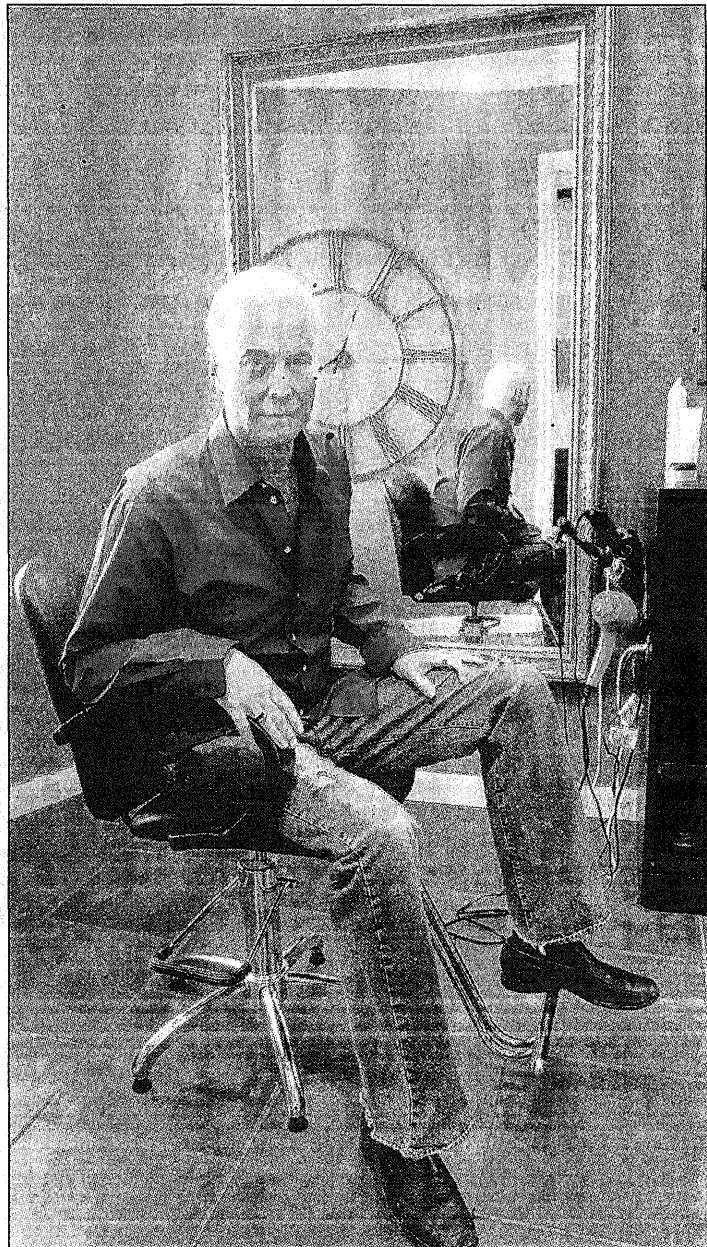
Local television producer Carl Kendall (right) tabbed Dean Sadler to star in the pilot episode of a reality TV show.

beauty of Plymouth."

Despite the culture clash between Hollywood and the Upper Midwest, Sadler said he has a sincere love

of Plymouth and that the show will treat the town, and Michigan, respectfully.

When there are laughs, he said, the joke will be on him.



Dean Sadler, a hair and makeup artist with 22 years of Hollywood experience including film (*Beverly Hills Cop III*) and television (*Cybill*, *Burning Zone*), has made Plymouth his base.


"I'm almost the invader here," he said.

Sadler, who is also planning to open a medical spa (Botox, tattoo removal, varicose vein treatment, etc.) in Plymouth, said he believes in investing in the state's economy.

Kendall said he believes likewise for his television work.

"We have the production talent here," he said. "There's no reason we can't do it here."

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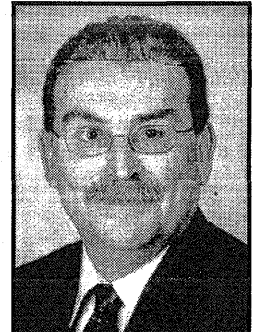
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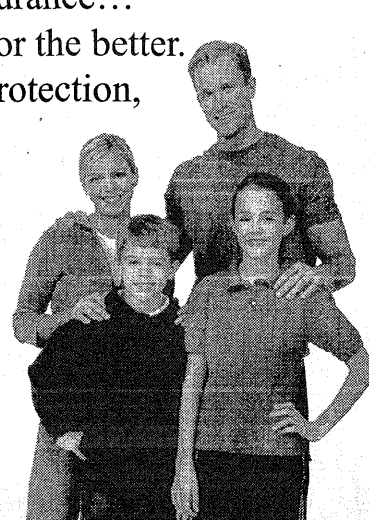


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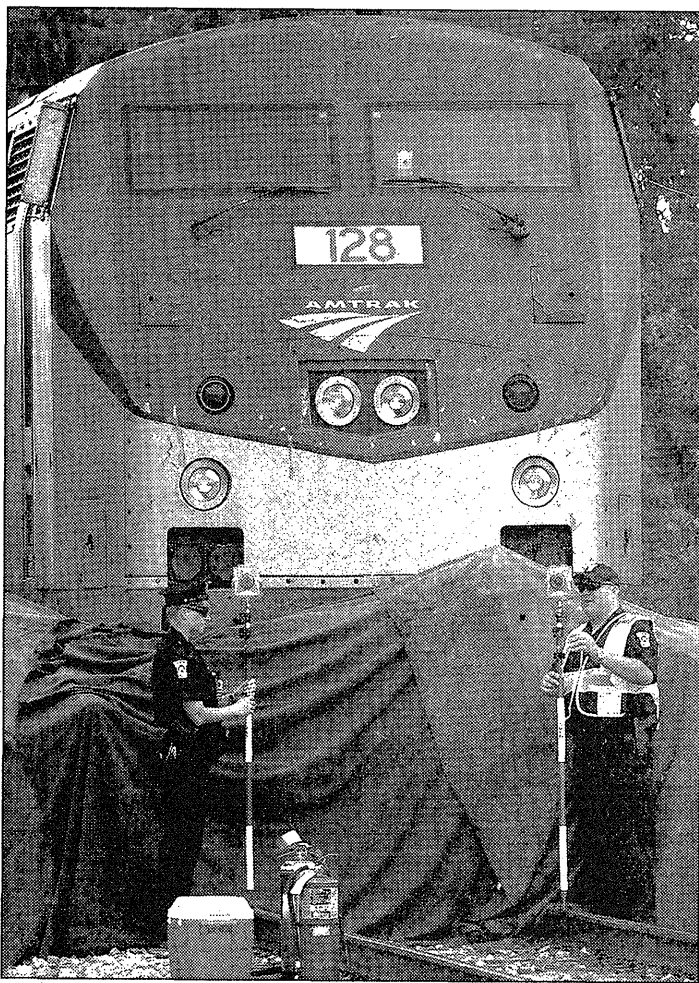
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Alcohol was not a factor in the July 9 car-train collision that claimed the lives of five young passengers in Canton, according to the final report by the Canton Police Department Accident Investigation team.

# Drugs, alcohol not a factor in wreck

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although police found some substances they suspect is marijuana with the victims, police say neither drugs nor alcohol played a role in the accident that claimed five young lives July 9 involving an Amtrak train and a 2006 Ford Fusion in Canton.

Details of the report filed by the Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team, released Thursday afternoon by Canton Police, also showed the warning devices — the signals, gates and bells at the Hannan Road railroad crossing — were working when the Fusion, driven by Daniel Broughton of Woodhaven, tried to beat the train

across the tracks just north of Van Born Road.

Broughton, 19; Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; brothers Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor and Terrence Harris, 21, of Stafford, Va.; and Eddie Gross, 17 of Taylor, all died instantly in the crash and were pronounced dead at the scene.

The Wayne County medical examiner performed autopsies on all five victims and said the cause of death was "consistent with injuries received during such a traumatic crash." Autopsies showed no sign of alcohol in any of the victims, though Broughton had traces of nicotine and diphenhydramine, a common ingredient in medications like Benadryl, police said.

The investigation, which included

interviews with witnesses, information from the Fusion's "black box" and video footage from the security cameras of a local business and the video recorder on the front of the train, show Broughton was driving at nearly 70 mph north on Hannan, slowed to about 30 mph and pulled around an SUV already stopped at the railroad crossing, swerved into the other lane and attempted to cut around the gates.

The video camera from the train shows the car pulling into its path. The impact is then heard, and shards of glass can be seen flying up in front of the lens. It took the driver some 40 seconds to stop the train, which came to rest near Lotz.

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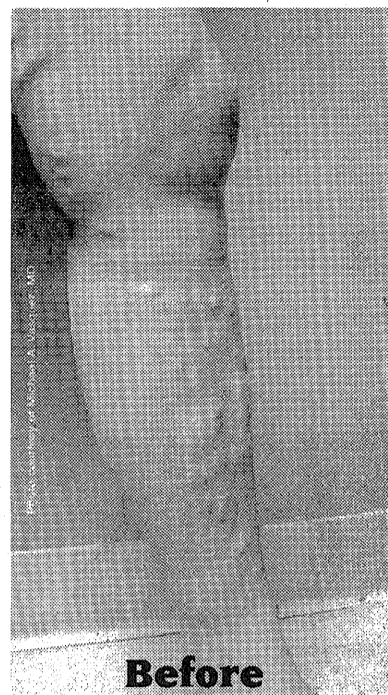
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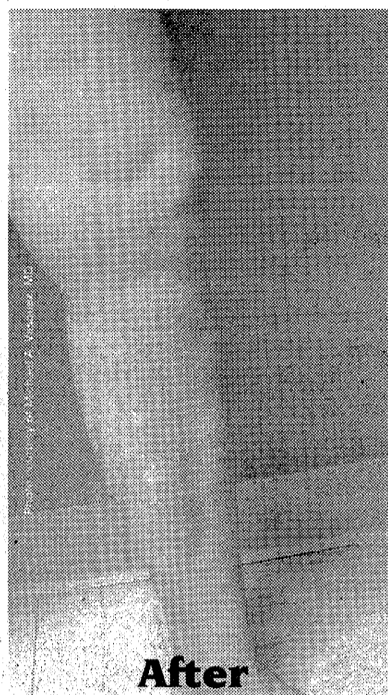
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## Michigan's budget cuts are the equivalent to eating own seed corn

The Lansing-based Early Childhood Investment Corporation report a third of the state's children arrive at kindergarten unprepared for learning. These findings are based on 675 state kindergarten teachers who completed an online survey about how well students are prepared for learning.

State leaders know how to fix this problem. The question is: will they?

Investing in high quality preschool is one of the best investments we can make as a state and nation, so says a Nobel Prize-winning economist.

Dr. James Heckman, no bleeding heart educator or child advocate, but a 2000 Nobel Laureate in economics, predicts a grim picture for the U.S., unless begin investing in our youngest children.

In his research paper, "The Productivity Argument for Investing in Young Children," he argues: "Over 20 percent of U.S. workers are functionally illiterate and enumerate, a much higher percentage than leading European countries." "On productivity grounds, it makes sound business sense to invest in young children, especially from disadvantaged environments."

Heckman's research demonstrates that children who participate in high quality preschool programs "experience increased achievement test scores and high school graduation and decreased grade retention, time in special education, or experience with crime and delinquency."

Further, medical brain research has been clear for a number of years that nearly 85 percent of the human brain's capacity is developed



Tom Watkins

in the first five years of life. Seems to me, we should be listening to brain researchers and Nobel Prize winning economist that tell us to invest

in our kids.

As state superintendent of schools I proposed in November 2002 the following:

"Every 4-year-old in Michigan shall be offered a high quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity by the 2006 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and educational program shall be established according to nationally recognized, high quality standards. It shall be provided at no additional charge to all Michigan 4-year-olds without reducing funding for existing education, health and child development programs."

However, due to other priorities, and the economic whirlpool the state has been facing, resources for early childhood have been anemic, and in many cases disappeared.

The Obama administration proposed budget has set aside \$20 billion dollars as a down payment for states to invest in our youngest children.

Michigan must be at the head of the line for these resources.

The feds were in town recently, no, not the FBI, but Dr. Arthur J. Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Rolnick has also produced research that clearly shows the economic and societal return on investment in providing high quality early childhood

education.

"Investing in high-quality education for 3- and 4-year-olds yields a higher return than any other public investment," Rolnick said.

Rolnick helped create an Early Childhood Scholarship Program in Minneapolis and is hoping to bring the successful initiative to Michigan. The Early Childhood Scholarship Program consists of three basic elements: parental mentoring, scholarships for low-income families to pay for high-quality early childhood education for 3- and 4-year olds, and a quality-rating system to provide parents with information on quality early childhood programs.

Rolnick and his colleagues have helped mobilize the Michigan business community, United Way, Wayne State University, key legislators, Visiting Nursing Association, Beaumont Hospital, the Governors Office and Michigan foundation leaders to form the nucleus of a leadership team to tap federal and other resources for our youngest citizens.

Our goal must be to make Michigan the talent bank of the world. Investing in our youngest children will get us closer to this goal and will have a positive pay off for our collective future.

Don't take my word for it — ask a brain researcher or a Nobel Prize-winning economist!

If you want to help, contact Rolnick at: (612) 204-5441 or e-mail: [art.rolnick@mpls.frb.org](mailto:art.rolnick@mpls.frb.org).

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# Canton car buff takes wheel of his 20th Mustang

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL  
SOUTH LYON HERALD STAFF WRITER

When Jerry Cuper of Canton purchased his first Mustang in 1965, he was "the man."

"I thought I was a cool dude," he said.

He kept that car for 14 years.

Cuper, 64, took the GTO emblem off a Pontiac, removed the O and made a GT emblem for the Fastback 2+2 grill.

Cuper recently reached a milestone, picking up the keys to his 20th Mustang in July — a 2010 convertible — cementing a long-established love affair with the Ford car.

In true Cuper fashion he quickly added some decals and striping.

Hines Park Ford salesman Scott Dee sold Cuper his 20th Mustang at the New Hudson dealership.

"Mr. Cuper is an awesome customer and has spent a lot of time and effort into hand-crafting each order," Dee said. "We have built a great relationship. I can tell you it felt great working with Mr. Cuper on the 20th."

Dee said it is always important to keep customers excited about new vehicles, although he said it is rare to have a customer as excited as Cuper.

"He attends all of our functions, car shows and we also have a Cuper Award," Dee said.

## A LOVE AFFAIR

Cuper has owned many models including two fastbacks, four hatchbacks with T-Tops or sunroofs, one notchback LX 5.0L sedan, 11 GT convertibles, one 2003 Cobra convertible and one 2007 California special convertible.

He worked and saved for a year before purchasing his 1965 model. He saw a spy photo of the car in the newspaper and liked the unique body style with the louvers on the rear quarter area.



Hines Park Ford salesman, Scott Dee, left, hands the keys of a 2010 Mustang to customer Jerry Cuper of Canton. The delivery was Cuper's 20th Mustang.

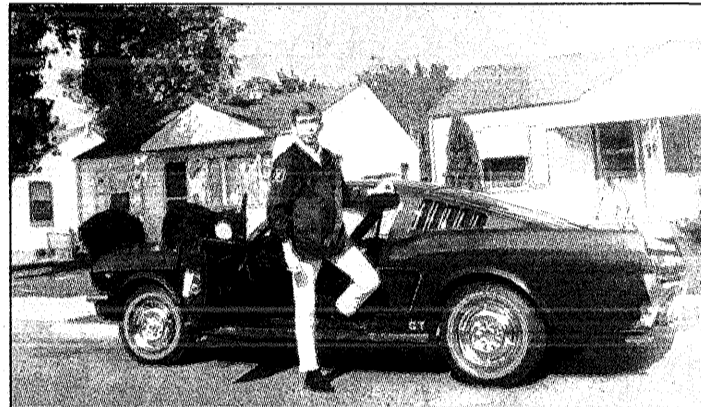
His last three Mustangs have been a 2007 GT California Special, a 2005 GT and 2003 Cobra SVT.

"My wife calls me unique," Cuper said. "I would use a toothbrush and wash around the emblems."

Cuper has a two-foot drain in his garage along with a hot and cold sink, heater and central vac system so he can always keep his Mustangs clean.

"The guys at work always had a laugh," he said. "My car would always be clean. I would wash my car at 11, 12 at night."

"I can wash my car in 15 minutes or less."



Jerry Cuper stands outside his home showing off his first car purchase, a 1965 Mustang Fastback 2+2 grill.

And cold Michigan winters never kept Cuper out of his convertibles either.

"I'm such a nut with a convertible," he said. "I have had times I've had to vacuum out

the snow."

Cuper obtained all of his Mustangs one at a time, meaning all 20 have been year-round cars for him.

"I didn't want a salt beater," he said. "I like driving. When I get in my Mustang, I get real pleasure out of driving my car. That is my hobby. That is my outlet. That's me."

Cuper said he used to put large snow tires on his Mustangs come winter, but since Ford came out with traction control in 1999; he's only had to use his shovel once last year.

During the winter he keeps boots, gloves, roof shingles and a gallon jug of

## FIVE MINUTES OF FAME

Jerry Cuper was recently honored by Quick Lane Tire & Service Center in Canton with the distinction of awarding the Cuper Award to the best Mustang at the 2009 Carnival of Cars Car Show held in Canton in May.

He received the namesake honor after Quick Lane learned Cuper purchased his 20th Mustang.

"I said, 'You are nuts, who ever heard of the Cuper award?' he said. 'That was my five minutes of fame.'"

salt in his trunk.

## PICKING FAVORITES

"My wife gets mad at me because she asks me what's your favorite, and I always say, 'It is the car I have now,'" Cuper said.

Cuper said every year they get better. He said right now his convertible is probably one of the quietest cars he's owned.

"We could talk with the top down on the expressway," he said. Cuper is impressed with the lack of turbulence and betting noise and said he's most impressed since 1982 Ford Mustangs have glass windows.

He is also a large fan of the sequential taillights, the lack of fuel cap, Serious Radio and the SYNC connection.

Cuper credits his Ford Motor Company career for the fortune of owning 20 Mustangs. Many of his Mustangs were lease cars.

"I couldn't afford to buy 20," he said.

Following his 30-year career at Ford, Cuper became an advisor and instructor in the Engineering Technology Department at Lawrence Technical University where he teaches now. He lives in Canton with his wife, Diane and purchases all of his Ford vehicles at Hines Park Ford.

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# Cashing in U.S. Savings Bonds requires strategy

**Q: Dear Rick: When I was born my grandparents bought for me a number of Series E, U.S. Savings Bonds. The bonds have sat in a safety deposit box for over 40 years. I have never collected any**



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**I know they're worth quite a bit of money. In order to avoid getting hurt on taxes, I've decided to cash the bonds out equally over the next seven years. Is this a good strategy?**

**The face value of the bonds is over \$50,000. They were all purchased in 1960.**

**A:** There are a couple issues that need to be discussed in your situation.

First is the tax consequence of cashing out U.S. Savings Bonds. When you cash out bonds you are not taxed on the original investment but the income earned. For example, it appears that a \$100 bond purchased in 1960 would be worth approximately \$700 today. The amount subject to tax is \$700 less the original purchase price of the bond. The money is taxed at your ordinary income bracket — which is the highest bracket. When you cash the bonds there will be tax consequences to consider.

The other issue is that after this year, Series E Bonds will no longer pay interest. Therefore, if you choose to follow your plan and cash the bonds out over seven years, you will lose interest on those bonds. In other words, there is a lost-opportunity cost. I recommend cashing out some of the bonds this year and the remainder at the beginning of 2010. That way you won't lose any interest and you spread the tax consequences out over two years.

There is an art to cashing in U.S. Savings Bonds. Typically, interest is credited to a savings bond every six months. If you cash the bond out in month five you lose five months of interest. Therefore, it is important to have a strategy when choosing what

bonds you cash out and when to do it. To determine when interest is credited to your account visit [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov). In addition, many banks and credit unions will also help with this.

According to the U.S. Treasury Department Bureau of Debt there are more than \$16 billion matured U.S.

Savings Bonds that have not been redeemed. Many individuals received U.S. Savings Bonds in the past and for whatever reason, have never cashed out. In fact, many people have lost track of those bonds. If this applies to you, there is no reason to give up on those bonds. There may be a way to reclaim them. On

the Treasury Department's web site, [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov) you can do a search that could help you to reclaim your old U.S. Savings Bonds.

One last note regarding U.S. Savings Bonds. Keep in mind that not all U.S. Savings Bonds are the same. The interest rate is determined by the series of the savings

bond and when it was issued. In many U.S. Savings Bonds, the interest rate is variable while in others it is fixed. Therefore, if you have U.S. Savings Bonds, whether they have matured or not, it's a good idea to do a little homework on them so you know exactly what interest rate you're being paid and whether

it makes sense to continue to hold on to them or not. Good luck!

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## Early TD holds up for Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A continuous rain Friday turned Brighton's home field into a "mud bowl," according to Canton varsity football head coach Tim Baechler.

But the Chiefs managed to claim a 6-0 victory in their season opener thanks to scoring early in the game before the field became almost too difficult to navigate.

"It was a steady downpour and with it being a grass field, it turned into a mud bowl," Baechler said following the KLLAA crossover. "We were lucky that we scored on that first drive before the field got tore up."

Canton (1-0) capped a 65-yard drive on a 1-yard TD run by senior Ron Gaudi, who Baechler said had an outstanding game running the football despite the slippery terrain.

"We just moved it steady on that drive, four and five yards," Baechler said. "We kept it on the ground."

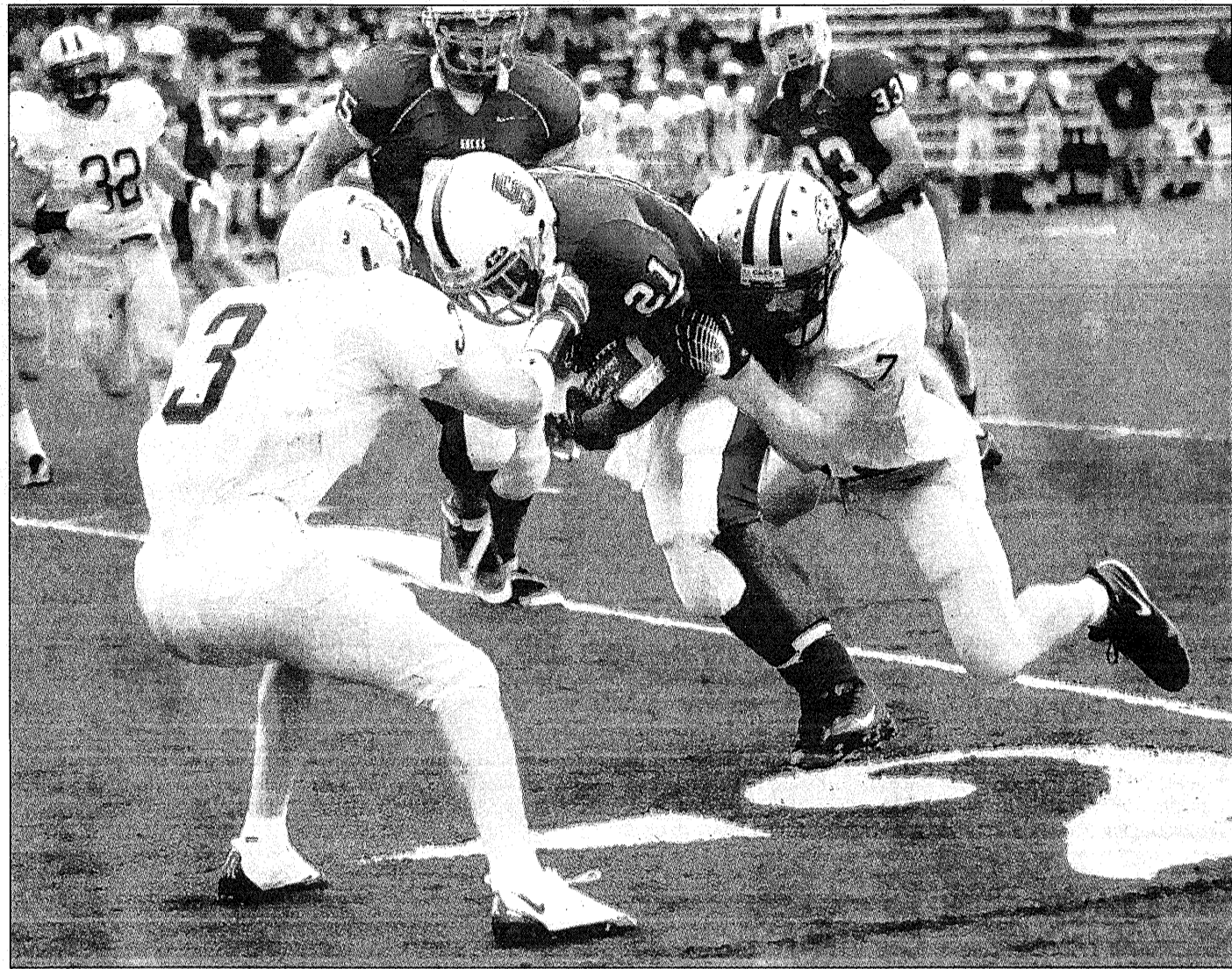
In the second quarter, the Bulldogs (0-1) had a chance to get back into the game when Canton's punter had a snap go through his hands. Brighton recovered near Canton's 25, but could not punch it into the end zone.

After halftime, the Chiefs could not muster a single first down and Brighton barely got past the 50-yard line.

"It was kind of a punt-fest in the second half," Baechler said.

Final statistics were not available as of press time, but will be included in the story posted this weekend at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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Salem junior tailback Davon Mullins (No. 21) tries to elude the swarming defense of Plymouth's Tyler Grosh (No. 3) and Brennen Beyer during the first half Friday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

## Opening night rally sparks Wildcats

### Salem can't hang on in 25-11 defeat

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk urged his football team to get up off the floor after a sluggish first half on opening night Friday against Salem.

The pep talk, and the scrambling and passing ability of substitute quarterback Victor Hicks during the second half, sparked the Wildcats to a 25-11 WLAA crossover win at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks, trying to make their new coach Kurt Britnell's first game a win-

ner, were up 11-3 at the intermission and Sawchuk decided to throw in his two cents.

"We turned the ball over three times, we blew a coverage on third-and-12 and we bite on a quick screen instead of playing deep," Sawchuk said, recalling the events that contributed to the halftime deficit. "We mentally were not into the game in the first half."

Sawchuk then said he asked his players in the locker room if they knew how to deal with adversity.

"Do you fold your tents or do you gather yourself and get it done?" the Plymouth coach said. "That's why foot-

ball is like life. You have things that happen to you in life and you either go down the wrong road or you man up and do the right thing."

The right things started happening after junior Hicks took over at quarterback in the third quarter. Senior Plymouth starter Ryan Barrera got nicked up during the first half and Sawchuk put Hicks into the PCEP spotlight on a drizzly night.

"Vic came in a did a great job for us," Sawchuk said. "That scramble ability is crazy. ... It opens everything else up. If they don't stay in their pass rush lanes, it's off to the races, which is a good dimension to have."

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## SIDELINES

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Krueger, who died in November 2008, is remembered for his dedication and coaching ability, which sparked the Rocks to be a wrestling power from the early 1970s until the '90s.

### Rocks fall 1-0

Salem's varsity boys soccer team dropped a hard-fought 1-0 decision to Livonia Churchill on Wednesday to fall to 3-1-1.

Rocks head coach Ed McCarthy said the Chargers scored with five minutes to go in the first half on a direct kick by Adam Bedell.

"We had a few chances in the second to tie, but could not get one in," McCarthy said. "We played a strong first half, but were a little disorganized in the second half due to the strong pressure applied by Churchill."

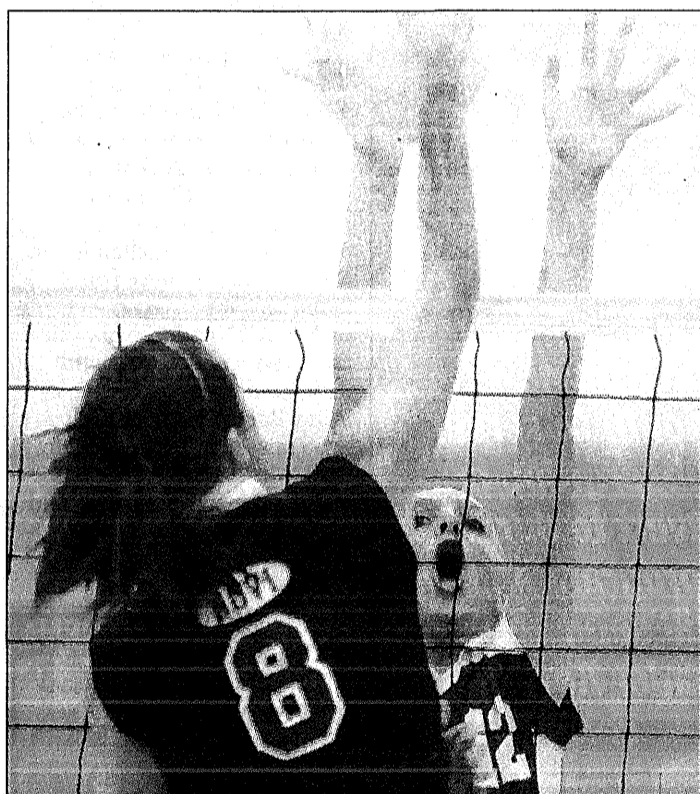
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The game is the caper to a busy week. The 2009-10 training camp began with off-ice testing Wednesday, followed by scrimmages later in the week. Saturday, the Ontario Hockey League team opened its preseason schedule against Saginaw at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

## VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PART 1



One of the expected top performers for Salem's volleyball team will be Nicole Merget (facing camera), shown playing against Novi in this file photo.

## Hammer time

### Poise, talent give Salem spikers an edge

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fresh off a division co-championship in the KLLAA Kensington-Central, the Salem Rocks will be an experienced group with 11 players who have played varsity volleyball including eight two-year starters.

That alone is why head coach Amanda Suder is optimistic as her team began play at Saturday's Walled Lake Central-hosted tournament.

"This year I am really excited," Suder said. "We have nine juniors and two seniors and six (of the) juniors have already started on varsity for two years

or have played in matches on varsity as sophomores. The experience is there."

How well the Rocks perform on the defensive aspect of the game will go a long way toward whether another title year can be achieved.

"We are going to be relying on our defensive game," Suder said. "Serve receive is something that we really have to improve on. We have the hitters, but we just need to be able to work better defensively to become a better team."

There is plenty of talent on the roster, meanwhile, led by co-captains Lauren Dworzanin (senior outside hitter), Kerry MacDonald (junior

setter) and junior outside hitter/middle blocker Nicole Merget, who will stand 6-3 in the front row.

Four-year varsity player Dworzanin has the tools to be an "explosive" hitter on the outside, the coach said.

MacDonald "is someone you love to have on your team because she works extremely hard and works well with any player around her," said Suder, adding that she is versatile enough to fill any spot on the floor.

### NET WORTH

Up front, Merget (an All-Conference, All-Region player

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# PCA spikers ready for fresh start

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy varsity volleyball coach Kelly Blackney and the Eagles are embarking on a new season with a number of first-year players.

But that isn't a troubling notion in the least with the presence of outstanding returnees such as sophomore middle blocker Kristin Malcolm in the forefront.

Malcolm quickly made an impact after being called up her freshman year and Blackney didn't hesitate calling her the 2009 team's key player even before the opening serve (7 p.m. Tuesday at Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Birmingham Roper).

"She came up as a freshman last year and then played with a club team in the off-season and has just really, really improved," Blackney said. "She's going to be a very good player. She already is."

Blackney detailed why the 5-foot-11 Malcolm already is the "backbone" of the squad.

"She just has a natural athleticism and she also really has a drive just to push herself," the coach said. "She's a tall player, but she's very strong, very coordinated and just athletically smart. ... She's the key to our team."

Tuesday's opener, of course, is when Blackney should gain a better idea about how quickly a program that graduated six players can turn the page.

"I knew going into this season it would be a completely different team, mostly because six of our players graduated last year," Blackney said. "That group of seniors played volleyball together since their middle school years and were excellent athletes that carried us through to the regional championship."

But Blackney stressed to this year's players the need to "step up" and prepare for the so-called new era.

### PREPARATION TIME

"So far, I believe our team is surpassing all expectations of a rebuilding season," Blackney said. "The girls are working extremely hard in practice and are committed to go farther than the team went last year."

Besides Malcolm, the only other returning player is sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn.

The Eagles are fortified by some transfers. Senior outside hitter Ariel Rock joins PCA after being at Livonia Ladywood, while junior middle blocker Folake Olojo transferred from now-defunct Canton Agape Christian.

Also new to Plymouth Christian is junior setter Brianna Harris, ineligible last year due to her move from Southfield Christian.

Augmenting those players are varsity newbies Kristin Nill (junior right side hitter), Abby Bartes (junior libero who missed 2008 due to a torn ACL), Jessica Rich (sophomore defensive specialist) and Rachel Zandee (sophomore defensive specialist).



### Hot 18U Reds

It was another successful baseball season for the 18U Reds of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association. The Reds are shown celebrating after capturing the 18U GCYBSA tournament recently. Pictured are (front row, from left): Mitch Clinton, Andrew Cantor, Mark Main, Jason Lynch and Zack Smilo; (back row, from left) coach Dave Smilo, manager Robert Mitchell, coach Chris Pappas, Duggan Tear, Anthony Pappas, Art Chavez, Rocky Willette, Sean Harte, Evan Rinke, Chris Perkovich, Ryan Bazner and head coach Mark Blomshield.

### SALEM

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in 2008) likely will score plenty of points for Salem and stop opponents from getting the ball down on the Rocks' side of the net.

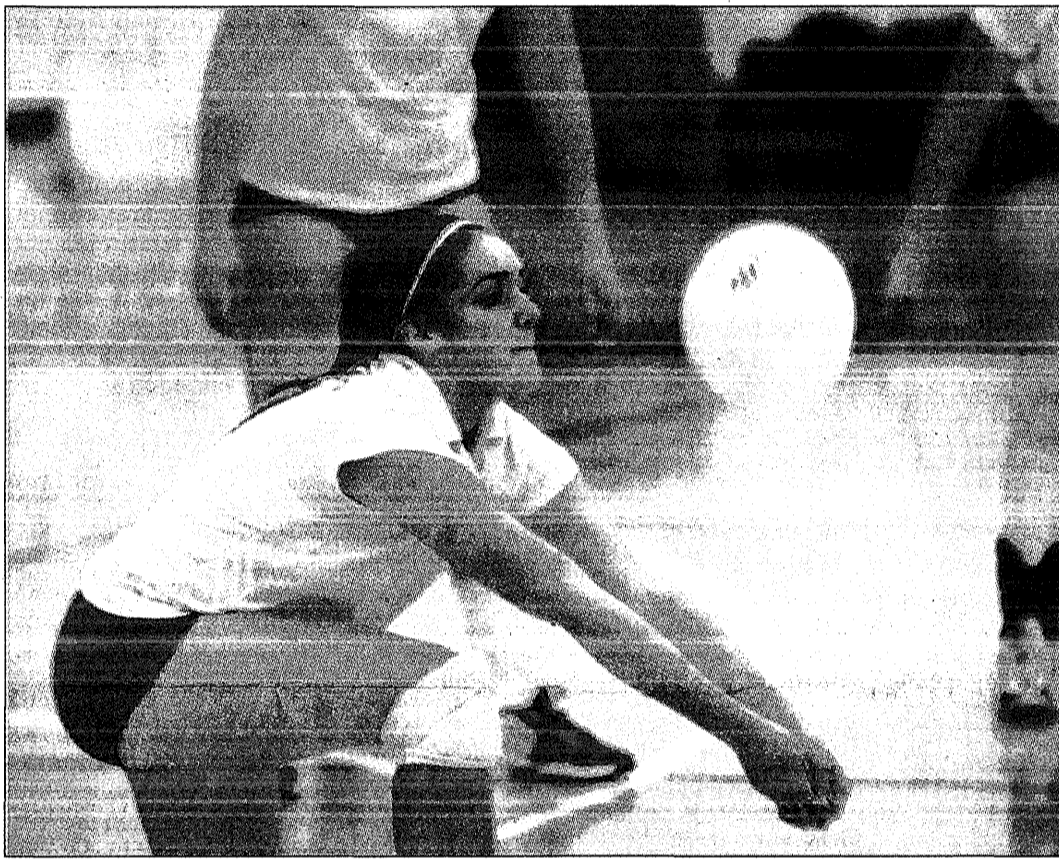
"She is one of the best hitters in the conference," Suder said. "I am really looking forward to seeing her in the role of captain and leader."

The Rocks also have four returnees who should contribute on a nightly basis in senior outside hitter Elyse Engerer, junior outside hitter Kerstin Johnson, junior defensive specialist/libero Lauren Aschermann and junior middle blocker Jillian Sommerville.

Engerer is a hard worker who the coach said could be a force on the right side. Johnson improved as a sophomore and now is considered a "very explosive and very consistent" all-around player.

Meanwhile, if the Rocks are to make defensive strides, Aschermann will be a catalyst as Suder said she is a slick passer and defender who "will be looked upon to control our defense."

Another physical presence up front will be 6-0



Salem junior setter Kerry MacDonald provides so much versatility her coach says she could play any position if needed there.

Sommerville, a starter last year both in the middle and right side who can score and block well.

Newcomers the Rocks will be calling on to chip in include junior outside hitter Madeleine Vala, junior set-

ter/defensive specialist Mary Ganich, and junior defensive specialists Kristina Krusek and Ali Morrison.

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# Hat trick complete

## Churchill caps off big week; stops Dexter, Salem

There was no letdown for the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

On the heels of their first win earlier in the week over rival Livonia Stevenson for the first time in 19 years, the Chargers earned another 1-0 victory Wednesday night by cooling off Salem followed by a 3-1 triumph Thursday at home over Dexter.

Churchill improved to 3-0 overall as senior midfielder Tim Devine recorded a hat trick in the victory over the Dreadnaughts, three-time defending Division 2 state finalists.

Junior outside-midfielder Joe Mancewicz came off the bench to contribute two assists, including a cross to Devine to tie it all 1-1 after Dexter (1-2-1) scored at the 10-minute mark of the first half. Max Washko also earned an assist in the second half.

"The first 25 minutes we played flat, we were dry and it was saddening," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs. "But after that we picked it up."

On Wednesday, senior Adam Bedell, who had the game-winning penalty kick against Stevenson, also tallied the game-winner on a free kick with seven minutes left in the first half to beat Salem.

The 6-foot-6 Bedell buried the game-winning shot just outside the box and into the upper corner of the net after

being fouled.

"It's nice to see us get two shutouts against two good teams," Friedrichs said. "It was a good win and I'm extremely proud of the guys, especially coming after an emotional win."

The Rocks, coming off a 3-0-1 start last weekend in their own Balconi Invitational, applied pressure much of the second half, but couldn't get the ball past Churchill goalkeeper Christian Adams.

"I have to credit our back four guys back there who really stepped up again - Bedell and (Erik) Bird - also Jacob Kobylarz, who we cut last year, and Nick Wood, who didn't get a lot of playing time," Friedrichs said.

**CANTON 4, W.L. WESTERN 1:** The host Chiefs defeated Walled Lake Western in this Thursday matchup.

**W.L. WESTERN 5, JOHN GLENN 0:** Adam Wright scored twice Wednesday as Walled Lake Western (2-0) exploded for five first-half goals to down host Westland John Glenn (1-2).

Kyle Alsheskie, Nick Lewin and Raul Garcia also tallied goals for the Warriors, who scored three times in the first five minutes.

Blake Hunter earned the shutout in goal for Western.

"We had a bad first half - we're putting this game behind us," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "The second half we played much better

and had them squeezed inside the 18-yard box."

The Rockets, however, couldn't cash in as Alex Isavevski hit the post twice and Nelson Kenne was also stopped on a save by Hunter.

**STEVENSON 0, SALINE 0:** Senior goalkeeper Conner Burton stood out Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson (0-1-1) battled to a scoreless draw with the visiting Hornets (2-1-1).

"Conner had another good game in goal and I thought our defender Adam Dabkowski had a good game as well," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was a pretty hard-fought game. We had a stronger effort and a better work ethic than our first game. But I thought Saline matched that in the second half."

**CLARENCEVILLE 3, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0:** Goals by Garet Hintzman, Armit Dushkaj and Jon James carried Livonia Clarenceville (1-0-1) to a non-conference win Thursday over host Southfield Christian.

**LUTHERAN N'WEST 3, HURON VALLEY 0:** On Tuesday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1, 0-1) dropped its season opener to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest as senior Eric Austin scored twice in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division matchup.

Junior Michael Miller had the other goal for the Crusaders.

# WILDCATS

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With Salem (0-1) up 11-3, and both teams not managing much of anything on offense, the Wildcats (1-0) marched 58 yards in 10 plays and scored on a 1-yard run by junior tailback Anthony Rhodes to make it 11-9 Salem.

### WILLPOWER

Then, a two-point pass from Hicks (4-of-8, 76 yards, two TDs passing and another 33 yards rushing) to junior wide-out Brennen Beyer evened the contest with 1:20 left in the frame.

But there were two key plays registered by Hicks during that drive as he refused to be stopped.

On a third-and-seven at Salem's 40, the quarterback went back to pass and decided to run himself - scampering for 11 yards and a first down.

Then, on second-and-eight at the 27, a high snap bounced off Hicks' fingers, but he managed to field it and then launched a 25-yard pass to senior wide receiver Alexander Ruffin-Johnson to move the ball down to the one.

"My favorite part of the game for me is the breakdown play, to see what I can make out of it," Hicks said. "I mean, on third-and-10 we need at least 10 yards to keep the drive alive."

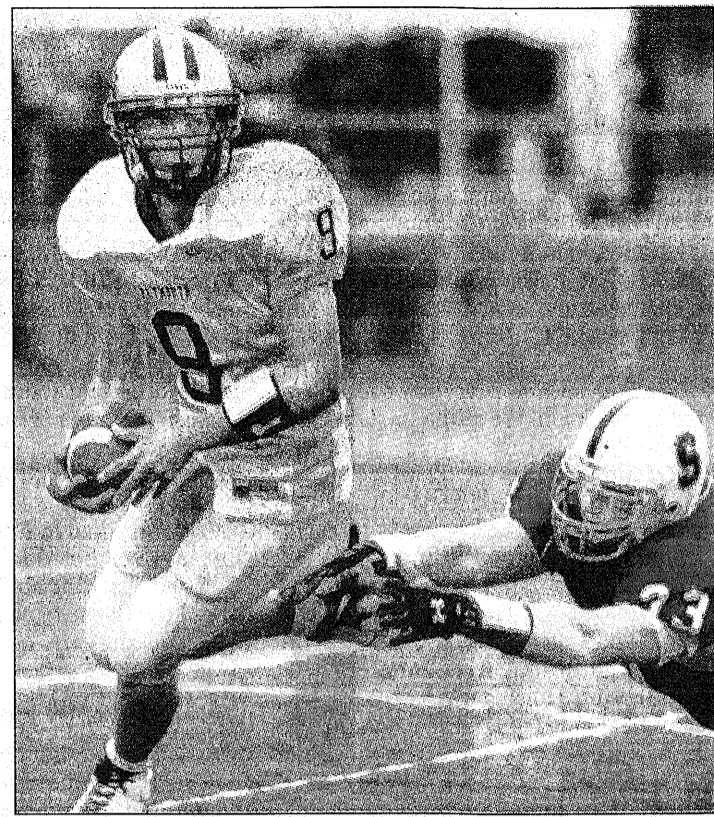
With 8:21 left in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats padded their lead to 18-11 when Hicks threw a high pass into the corner of the end zone that Beyer caught for the 20-yard TD.

### STOPPED SHORT

Salem tried to get back into the contest and moved the chains twice during a drive sparked by five consecutive completions by senior quarterback Jake Peterson (8-of-17, 99 yards, one interception). Three of those tosses were caught by senior Alex King (four catches, 32 yards).

The Rocks then were faced with fourth-and-inches at the Plymouth 49. The defense stonewalled junior back Brad Trublowski at the line and the ball was turned over on downs. Salem never threatened after that.

"I thought we could go behind those big hogs there



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Salem defender Ethan Walsh (right) dives in a bid to sack Plymouth quarterback Ryan Barrera (No. 9) during the first half of Friday's opener.

on that side and get a yard," Britnell said after facing his old team (he was Plymouth's offensive coordinator last year). "But we just missed it and that's the way it goes."

"They (Wildcats) played aggressively and they made a play."

Plymouth opened up a two-TD spread with 1:07 remaining when Hicks connected on a 23-yard touchdown pass to junior Jacob Morris.

### EARLY EDGE

The first half featured a fired-up Salem team that played crisper than its opponent.

Junior Ethan Walsh booted a 34-yard field goal with 7:37 to go in the first quarter to put Salem up 3-0.

The Wildcats tied it at 3-3 before the end of the frame on a booming, 48-yard field goal by junior Kyle Brindza (who also made two extra points).

With about 7:20 left in the half, the Wildcats were punting only for the snap to tip off Brindza's hands and roll into the end zone, where a pile of Rocks convened for the safety and a 5-3 edge.

Salem then received the ensuing free kick and started a scoring drive that began at the Rocks' 34.

A key play was Peterson's 54-yard pass down the right sideline to Drew Thompson. Scoring from 2 yards out was Trublowski and Salem upped its lead to 11-3.

### GOOD IMPRESSION

That was about all that the home team could muster on this night, however.

"We just didn't take advantage of some of the situations we had in the first half, didn't convert on some things and we struggled a little bit on offense," Britnell said. "We didn't bail out our defense, who just played one heck of a game. But I liked our kids' effort."

"And like I told them, they can walk out of here with their heads held high and we're going to get better and we're going to win some games."

Concurring was his former boss, Sawchuk.

"Coach Bricknell came from my staff and coach (Ricky) Styes, they did a heckuva job and they've got that program going in the right direction," Sawchuk said. "Their kids were fired up, they flew around and I'm proud of those guys and I wish them nothing but success."

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## Collegiate League alums spark Jet Box title quest

Livonia Collegiate Baseball League alums figured prominently in Detroit Jet Box's run to its third National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series Championship.

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16 in Louisville, Ky.

Infielder Don Watchowski hit a bases loaded, one-out single to score the tying runs followed by Wayne State University grad Adam Kaminski's game-winning RBI sacrifice fly to bring home captain Matt Viggiano from third.

Center fielder Drew Churchward, formerly of the LCBL Michigan Rams, went 9-for-16 (.563) with a pair of hom-

ers and five RBI to earn tournament MVP honors. The Ann Arbor Pioneer High and WSU grad led off the championship game with a hit and later scored.

Former Madonna University and Westland John Glenn High pitcher Will Kennedy, who played for the LCBL Michigan Bulls, retired the final four batters he faced, including a game-ending, called-third strikeout, to record the victory.

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Alumni soccer at PCEP

The Salem and Canton annual Men's Soccer Alumni Game is slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The contest will follow the annual Salem-Canton varsity boys soccer contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and will be played at the varsity soccer stadium.

All alumni players from any year are invited to attend. Salem players can contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846 and Canton players can contact coach George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

Travel baseball tryouts

Football might be in the air, but there's still time for youngsters to try out for 2010 travel baseball teams.

The 2010 Canton Cardinals are holding tryouts from 2-4 p.m.

Sunday for 9U and 4-6 p.m. for 10U. The age groups are determined by the player's age as of April 30, 2010. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to fill out registration forms and warmup.

Greater Canton Youth Baseball-Softball Association seeks to attract the most-talented players who are willing to commit to weekend tournaments and play between 30-50 games.

Registration is 1:30 p.m. with tryouts following from 2-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league on Sundays, with action beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

Sunday Night Mixers

League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; roseca-

ter@comcast.net) for more information.

Cool happenings

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena continues to be a busy place even during the summer.

Drop-in Hockey sessions take place 4:30-5:50 p.m. weekdays and 10-11:50 a.m. on Sundays through Aug. 30.

Beginning Monday, however, only open skating will be available. Skating sessions through Nov. 7 will take place from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays-through-Fridays with the fees as follows: adults, \$5; kids (under age 16) and senior citizens (over 55), \$4.

Plymouth YMCA offerings

Registration is underway for Plymouth Family YMCA youth sports leagues planned for this fall, including the following:

Community Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24 with the following age brackets — ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11. Contests will be Saturdays at Hulsing Elementary. Cost is \$64 per member and \$96 per community member.

Community Girls Volleyball: Leagues for ages 8-9 and 10-12 run from Sept. 14 through Oct. 24. Games are Fridays at New Morning School. Cost is \$71 per member and \$103 per community member.

Kickers Soccer: This league for players ages 4-5 runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 at Hulsing Elementary with the cost of \$60 per

member and \$92 per community member. Players will be placed on teams and receive three weeks of instruction followed by three weeks of games.

Community Basketball League: Registration begins Sept. 14 for leagues for boys and girls in several divisions (between ages 4 and 11). Sessions will be Nov. 2 through Dec. 18 and Jan. 18 through March 19, 2010.

For more information, or to register on-line, go to www.ymcadeloit.org.

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Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.)

The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey). For more information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

MEN'S SENIOR GOLF RESULTS

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its 12th of 14 tournaments Aug. 15 at the Lake Forest Golf Club in Ann Arbor. The tournament produced 13 winners from a handicapped field of 54 players (50 years and older) representing 12 communities throughout southeast Michigan.

Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills shot the low score of 70. Desmond Roberts of Trenton leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

Flight A (Gross/Net) — first place: John Pratt, Troy (76/67); second: (tie) Thomas Ahern, Plymouth (78/68); Jerry Fenby, West Bloomfield (78/68); Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (70/68); fifth: (tie) Brian Kuehn, Ann Arbor (79/69); Charles Mutz, Clarkston (75/69).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first place: Martin Schine, West Bloomfield (83/64); second: (tie) Dan Stankewitz, Detroit (95/67); Clifton Van

Buren, Southfield (100/67); fourth: (tie) Bob Campbell, Clinton Twp. (88/68); Maurice DeCock, Macomb (96/68); Nathaniel Jones, Detroit (96/68); Mark Miller, Livonia (86/68).

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its 11th tournament Aug. 13 at the Tanglewood (The Lion) Golf Course in South Lyon.

The tournament produced 28 winners from a handicapped field of 113 players (50 years and older) representing 20 communities in southeast Michigan.

Brian Kuehn of Ann Arbor and Greg Frontier of Waterford shot low scores of 74. Desmond Roberts of Trenton leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

Flight A — first place: Brian Kuehn, Ann Arbor; second: (tie) Greg Frontier, Waterford; Thomas Johnson, Beverly Hills; fourth: Scott Bitters, Dexter; fifth: (tie) Thomas Ahern, Plymouth;

Larry Brady, Shelby Twp.; Wally Waatti, Warren.

Flight B — first place: (tie) George DeBell, Plymouth; Desmond Roberts, Trenton; third: (tie) Dennis Frantz, Wixom; Chuck Hirschert, Hartland; Terry Lanker, Rochester Hills; sixth: (tie) Doug Brandow, South Lyon; Tony Merpi, Shelby Twp.; Ron Myers, Livonia.

Flight C — first place: Richard Comiskey, Canton; second: Jay Millar, Westland; third: (tie) Bob Campbell, Clinton Twp.; Martin Schine, West Bloomfield; fifth: (tie) Randall Bisby, Clinton Twp.; Rich Grohman, Farmington Hills; Daniel Moore, Plymouth.

Flight D — first: Bob Weibel, Westland; second: Larry DuBois, Bloomfield Hills; third: (tie) Rick Fradette, Commerce Twp.; Clifton Van Buren, Southfield; fifth: Harold Hoffman, Clarkston; sixth: Nathaniel Jones, Detroit.

For more information about the MPSGA, go online to www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Thursday, Sept. 3 W.L. Northern vs. Salem at PCEP (Varsity Turf), 7 p.m. Canton at Lakeland, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Brighton, 7 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 1 Plymouth Christian at Roper, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 Ladywood at Bedford Tourney, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 University of Michigan Concessions Tourney, TBA BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 1 Washenaw Christian at Plymouth Christian (Stafford), 4:30 p.m. Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m. Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Salem at DeLaSalle Collegiate H.S., 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 5:30 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Sept. 3 Luth. Westland Time Trials, 4 p.m.

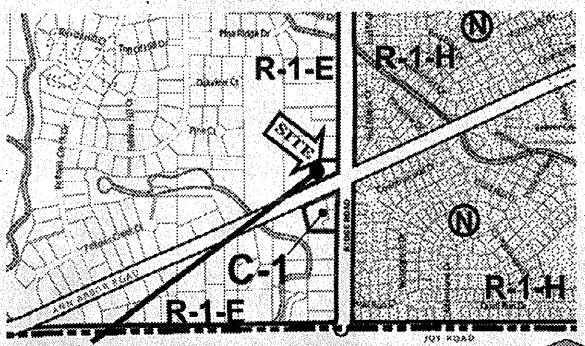
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Sept. 3 Ladywood vs. R.O. Shrine at Ferndale H.S., 6 p.m. BOYS TENNIS Tuesday, Sept. 1 Northville at Salem, 4 p.m. Church Hill at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Monday, Aug. 31 Church Hill vs. Plymouth at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m. South Lyon vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. S. Lyon East vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 Ladywood at Warren Regina, 3 p.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Wednesday, Sept. 2 Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 5:45 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Wednesday, Sept. 2 Schoolcraft at Marygrove, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA. (Embry-Riddle, Fla. Labor Day Tourney) Madonna vs. N'western Ohio, 11 a.m. Madonna vs. Faulkner (Ala.) Univ., 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA. Embry-Riddle, Fla. Labor Day Tourney) Madonna vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 3 p.m. Madonna vs. Embry Riddle (Fla.), 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Aug. 30 Schoolcraft vs. Jamestown CC (N.Y.) at Herkimer CC (N.Y.), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 1 Schoolcraft at Albion College, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 Madonna at Davenport, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m. Madonna at Indiana Tech, noon. TBA - time to be announced.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP REZONE FROM: R-1-E, Single Family Residential REZONE TO: OS, Office Service with Conditions DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R-78-048-99-0015-000 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to OS, Office Service. The applicant requests that the zoning be subject to the following conditions: (a) Usable square footage not to exceed 2,000 square feet and (b) The entrance way, driveway and parking shall remain the same as shown on the Concept Site Plan. The property is located at 49440 Ann Arbor Road. Application 2015 Applicant, Lake Pointe Bible Church



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-048-99-0015-000. The property is located at 49440 Ann Arbor Road.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

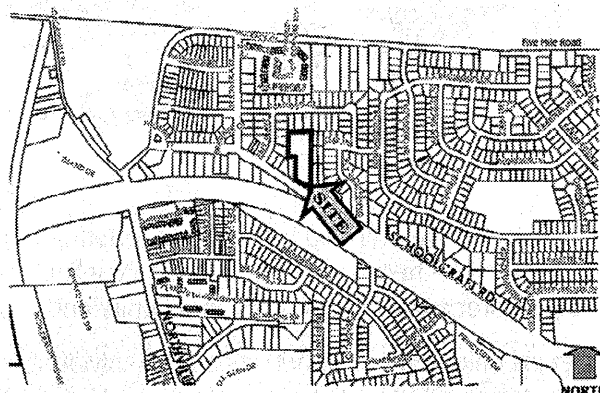
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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL LAND USE DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition from Lake Pointe Bible Church requesting Special Land Use Approval for a Building Expansion of the Church in an R-1, Single Family Residential District, Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 6.2.3, on Tax ID. R-78-017-01-0002-006. The property is located at 42150 Schoolcraft Road. Application 2016 Applicant, Lake Pointe Bible Church



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# Animals find new homes through adoption events

If you've ever wondered whether pet adoption activities at festivals and other entertainment events are worthwhile, just ask Brice.

The Staffordshire mix was among many animals available for adoption at the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise earlier this month. Brice, who was temporarily living at Almost Home Animal Haven in Southfield, went home with a new family on Dream Cruise Day, Aug. 15.

Almost Home, Greyheart Greyhound Rescue, Greyhound Expressions and Home Fur-ever, the four animal rescues on site, also collected nearly \$500 from passers-by that day.

Almost Home raised money by taking photos of visitors with a rescue dog. Home Fur-ever sold water and pop, with the proceeds going to their animals. Steve Cole, one of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel trusted advisers, helped out throughout the day.

"This year has been especially hard on animals, said Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO



CHERYL MELAMED

Two dogs say 'hello' during an adoption event held during the annual Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise.

of Weir Manuel. "Many pets have been abandoned by their owners due to tough economic times. It is not just people who suffer when a home goes into foreclosure. Rescues are doing a tremendous job but the situation now is overwhelming. Pets arrive at shelters by the thousands every month."

For more about Almost Home Animal Rescue League, visit [www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org](http://www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org); for Greyheart Greyhound Rescue visit [www.greyheart.org](http://www.greyheart.org); for Greyhound Expressions, see [www.greyhoundexpressions.org](http://www.greyhoundexpressions.org); and for Home Fur-ever, [www.homefurever.com](http://www.homefurever.com).

## BOXER BASH

You don't have to bring a Boxer to attend the Mid Michigan Boxer Rescue's 7th annual Boxer Bash, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Island Lake Recreation Park in Brighton. But if you do, your dog might end up reigning over the affair as King or Queen Boxer. Choosing the two top "royal" canines is among several contests and activities offered at the free event, which is open to the general public and dogs. Other contests include canine "pie" eating and egg race.

The family-friendly festival also will feature demonstrations, kid's entertainment, vendors, and games for individuals and their dogs. A veterinary mini-clinic offering low cost heartworm testing, vaccines, exams and microchips will be staffed by a licensed veterinarian. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A silent and live auction will feature local sports team memorabilia and themed baskets.

All proceeds raised will



benefit Mid-Michigan Boxer Rescue. MMBR is a non-profit animal rescue organization that depends on adoption fees, donations and fund-raisers to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home the dogs in our care. Since its inception in December 1999 MMBR has rescued over 500 dogs. Boxer Bash is its largest fund-raiser for the year. For more information, visit [www.midmichiganboxer-rescue.org](http://www.midmichiganboxer-rescue.org) or contact Tonya Whitehead at (517) 712-8166 or [events@midmichiganboxerrescue.org](mailto:events@midmichiganboxerrescue.org)

## 90TH BIRTHDAY

Longtime Novi resident Margaret (Peg) Deming celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Livonia home of her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sue Deming.

Friends and family members gathered from around the country to convey birthday greetings. Those attending included her three children, eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Co-organizer of the event Irene Deming Rochette, Peg's daughter, said many memories were shared between the four generations of family, friends from Peg's old Detroit neighborhood and others. She noted that everyone who knows her mother wanted to be a part of the celebration.

## MILESTONES



Flores-Ellsworth

### FLORES-ELLSWORTH

Atticus Flores and Kimberly Ellsworth were married June 6, 2009, at Zion Lutheran in Ann Arbor.

The bride, daughter of James and Gloria Ellsworth of Northville, graduated from Detroit Country Day High School in 1998 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. She's employed as a graphic designer at the University of Michigan Law School.

The groom, son of Frank and Mary Ann Flores of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1997 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. He is employed as a data transfer engineer at L & W Engineering in Belleville.

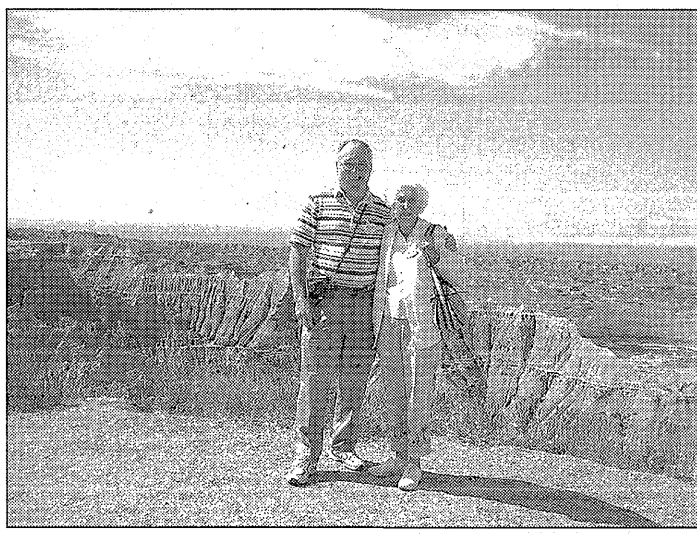
The Rev. Michael Walters and the Rev. Dennis Bux officiated at the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Veena Thyagarajan. Bridesmaids were Kristin Godfrey, Alyson Lobert, Sarah Glauser, and Rachell Seedott. Flower Girl was Katie Carothers.

The best man was Demian Flores. Groomsmen were Jason Lieser, Jim Neal, Gordon Totty, and Patrick Marsac. Ring Bearer was Anthony Woodward.

A reception was held at Kensington Court in Ann Arbor.

The couple took a honeymoon to Disneyland and Hawaii. They've made their home in Canton.



Irvine and Arlene Touchie of Canton

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Irvine and Arlene Touchie of Canton and Lakeland, Fla., will celebrate their Golden Anniversary Sept. 12. The couple were married in 1959 in Detroit.

They have two children, Rick and Renee, and a grandson, Matthew.

The Touchies raised their family in Dearborn Heights, and spent many summers at their cabin in Grayling.

Irv retired from GM — where he and Arlene met — after 35 years and also served proudly in the United States Army. Irv is an avid golfer. Arlene loves to spend the day in the sunshine reading a good book and is an active volunteer through church. They're active members of Dunning Park Bible Chapel in Redford.

A celebration will be held in their honor on their anniversary.



The Touchies of Canton on their wedding day

sary.

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# Passages

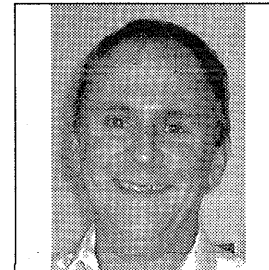
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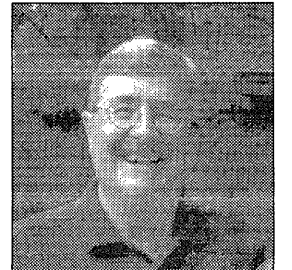
### DONNA MAE GRATER

Passed away August 23, 2009 at age 82. Loving mother of Ken (Donna) Grater and Kathy (Jerry) Meik. Proud grandmother of Brett (Mary Jane) Meik, Hayley (Eric) Messing, David (Courtney) and Dan (Tiffany) Grater and loving great-grandmother to seven lovely children. Preceded in death by her loving husband James C. Grater and her beloved parents Howard and Edith Walker. She was born in Detroit November 1, 1926 and resided in Plymouth most of her life where she had many friends and acquaintances. Her quick wit and sense of humor brought smiles from whomsoever she met. She will be deeply missed. There will be a memorial to her life on Tues., Sept 8, 2009 from 3:00 - 7:30 PM at Schrader Howell Funeral Home at 280 S. Main in Plymouth MI. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI.



### ANDREW M. KRITZMAN

Of Topsham, Maine died suddenly at the age of 50 from a suspected aneurysm on 21 Apr 2009. Andy was born 23 Aug 1958 in a Catholic family in Redford, MI. His father, Francis, died at the age of 49 in 1971. His mother, Mary, died in 1980, also at the age of 49. Andy attended Our Lady of Loreto, and graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976. He married Linda Rusinowski. They had 2 children. He served in the U.S. Navy 1977-1983. Andy remarried in 1982 to Darlene. They had 3 children. He worked at Bath Iron Works in Maine for the last 10 years. He was a faithful husband, great dad, and a Good Samaritan. He is survived by his wife of 26 years: Darlene Kritzman, and their children: Emily, Franklin and Gregory. He is also survived by his first wife: Linda Rusinowski Miller, and their two children: Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Kritzman with their 3 children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Van de Burg with their 3 children. He leaves six siblings: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kritzman of Whitehall, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Molloy of Dearborn Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meredith of Evansville, WI, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kritzman of Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schoening of Redford, and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Murley of Bartlett, TN. Andy was interred at St. Agatha, Maine.



### JAMES LAWRENCE ("Jim") KROPF

Died on Monday, August 23rd at his home in San Francisco, California. He was born in Canton, Ohio, on September 7th, 1944, the third of four children of Richard and Margaret (Lawrence) Kropf. The family moved to Plymouth in 1949, where Jim attended Plymouth High School, serving as High School Mayor before graduating in 1962. He received a degree in economics in 1966 from The University of Michigan where he was President of the Student Union in 1965/66. After receiving an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1968, Jim spent several years working for Monsanto in St. Louis before moving to San Francisco where he remained, working for several venture capital and investment firms until his retirement in 2008. A vacation home on the beach near Grand Haven, Michigan helped him to maintain connections with his extended family and friends. Mr. Kropf is survived by his wife of 41 years, Martha (Wetzel), children Elizabeth (Craig) Sparks of San Francisco, Emily (David) Shannon of Portland, Oregon, Jonathan of Washington DC and grandchildren Page and James Sparks and Lucia and Kyla Shannon. Mr. Kropf is also survived by his three siblings, Cathy Cooper of Plymouth, Nancy Kosch of Bloomfield Hills and Jack Kropf of Vista, California. Plans for memorial services have not been completed. The family has requested memorial contributions to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan 1345 Monroe Ave, NW Suite 324, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 in lieu of flowers.

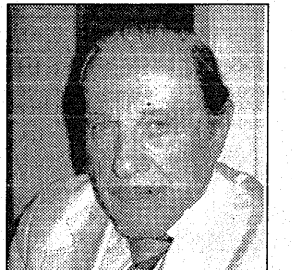
### HAROLD L. GROVE

Age 77. August 27, 2009. Loving husband of Ann for 51 years. Dear father of Roger (Tamara) & Marlene (David) Butkiewicz. Grandfather of Andrea & Ashley. Brother of Robert (Angie). Memorial gathering Tuesday 4-8 PM at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-1800. Donations may be made to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH 44193. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

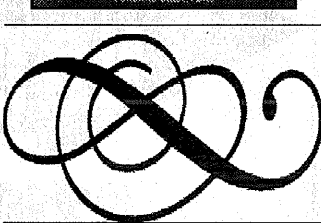
### ALYCE MCCLARAN

Died on August 21, 2009, at Life Care of Red Bank in Chattanooga, TN. Alyce grew up in Chicago, IL, and spent most of her adult life in Detroit and West Bloomfield, MI. Later she moved to the Jacksonville Beach area. Preceding her in death were her parents, Lucy and Avedis Mourad and her beloved husband, Jesse W. McClaran. Survivors are children and spouses, Lucinda and Peter Metcalfe of Hixson, Michael and Terri McClaran of Aurora, CO, and daughter, Tamara McClaran of Neptune Beach, granddaughter and spouse Michaele and Darin Fitzpatrick and great-grandsons, Colin and Evan of Fort Mill, SC, and grandchildren, Alyson and Adam McClaran of Aurora. She will be missed and cherished by all. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN.



### RICHARD W. TUCKER

August 22, 2009, age 87, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Barbara of 57 years. Father of Pamela Blakley (K. Girard). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward, (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday, 10a.m. until prayer service at 12:00a.m. Memorial tributes to the National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson St., Baltimore, MD 21230. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



### Public Notice

Office Of The Wayne County Treasurer  
Public Auction of Tax Foreclosed Property  
September 14, 15\*, 16\* & 17\*, 2009  
International Center Building  
400 Monroe, 8th Floor  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

BIDDER REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.  
ACTION BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M. ON SEPT. 14,  
THEREAFTER AUCTION BEGINS AT 9:00 AM.

A \$1,000 cashiers check (U.S. funds) payable to the Wayne County Treasurer must be shown at registration and is required as a deposit for each parcel successfully bid.

**Auction Rules and Regulations and list of properties:\*\***  
[www.treasurer.waynecounty.com](http://www.treasurer.waynecounty.com)

The Wayne County Treasurer, as the foreclosing governmental unit, under Public Act 123 of 1999, reserves the right to remove any property from the sale and to reject any and all bids.

\*if necessary. \*\*Information available on the web page after August 20.

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## Library boon to jobless

A good resource for those out of work is the local public library. Libraries offer Internet access, help with job searches and aid in filing for unemployment compensation.

Director Cheryl Napsha of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is seeing a lot of out of work people. Her library has on its Web site (www.westlandlibrary.org) under home page/Internet Guide (across top) a page of links including career guides, job postings, resumes and cover letters, and a direct link for filing for unemployment.

"It does give you a structure," Napsha said of library visits. "It gives you a reason to get up and get out of the house. You come to the library to work. It puts you in that frame of mind."

Westland's library has a job search lab three times a week, with no residency requirements. You'll get three hours to work with a reference librarian to do your resume, apply online, "use resources to find jobs." That's a walk-in program, she said, adding Westland also has many computer classes for those who need to develop those skills.

# NEIGHBORS

## Experts: Lifestyle key in job loss aftermath

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

John Fitzsimmons is approaching his 20th anniversary as a career counselor for Southfield-based JVS. He acknowledges times are particularly tough now for job hunters, but basic advice applies.

"We are seeing individuals single and married who have extended unemployment," said Fitzsimmons, a licensed professional counselor with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wayne State University and a master's in counseling from Eastern Michigan University. "Their emotions run the gamut."

Some are angry, others despairing. "Some people are isolating themselves, which you don't want to do," Fitzsimmons said. He recommends taking back control of the jobless situation. "Make sure you are connecting with people, networking. It's important to stay connected and access the resources that are out there." That means contacting former clients and co-workers, as well as considering other industries for employment.

"When you're out of work, people will sometimes sleep in," he said. You need to get on a schedule, with Internet time for job searching, as well as phone calls and identifying prospective employers.

### WORKOUTS GOOD

"Some mornings it's going to be tough to get up," Fitzsimmons said. He said you need to incorporate social and recreational activities into your day, such as reading, walking or even a game of volleyball.

"It's a way of working off the stress as well as doing something physical." Exercise has positive effects on physical well-being, said Fitzsimmons.

"Be careful about eating," whether it's too much or the wrong foods. You've got to have balance in your job search," Fitzsimmons said.

JVS (Jewish Vocational Service), a United Way-supported agency, has a library and resource



es including Success Teams, small groups of job seekers who encourage each other. You'll find more online at www.jvsdet.org. You don't need to be Jewish to use services.

"You need to be with people who are supportive," he said. He said you should tell your family of the job loss, and be honest with age-appropriate information for kids. "Sometimes you might have to restructure certain activities and events that cost money," Fitzsimmons said.

You'll often not hear back from prospective employers, who are swamped with applications these days, and shouldn't take that personally, he added. "Have a plan. Know what you're looking for."

Clinical social worker Peter Pollack, who's had a private practice in Plymouth about 20 years, agreed many people are having trouble coping.

"There's many people presenting with issues that are related to financial stresses," said Pollack, who earned a master of social work degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from WSU. He works to normalize patients' anxiety and depression.

work again. He urged those who lose jobs not to keep the loss a secret from family members.

Some need professional help, which starts with an assessment. A therapist or other professional may recommend a self-help group for some.

### HEALTHY HABITS

Pollack adds it's important not to abuse alcohol or drugs. "Sometimes people do turn to those," he said.

Lisa Schirmer, a licensed psychologist in the Department of Behavioral Medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, agreed that anecdotally there's more evidence of job-loss stress. Hospital staffers see that as well in mental health and chemical dependency services as a factor.

Those who lose a job often go through grief similar to loss of a loved one, said Schirmer, who earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Michigan State University, a master's in education and counseling psychology from McGill University and a B.A. in psychology from MSU.

Some people find writing in a journal helpful, as well as talking to others. "Meditation can be helpful or exercise such as yoga," she said, especially if you find your mind racing.

If a loved one talks about suicide, take him or her to the closest emergency room immediately, she said. Schirmer agreed children can be involved in age-appropriate discussions of job loss, and teens may need to limit their extracurriculars or visits to movies. "Family meetings can be helpful with older children," she said, emphasizing "that you will all get through it together." Children should be involved but not unduly burdened.

Schirmer recommends using your network of friends and acquaintances for support. "Even bad stress has the potential to motivate us," she said, noting we can get in touch with hopes and dreams for the future.

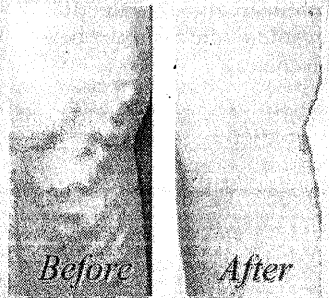
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# Women's Equality Day: Progress, work to do

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Laura Callow of Livonia, a retired teacher, didn't hesitate when asked why a Women's Equality Day is needed in 2009. "The Equal Rights Amendment is an economic issue," Callow told some 80 women Aug. 22 at the luncheon at One Under banquet facility in Livonia.

Callow, speaking to mark the 89th anniversary of the 19th Amendment for women's voting, noted it's also the 86th anniversary of the Equal Rights Amendment being introduced by suffragist Alice Paul.

"It was a very hard fight," she said of the vote. Callow's a member of Michigan ERAmerica, the Livonia branch of the American Association of University Women, and the local League of Women Voters.

"Gaining the right to vote was only ending one form of discrimination," said Callow, who taught elementary art and adult ceramics. She likes to pursue earlier women's dream of full equality.

Callow got interested in the 1970s in equal credit opportunities, worried about what would happen if her husband died. Those laws changed at the state and national levels. "That's when I found out about the Equal Rights Amendment."

Mickey Edell of Canton was also glad to celebrate women's gains. The annual day "to honor the passage of the 19th Amendment, which of course gave women the right to vote" is worth noting, said the Plymouth-Canton schools speech and language pathologist.

Edell, past state president of the American Association of University Women, said women and girls now need equality. "They are certainly exposed to that encouragement," she said of Plymouth-Canton female students. Science, technology, engineering and math are pushed now more for young women.



Laura Callow (left) and Debbie Macon visit at the Women's Equality Day luncheon.



Mickey Edell of Canton (left) and Pat Jennings at the Equality Day luncheon.

"Certainly teachers are dedicated to that," Edell said. "We still have work to be done."

**TEAM EFFORT**

The luncheon was sponsored by the American Association of University Women/Michigan, Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies and Michigan ERAmerica. Co-sponsoring were the Business and Professional

Women/Michigan, Coalition of Labor Union Women, League of Women Voters/Michigan, Michigan National Organization for Women, Michigan Women's Commission, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit, and Zonta International.

The day was declared in 1971 at the behest of U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y. In Livonia Aug.

22, state Sen. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, was among the speakers.

"We have made great strides in the workforce," Jacobs said. That's less true in pay equity, although President Barack Obama signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act as his first piece of legislation.

More women hold bachelor's degrees, own businesses and work as managers and professionals, Jacobs said. She added pay equity won't be reached at the current rate until 2057.

"I don't know about you, I don't plan about being around in 2057. We've got a lot of work to do," the state senator said. She drew laughs in noting she'd done something right; her daughter's recent wedding vows cited being equal about a half dozen times.

Mary Kerwin, a Troy City Council member, represented the Women Officials Network, which encourages women to run for office and get involved in public policy. Kerwin said many appointed opportunities, like planning

commissions, exist locally. There are also county and state appointed opportunities.

"Change happens when women come to the table," Kerwin told the appreciative audience. "It's time to come to the table and have an impact." Oakland County, although wealthy, has higher infant mortality than parts of the Third World do, she said. Women also can work on school funding and other vital issues.

**ERA UPDATE**

Callow gave an update on the ERA, approved by Congress in 1972 and sent to states for ratification. There was an extension of time for ratification, and the ERA has been reintroduced annually in Congress since the early 1980s.

Women who earn less or are charged more for insurance suffer, Callow said. "The opposition to suffrage was also economic." Liquor interests and others worked against women's suffrage.

For the ERA, eight of 15 unratified states have efforts going full force. (Michigan has ratified it.) Callow told of Arkansas where clergy preached against the

amendment and it was voted down. In Louisiana, it was sent to another committee where support was weaker and it was voted down.

"The suffragists did not give up," said Callow, who believes the ERA should be passed to give women the same rights of no discrimination on race, national origin or religion.

Also speaking was Margaret O'Rourke Kelly of Canton, on the faculty of Spring Arbor University. She wrote *Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story*, on the first woman elected to statewide office in Michigan.

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# Author-lawyer Scott Turow to speak in spring in Canton

Author and attorney Scott Turow is coming to Canton. Turow, whose *Presumed Innocent* was made into a movie starring Harrison Ford, will speak at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Wednesday, April 14. "We're very excited," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager for the hosting Canton Public Library. "We're feeling special." The book discussions that accompany his appearance are based on *Presumed Innocent*, although the exact content of his talks isn't

known, "especially since he's got a new book coming out. I'm sure he'll want to promote it," she said. Turow will make several local appearances as part of a regional library Everyone's Reading program. "He will be at the Millennium Center in Southfield on the 15th" of April. There will also be an event at the Birmingham Baldwin Library only for their card-holders, also Thursday, April 15. Times are still being set. "We're lucky this year. They rotate the hosting of authors."

**The appearance will be free as part of the Everyone's Reading program. Each library will get so many tickets, including Baldwin, Bloomfield Township, Independence Township, Farmington Community, Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield and Southfield libraries.**

Golden is pleased to have the Canton theater partnership as that's an ideal site for Turow to speak. The appearance will be free as part of the Everyone's Reading program. Each library will get so many tickets, including Baldwin, Bloomfield Township, Independence Township, Farmington Community, Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield and Southfield libraries. Turow is the author of seven best-selling novels: *Presumed Innocent* (1987), *The Burden of Proof* (1990), *Pleading Guilty* (1993), *The Laws of Our Fathers* (1996), *Personal Injuries* (1999), *Reversible Errors* (2002) and *Ordinary Heroes* (2005). A novella, *Limitations*, was

published as a paperback original in November 2006 by Picador following its serialization in *The New York Times Magazine*. His works of nonfiction include *One L* (1977) about his experience as a law student, and *Ultimate Punishment* (2003), a reflection on the death penalty. He frequently contributes essays and op-ed pieces to publications such as *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker*, *Playboy* and *The Atlantic*. Turow's books have won a number of literary awards, including the Heartland Prize in 2003 for *Reversible Errors* and the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 2004 for *Ultimate Punishment* and *Time Magazine's* Best Work of Fiction, 1999 for *Personal*

*Injuries*. Turow, who lives in the Chicago area, continues to work as an attorney. He has been a partner in the Chicago office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, a national law firm, since 1986, concentrating on white collar criminal defense, while also devoting time to pro bono matters. In one such case, he represented Alejandro Hernandez in the successful appeal that preceded Hernandez's release after nearly 12 years in prison, including five on death row, for a murder he did not commit. Turow was born in Chicago in 1949. He graduated with high honors from Amherst College in 1970. That year, he received an Edith Mirrielees Fellowship to the Stanford University Creative Writing Center, which he attended from 1970-72. From 1972-75, Turow taught creative writing at Stanford, as E.H. Jones Lecturer. In 1975, he entered Harvard Law School, graduating with honors in 1978. From 1978-86, he was an assistant

United States attorney in Chicago. He was a prosecutor in the trial of Illinois Attorney General William J. Scott, who was convicted of tax fraud. Turow was also lead government counsel in a number of the trials connected to Operation Greylord, a federal investigation of corruption into the Illinois judiciary. Turow has been active in a number of charitable causes including organizations that promote literacy, education and legal rights. In 1997-98, he served as president of the Authors Guild, which is the national membership organization for professional writers, and continues to serve on its governing board. He is also a trustee of Amherst College. Additionally, he performs with the Rock Bottom Remainers, a musical group of best seller authors raising funds for various literacy charities. Turow has three adult children. - Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

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**Andover and Lahser High Schools Class of 1969**

Joint 40th reunion Oct. 3, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Andover graduates e-mail to Liz Buckner at [Bucknerliz@gmail.com](mailto:Bucknerliz@gmail.com). Lahser graduates contact Linda Hague Sykes at [lsykes@woh.rr.com](mailto:lsykes@woh.rr.com).

**Birmingham High School Class of 1953 and 1954**

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

**Clarenceville High School All Class Reunion**

10 a.m. to park closing, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Bring a dish to pass for 1 p.m., potluck lunch. BYOB for adult beverages in non-glass containers. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at [wragland2@hotmail.com](mailto:wragland2@hotmail.com) or (269) 720-5679.

**Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967**

42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or [gwiatr@gmail.com](mailto:gwiatr@gmail.com).

**Detroit Cooley Class of 1954**

55th class reunion, Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Marriott Courtyard, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gath-

ering also will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at the Marriott. Tickets are \$55 per person. Rooms have been reserved at the Marriott Courtyard for those who want to stay overnight. Contact Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

**Detroit Pershing Class of 1960**

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

**Detroit Redford Classes of 1954-1955**

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See [www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com](http://www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com) for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at [dking000@ameritech.net](mailto:dking000@ameritech.net). Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at [m.morris.rhs55@wowway.com](mailto:m.morris.rhs55@wowway.com)

**Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959**

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact [szonyek@att.net](mailto:szonyek@att.net) with any information about classmates.

**Detroit St. Casimir High School Class of 1959**

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at [JudyCoo@hotmail.com](mailto:JudyCoo@hotmail.com) or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at [PJcruisin@wowway.com](mailto:PJcruisin@wowway.com).

**Detroit St. Thomas**

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

**Fordson High School Classes of 1943-45**

65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion"

to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled check is your receipt. For more information call Delores Dysarz Haush at (313) 278-4707.

**Class of 1954**

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

**Garden City High School East Class of 1959**

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

**Garden City High School Class of 1960**

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

**Class of 1984**

25-year reunion riverboat cruise Saturday, Sept. 19. Boat leaves Rivard Plaza dock at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, or get more info e-mail [gchsclassof84@yahoo.com](mailto:gchsclassof84@yahoo.com)

**Class of 1989**

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and are available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com) or contact Paula at [gch-s1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gch-s1989reunion@hotmail.com).

**Garden City West Class of 1979**

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City->

West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to [gcw79reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:gcw79reunion@yahoo.com).

**Ladywood Class of 1969**

Reunion on Sept. 19, at Embassy Suites, Livonia; For additional information, call Marilyn Refalo Maher at (248) 762-8816 or Lou Kennedy Neville at (734) 776-9048.

**Lincoln Park High School**

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or [nc6897@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nc6897@sbcglobal.net).

**Classes of 1968-1970**

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit [www.bentley686970.org](http://www.bentley686970.org) to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

**Livonia Franklin Class of 1969**

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail [Kaynini@att.net](mailto:Kaynini@att.net) or Kathy Shoebridge at [Klivingstone@nu-core.com](mailto:Klivingstone@nu-core.com).

**Livonia Stevenson Class of 1979**

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at [lisanefalk@comcast.net](mailto:lisanefalk@comcast.net)

**Milford High School Class of 1978**

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail [milford78@gmail.com](mailto:milford78@gmail.com).

**Plymouth High School Class of 1969**

40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact [phs1969@aol.com](mailto:phs1969@aol.com). Looking for missing class-

mates. Contact [phs1969@aol.com](mailto:phs1969@aol.com) with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

**Redford Thurston High School Class of 1969**

A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail [TedEnright@AOL.com](mailto:TedEnright@AOL.com).

**St. Mary of Redford Class of 1969**

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to [mcoulter@gr-lakes.com](mailto:mcoulter@gr-lakes.com).

**Southfield High School Class of 1979**

30th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 5, at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson, Commerce. Doors open at 7 p.m. Includes bowling, karaoke, DJ, dancing, coney, pizza, sliders, salads, sundae bar and cash bar. \$55 per person or \$100 per couple by Aug. 21; \$75 per person or \$140 per couple after Aug. 21. To buy tickets or for more information visit <http://shsr79griff.myevent.com>

**Visitation High School Class of 1959**

50-year reunion party Sept. 12. Call Charleen at (248) 652-6817.

**Westland John Glenn Class of 1969**

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday- Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact [Jghs69@aol.com](mailto:Jghs69@aol.com); Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at [JGHS69@aol.com](mailto:JGHS69@aol.com).

DTE Energy Foundation supports zoo program for area educators

DTE Energy Foundation has put its financial support behind the Detroit Zoological Society's open house for school teachers and administrators. "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" held on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 5-8 p.m., at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center. The event will offer the opportunity to enjoy food, fun, fellowship and live entertainment as they learn

about educational offerings at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo.

DTE Energy Foundation, the philanthropic arm of DTE Energy, supports community institutions as well as educational, environmental, diversity and development initiatives.

"Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" will offer educators tips on planning and

optimizing school group visits to the Detroit Zoo. Tours of the zoo will highlight animal habitats and exhibits that feature interactive learning options. Teachers and administrators will learn about the Ford Education Center's Interpretive Studios, Wild Adventure Ride, Madeleine Berman Academy for Humane Education and the DTE Energy Foundation

Humane Science Lab. Guests will also meet David Gakure, Kenyan conservationist and Detroit Zoo Education specialist, who engages students at the zoo and in the classroom with stories of people and wildlife in the African Grasslands.

Online registration for "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2009" is available until Aug. 31 at <http://www.detroitzoo.org/zoolastic/>.

[detroitzoo.org/zoolastic/](http://www.detroitzoo.org/zoolastic/).

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The zoo is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day (with extended hours until 8

p.m. Wednesdays during July and August), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. day after Labor Day through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

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# Local health systems recognized as tops in the nation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

The results of a Thomson Reuters study confirm the high level of care patients receive at local hospitals.

On Aug. 10, Trinity Health and the Henry Ford Health System were recognized as two of the top 10 health systems in the United States when statistics revealed a 25 percent lower mortality rate, 19 percent fewer medical complications and 13 percent fewer patient safety incidents.

Researchers used five measures including average length of stay and adherence to clinical standards of care (evidence-based core measures) as published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A total of 252 U.S. health systems were evaluated.

Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health System, believes the Thomson Reuters study simply confirms the effectiveness of their practices.

Henry Ford has consistently

## How Thomson Reuters measures

Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals program began rating the performance of individual hospitals in 1993. The Health System Quality/Efficiency Study was the first of its kind for health care systems. A total of 252 U.S. health systems with two or more short term, general, non-federal hospitals were assessed using 2006 and 2007 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare data.

Researchers reviewed a number of criteria.

- Mortality rates
- Complications
- Patient safety
- Average length of stay
- Adherence to clinical standards of care (evidence-based core measures published by the CMS)

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been ranked among the best in the nation including *U.S. News & World Report's* top 50 hospitals in a variety of specialties.

"Thomson Reuters acknowledges what we've been working for years," said Schlichting of Bloomfield Hills.

"We're focused on quality,

patient safety and service, and the opportunity for developing our people so the right outcomes can happen."

"Having our focus on the right thing is so important, utilizing the strength to make sure they perform at the highest level. It starts with the staff. It

takes a lot of teamwork. We're very proud. We have been a national leader for many years. We're always innovating."

Paul Conlon is especially proud that Trinity Health ranked among the nation's best health care providers. Conlon is senior vice president for clinical quality and patient safety for the system of 45 acute-care hospitals in seven states including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Trinity is the fourth largest Catholic health system in the U.S.

"It is great to receive recognition for work done on quality and safety," said Conlon, who lives in Plymouth and works at Trinity headquarters in Novi.

"We have a board committee on quality and safety with councils from across the system - physicians, nurses, pharmacological staff. We've worked very hard to capitalize on the intellectual power that exists across all of Trinity," said Conlon.

Trinity isn't resting on the recognition though. Plans call

for all system members to use its Electronic Health System of computerized patient records. So far, 22 of the hospitals participate including St. Mary Mercy which introduced the system last year and St. Joe's in Ann Arbor which acquires the newer version in October.

"It's a very powerful tool intended to make care much safer for patients," said Conlon. "It speeds up communication and reduces errors. Before, a physician wrote an order and used a tube system to the lab or pharmacy. With the Electronic Health System they hit the send button and those departments instantly receive information and eliminate all of the hand writing problems."

David Spivey, CEO and president of St. Mary Mercy, credits the hospital's cardiovascular center as one of the reasons the institution placed high in the national rankings.

St. Mary Mercy has been among Thomson's top 100 rankings for large community hospitals for the last three years.

A quality and patient safety committee of physicians and management meet monthly to ensure the highest standard of care. "We focus on quality and performance improvement," said Spivey. "One example is a performance improvement team in place to improve efficiency of the emergency angioplasty team, how quickly a patient gets through ER and onto the table in cardiology. Our team is focused on a patient receiving care in less than 90 minutes 100 percent of the time."

It's Dr. Lakshmi Halasyamani's job as vice president for quality and systems improvement, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, to optimize patient care on a daily basis as well. The system consists of hospitals in Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston and Oakland counties, and Port Huron.

"We have in place systems to review the indicators on a regular basis. It's an ongoing process," said Halasyamani.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 6

#### Look good, feel better

2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Free service teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help them get well and restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer beauty professionals lead small groups, usually consisting of six to 10 women, through practical, hands-on beauty techniques.

Women learn about makeup, skin care, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. Each participant receives a free kit of name-brand cosmetics for use during and after the workshop. Reservations are required. Call (800) ACS-2345 to reserve a spot.

**Screening**  
Clarenceville United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, with appointments beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 1, at 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart

rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required.

### SEPT. 7-13

#### Foot screening

The American Diabetes Association will offer free foot exams 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Botsford Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Ave., Novi. The organization recommends that people with diabetes inspect their feet daily for problems like a blister, cut, or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene or even amputation. (248) 433-3830, Ext. 6697.

#### Canoe To Care

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital will hold its seventh Canoe To Care day of outdoor family fun from 3 to 7 p.m.

on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Heavner's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support at the hospital's Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Cost is \$30 per canoe and includes a picnic and canoe rental for two adults or teens. Children 12 and under free. (248) 937-5077.

### ONGOING

#### Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail [jeanieweaver@charach.net](mailto:jeanieweaver@charach.net).

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## WHAT SOME VETERANS TEACH ABOUT JOB HUNTING



**WORKWISE**

by Mildred L. Culp

A man or woman leaving the military encounters unparalleled difficulty in finding a job. Military terminology sounds foreign to most

employers and reads like hieroglyphics. Veterans struggle to make the transition out of the military environment, with its own culture, rules and communication patterns. However, those who overcome these hurdles have something to teach others. The stories of one person each from the Marines Corps, Army and Air Force reflect focus, drive and determination.

**VISION**

Sam Zhao and his family emigrated to the United States when he was six years old. He went directly from high school to four years in the Marine Corps, including six months land-based in Okinawa, Japan, and six months on the Mediterranean Ocean. During the latter, "we did a rescue mission in Albania and evacuated American citizens from harm's way in Africa," he recalls. "I was a motor transport operator," he continues,

"driving vehicles like the Humvee and a five-ton truck transporting troops, cargo, ammunition and supplies." Moving up the ladder to sergeant, he subsequently dispatched and trained other troops. As his end-date approached, he planned and focused on his future work, design, sketching whenever he could. He also took college prep courses.

While earning his B.F.A. at Detroit's College for Creative Studies, Zhao developed a portfolio. He wanted to work for a major car manufacturer but didn't make the cut. Over the next three years, B.F.A. in hand, he worked at three companies, including a short stint at Banana Republic, before joining General Motors Co., in Warren, Mich., where he's a creative designer. Zhao led the design for the exterior of the Chevy 2010 Equinox.

Shea Nero, who left the Army as captain, tells a different story. After earning her degree at the United States Military Academy (West Point), she served for five years, including assignments in Iraq and Afghanistan. "My favorite missions were working with local nationals and helping them develop job-related skills," she says.

Nero found online job hunting to be fruitless. Her 35 applications garnered "zero response, (despite) a degree from West Point, an M.B.A. (from Texas A&M) and tours in Iraq and Afghanistan," she comments. She sought help from headhunters. The Lucas Group, headquartered in Atlanta, helped her define the job

she wanted, practice interviewing, fine-tune her resume and package herself well.

A five- or six-month search overall ended with an offer in Manufacturing Resources at Frito-Lay in Dallas. Nero really wanted it because of the company's interest in employee well-being and its pension plans. She supervises up to 25 people in manufacturing and packaging.

**ON THE ROAD**

Calvin Greer of Cypress, Tex., spent 20 years in the Air Force. His last assignment, recruiting, was his favorite, because he could "impact the need for service and young individuals looking for a platform to launch their careers," he says. When he left as a sergeant about 17 months ago, he negotiated six job offers, including one from a company he'd done business with in the military.

Two offers really caught his eye. In typical military fashion, Greer reports that he "went to the company that responded faster." He'd overcome his greatest challenge -- explaining his experience to civilian employers. Greer focused on the part of his civil engineering work with two major civilian concerns: unions and a comment he heard repeatedly -- "not in my job description." In mid-July, he was laid off at Valve Technologies Inc., where he'd been a supervisor/production manager. "The challenge now is the market itself," Greer comments. As of this writing, he's had his third interview, which involved



Credit: General Motors Co. Sam Zhao, a Marine Corps veteran, led the design of the exterior of the Chevy 2010 Equinox. His climb to creative designer at General Motors Co. in Warren, Mich., reflects focus and drive.

two people, at a Fortune 500 manufacturing company, bringing the total number of interviewers there to nine.

Greer's remark about the difficult market encapsulates the military spirit of dealing with challenges head-on. Of the three stories here, the one that should strike job seekers the most is that of the Army captain, who changed course after 35 online applications. She decided early on that applying online was too passive and indirect to find a job successfully. Her direct, hands-on approach paid off handsomely.

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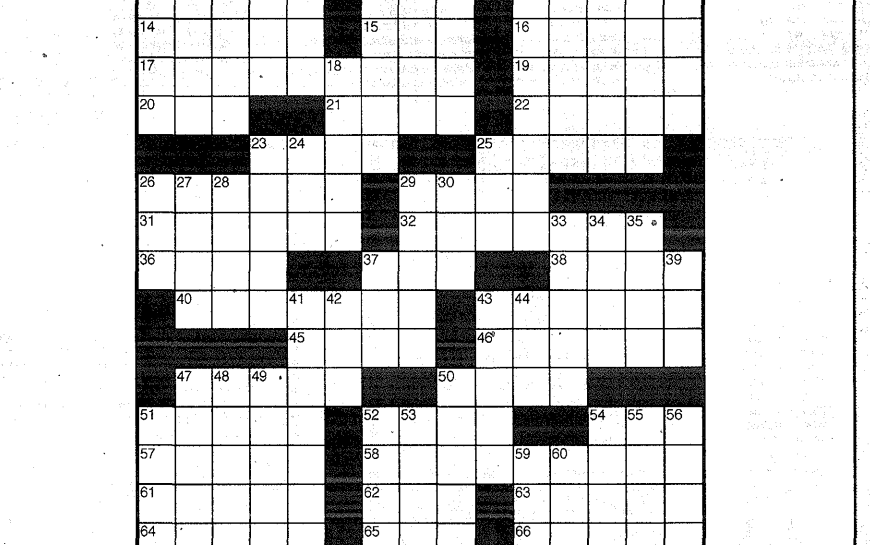
**ACROSS**  
1 Join a parade  
6 Pipe down!  
9 Bake sale items  
14 Luau welcome  
15 Don Ho's neck-wear  
16 Gate squeaker  
17 Lark  
19 Reflection  
20 Novelist Rita - Brown  
21 Organ part  
22 Defiant reply  
23 Muck or slime  
25 Gave up land  
26 Bunch of fish  
29 Goes quickly  
31 Threadbare  
32 Not prepared  
36 Roulette color  
37 Lodge member  
38 Perfume bottle  
40 Mesa  
43 Himalayan guide  
45 Unwelcome obligation  
46 Debutante's bow  
47 Heap  
50 Sonnet writer  
51 Rudders  
52 Hurl forth  
54 - out (with-draw)  
57 Cover story  
58 They may be read (2 wds.)

**DOWN**  
1 Lady's honorific  
2 Swit costar  
3 Roam about  
4 Ernesto  
5 Guevera  
6 Chang Jiang feeder  
6 Fishtailed  
7 - and now  
8 Rushed off  
9 Popular cuisine  
10 Did target practice  
11 Rogue  
12 Spurred on  
13 Crystal-gazer  
18 Honesty!  
23 Venomous snake  
24 Break in  
25 Paramedic's skill  
26 Common ID  
27 Mince  
28 Crop hazard  
29 Bantu people  
30 Calligraphy medium

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	TOUR	KRILL
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LINUS	CHORTLES	
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9			5				
	3		6	4			
	9	5		7		3	
				6	9		1
	1			5	9		4
3					4	9	5
4			9	8		1	
7	3				8	6	

Level: Beginner

**Here's How It Works:**  
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E	M	L	K	T	J	R	H	G	F
C	O	M	P	U	T	E	R	Y	U
R	O	A	T	D	C	H	A	L	K
M	R	P	L	E	P	C	O	O	I
N	K	S	Q	N	W	A	S	C	S
T	A	R	E	T	D	E	S	K	S
B	O	O	K	S	Y	T	U	E	I
B	L	A	C	K	B	O	A	R	D
W	C	L	O	C	K	P	O	S	O

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

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

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

W	C	L	O	C	K	P	O	S	O
B	L	A	C	K	B	O	A	R	D
B	L	A	C	K	B	O	A	R	D
B	L	A	C	K	B	O	A	R	D
T	A	R	E	T	D	E	S	K	S
M	R	P	L	E	P	C	O	O	I
N	K	S	Q	N	W	A	S	C	S
R	O	A	T	D	C	H	A	L	K
C	O	M	P	U	T	E	R	Y	U
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### CAReport



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The Mitsubishi Galant, redesigned for 2009, is best driven in a high-powered edition that lets you keep up with the Joneses.

The Galant lineup now includes the performance-driven Ralliart edition. With a 258-horsepower V6 and a tightened suspension, the Ralliart drives more like a sports car than sedan.

This powerhouse, named after Mitsubishi's now defunct worldwide rallying effort, goes from 0 to 60 in just 6.5 seconds.

So car buyers who are looking for a fun driving experience, but can't afford a sports car, need to look no further than the Ralliart with a price tag of around \$27K.

This model, which made its debut in 2007, gives people a speedy alternative to the Galant's rivals -- the Honda Accord and the Toyota Camry -- for about \$1,000 less.

Mitsubishi phased out the LS and SE editions in favor of the Ralliart, but the Galant is still offered in three other trim levels -- the DE, ES, and GTS.

Standard features on the base model DE include air-conditioning, power windows and doors, keyless entry, a CD player, daytime running lights, halogen headlights with auto shutoff and a height-

adjustable driver seat.

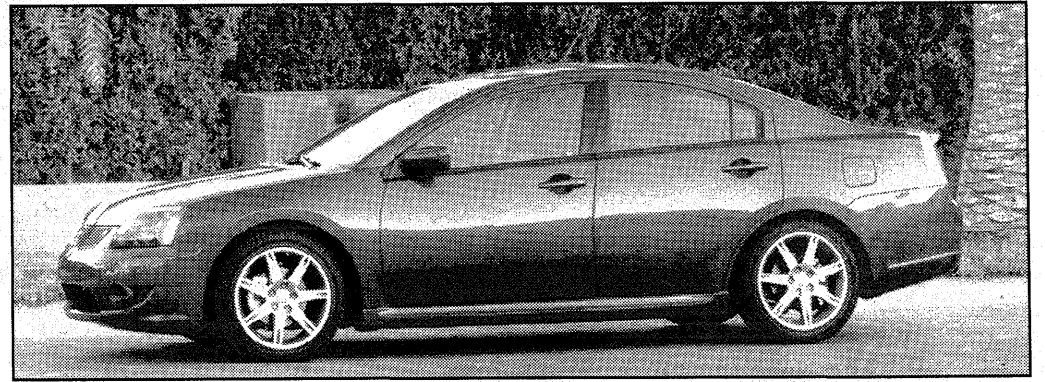
The ES offers everything the DE has as well as cruise control. And by buying various packages, you can upgrade the ES with items like alloy wheels, a moon-roof, a 270-watt Infinity stereo with CD changer, satellite radio, leather seating and a power driver seat.

The sportier GTS adds a V6 engine (up from the four-cylinder engine of the DE and ES), 17-inch alloy wheels, a rear spoiler, leather seating, a power driver seat and heated front seats.

But if you want to go for the best version, you should check out the Ralliart. It is equipped with sports car-like features, including a more powerful V6 engine than the GTS, a sport-tuned suspension and 18-inch alloy wheels.

On the inside, the DE and ES models have ice blue-illuminated instrument panels and consoles, making it easier on the eyes for nighttime driving. The GTS and Ralliart have whiteface gauges, adding to their sporty good looks.

The Ralliart also includes automatic climate control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, a moon-roof and a 360-watt Rockford audio system with satellite radio, transforming its interior into a luxury car.



Get the sporty Galant Ralliart if you want to stay ahead of the rat race. But don't let your foot get too heavy, or you may be blown away by its surprising speed.

Although the addition of the fast Ralliart will appeal to heavy-footed car buyers, the Galant's competitors still have the edge when it comes to providing standard features.

That's because when designing the Galant, Mitsubishi mistakenly left out key features like stability control, a fully folding rear seat and the option of a manual transmission.

One thing that doesn't need to be changed about the Galant is its safety features.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the Galant earned an impressive five-star rating for protecting people in both frontal- and side-impacts.

All Galants except the DE come with anti-lock disc brakes and every model is equipped with front-seat side airbags and full-length side-curtain airbags. The GTS and Ralliart models also include a tire-pressure monitor and traction control.

The DE and ES are equipped with four-speed automatic transmissions with Mitsubishi's Sportronic manual shift control. The Sportronic mimics manual transmission gear changes without using a

clutch. Both models get 23 miles per gallon for city driving and 30 on the highway.

The GTS and Ralliart both have V6s hooked up to a five-speed automatic transmission with Sportronic. But by using a precision-timed transmission, the Ralliart produces 258 horsepower, while the GTS only puts out 230 horsepower. Yet, surprisingly, they both deliver 18 mpg city and 27 mpg highway.

There's no doubt Mitsubishi execs are targeting the Ralliart to young speed freaks. But the old school Galant models are still nice rides to get from Point A to Point B for us normal, law-abiding drivers ... like you.

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