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Canton resident John Nichols, whose name will be on the Nov. 8 ballot when voters head to the polls to elect four new members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, has suspended his campaign for family reasons.

Nichols announced his decision on his Facebook page. Nichols, an outspoken leader in the fight to save Fiegel

Elementary School from closure this summer, threw his support behind incumbents Nancy

Edgenberger and Steven Sneiderman and Plymouth residents Stephanie Goecke and Sheila Paton.

In addition to those four, the ballot will include Mike Andro, John Barrett, Matt Dame, Mark Horvath, incumbent board President John Jackson, Michael Maloney, Abdul Muhiuddin, Clifton Nealey, Michael Redman and Angie Williams-Chehmani.

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Our website, Hometownlife.com, has launched a Sweetest Day contest for a romantic overnight at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham with a \$50 gift certificate to the Rugby Grille.

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The deadline for entries is midnight Oct. 1 and the winner will be drawn at random Oct. 2.



Dr. Mark Wood, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, is the new head of school at Plymouth Christian Academy. He replaces Dr. David Butler, who retired after the 2010-11 school year.

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Calling beckons new PCA chief

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Mark Wood left the 800-student Christian school he shepherded in Boise, Idaho, a few years ago, he didn't figure his retirement was a permanent thing.

He was right. So when God came knocking, Wood, of course, answered the door. Earlier this year Wood, a retired U.S. Air Force officer with a Ph.D. in education from Liberty (Va.) University, accepted the calling as the head of school for Plymouth Christian Academy.

He replaces Dr. David Butler, who retired after the 2010-11 school year. "I wasn't retired in the sense I was going to play golf the rest of my life," Wood said with a smile. "I'm 55 years old, and I think I have something left to give."

He decided to give it to PCA, a 600-student K-12 Christian school on Joy Road in Canton. His previous experience was at



Dr. Mark Wood with PCA yearbook staffers Megan Pawlus, Olivia Hood and Haley Garfield.

the two-campus Cole Valley Christian School in Boise (he also led a small school in Albuquerque, N.M.), a post he took so his wife, Janet, could be near her twin sister.

That was all after a lengthy Air Force career during which he was both an enlisted man (a security policeman and a recruiter) and an officer (he did missile duty in Montana), where his last assignment was leading the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard in Washington, D.C.

He was in line for a promotion, though he hadn't yet taken it, when "God made it clear to me He had other work for me to do."

That's when he went to Albuquerque and, ultimately, Idaho. The couple moved to Mt. Morris, Mich., to take care of Janet's mother, and Wood took up residence as an adjunct professor with Liberty University and a part-time pastor for his church.

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Developers from Salem eye township water

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The developers of a large residential and retail neighborhood planned for Salem Township want to study the possibility of buying water from Plymouth Township instead of constructing their own well system.

But they would only propose such a deal if it would be a "win-win" for both parties, one of the developers told Plymouth Township officials Tuesday.

"We're not asking for a single penny from Plymouth Township," Steven Fisher, representing developer Salem Springs LLC, said at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting. Fisher was not on the board's agenda for Tuesday, but trustees heard him during the public comment segment toward the end of the meeting.

Fisher said his company may be able to save money by buying water from the township rather than building a well system, and that he wants the company's engineering consultants to study the issue. "It can only be a win-win situation" in order to move forward, he said. "I want to prove that" with the study.

Salem Springs is planned for about 200 acres west of Napier and north of M-14, Fisher said.

Township officials reacted warily — and seemed a little puzzled about what Fisher was asking them.

Treasurer Ron Edwards said Plymouth Township is in a delicate time in its relationship with the city of Detroit, from which it buys

water, over consumption patterns and the wholesale water rate.

Detroit sought to impose a 40-percent wholesale increase earlier this year, but township officials bargained that down to about 18 percent, passing along only part of that to its residential and business customers. The township is also in the midst of system upgrades that officials say will help it offset spikes in demand during peak periods, which can lead to higher wholesale rates.

"We can't jeopardize this," Edwards said, adding that he's uncertain if Detroit officials would agree to a water-sale plan.

Fisher said several times that he's aware of the township's negotiations with Detroit. "We understand that and we don't want to interfere with that," he said.

But a water deal with Salem Springs could help the township with wholesale rates, Fisher said, if, for example, the new development included a water storage tank that could be tapped by Plymouth Township.

That prompted Trustee Steve Mann to scoff that any water sold to the development wasn't likely coming back.

Ultimately, Mann told Fisher that the study's consultants could obtain information about the township's water system through Freedom of Information Act requests, and that any discussion about Plymouth Township selling water to Salem Springs should involve Salem Township officials.

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Realtors help Missouri tornado victims rebuild

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Dave Efird lost his automobile repair shop, tools and equipment, and a "mini museum" of car-related collectibles, including several vintage models, to a tornado last spring, but the response from a Plymouth Township real estate office is helping him stay in business.

"It blew everything away," Efird, owner of Efird's Automotive Service, said of the May 22 tornado in Joplin, Mo. The twister, one of the deadliest in U.S.

history, claimed more than 150 lives and reduced thousands of buildings to rubble, including his auto shop.

That's where Keller Williams Realty stepped in, through its KW Cares program, which aids agents and employees and their families in times of crisis.

Employees at the Keller Williams Plymouth-Canton office on Ann Arbor Road raised more than \$1,400 of the \$2,120 sent to Efird from the company's regional office. Corporate headquarters in Austin, Texas, chipped in another \$5,000, and

the money allowed Efird to buy equipment and move into a temporary shop so he can stay in business while he rebuilds.

'It's amazing'

"It got me opened back up," Efird said recently during a telephone interview. "Basically got me back in where I am now."

"It's amazing what they did," said his wife, Cheryl Efird, an agent at Keller Williams of Southwest Missouri in Joplin. "Until you go through a disaster, you really don't understand it, and you don't know what you need."

"We're excited for them," said Lloyd O'Dell, a Realtor and the operating principal at the local Keller Williams office. "We're glad we were able to help out."

After the tornado, O'Dell said, regional Keller Williams management asked each of its local offices to donate a \$100 gift card that would be forwarded to the Efirds.

"I have a great team here, and they thought they could do better than that," O'Dell said. They ended up raffling off an iPad, sell-

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'Miss Kristen' closes chapter on storytime career

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

It wasn't like Kristen Kostielney to cry when she sang her goodbye song, the same one she always sings to end her children's storytime sessions at the Canton Public Library.

Unable to fight back her tears, she had to stop singing and start over Wednesday evening during her rendition of *Time To Say Goodbye To All My Friends*.

Because this time, it really was goodbye.

Kostielney, the library's program specialist for children, tween and teen services, ends a 21-year career Monday, one that began when she was hired as a part-time page when she was only 16.

Known fondly as Miss Kristen to thousands of local children who came to know her and love her over the years, Kostielney is leaving to become a Head Start teacher of children ages 3 and 4 at the Campagna Center in Alexandria, Va., a town where her husband, Craig, has found an accounting job.

"I always said if I ever left here, I wanted to work in a Head Start classroom," Kostielney, 37, said.

Yet she feels emotional leaving Canton, where she has lived since age 5 when her family moved from Maryland after her father got a job with Ford Motor Co. She leaves behind cherished relatives, co-workers and library patrons.

"I consider everyone family here," she said.

Cause for tears

The feeling is mutual. Canton mom Lalita Mishra said her daughters — Pragya, 7, and Jaya, 5 — will miss Kostielney's storytime sessions, book clubs, Halloween parties, hands-on science programs and other children's projects. Pragya cried when she was told Miss Kristen was leaving.

"She has left a good impression on my daughters," Mishra said. "She is so interesting, and it has helped the kids so much. She even showed them how to make ice cream. She is like their best friend. Every time we go to the library, they want to see her."

Kostielney has no children of her own, but she leaves behind close-knit family members who live within a three-mile radius in Canton — parents Beverly and Denis Tierney; sister Stephanie Tierney; and sister Kim Witten, brother-in-law Mike Witten, and their daughters Abby, 10, and Emily, 7.

New phase

Sitting in the library prior to her last storytime, Kostielney's eyes teared up several times as she described her bittersweet feelings of leaving so many people who love her for a new phase of life she admits "is really exciting."

Kostielney attended two area elementary schools — Fiegel Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton district and Wayne-Westland's Walker-Winter — before going to St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne and



Kristen Kostielney stands inside a library area where she has gained the respect and love of thousands of local children.

graduating from Ladywood High School in Livonia.

She was only 16 when she became a Canton library page, and she continued working part time as she earned her education degree from Eastern Michigan University. She stayed with the library as she did her student teaching at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth and as she worked part time as a preschool teacher for Plymouth Children's

Nursery.

Kostielney accepted a full-time library job 15 years ago when her position as children's program specialist was created, and she has never regretted her decision.

"I have awesome co-workers and awesome patrons," she said. "I've made great friends. They have really made me part of their life."

Her library family honored her Thursday evening with a farewell par-

ty. "Kristen has been such an asset to the library — to the community — that it is very difficult to see her go," said Anne Heidemann, department head for children, tween and teen services. "She has touched the lives of so many of the children and families in Canton, and we have been so lucky to have her with us for so many years. While I'm quite sad to let her go, I know that Kristen is mak-

ing an exciting move and that she will certainly shine and bring the enthusiasm and expertise she is known for to children and families in a new community."

Bigger scope

Library statistics indicate Kostielney has had 95,285 on-the-job interactions with children, though that number includes repeat patrons. It's common for her young fans to stop her in grocery stores and restaurants.

"I love the kids," she said. "Kids are so honest. You can't fake them. They either like you or they don't."

Kostielney has broadened the scope of her library duties by working with outside organizations such as Canton Leisure Services, Starfish Family Services, the Plymouth Whalers, Canton Farmers Market, preschools and day care centers. Sometimes she has taken programs on the road; sometimes the groups come to her.

She also has been involved in her community through the Canton Kiwanis Club and St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

Reflecting on her 21-year library career, Kostielney said she has no regrets.

Her successor hasn't been chosen, but Monday marks her last day — a day she chose because she wanted to attend the International Talk Like a Pirate Day program.

"I wanted to end with a fun program," she said.

One with smiles — and perhaps a few more tears — though it seems both are deserved in equal measure.

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Veterans get benefit help at summit

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Air Force Reservist Dawn Neagos of St. Clair is pretty sure neither her father nor her father-in-law, both retired military veterans, knew exactly what kind of benefits they were entitled to following their long military careers.

That's why Neagos made the long drive Thursday for the Canton Community Foundation's second annual Veterans' Summit at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The first day of the two-day program was designed for attorneys and legal advocates; the second day was devoted to providing information about benefits and programs available to veterans and their families.

"Having all the information in one location is just essential," said Neagos, whose father-in-law was a World War II Navy man and whose father is a Vietnam-era Army veteran. "You can spend hours and hours online just trying to find the right person. It's discouraging. My father-in-law never knew, so now my mother-in-law, who is now a widow, is certainly missing out on any number of benefits."

CCF President Joan Noricks said the summit "narrowed the gap in Michigan's lack of continuing legal education," and drew some 50 veteran and legal advocates for the first day (up from 30 last year) and some 215 veterans (up from 150) for the second day.

For the second consecutive year, the CCF received a grant from the Holbrook Charitable Trust to sponsor the forum. "This program is the



Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Carol Ann Fausone and Terran Frye with Hershey, a service dog for veterans with post-traumatic stress.

only one of its kind in Michigan," Noricks said. "The foundation is proud to lead the way in informing veterans about the benefits they have earned with their service."

The second day of the summit, designed as an informational day for veterans wanting details about available services/benefits, featured a variety of vendors talking about VA benefits, compensation, disability compensation, medical services and E-benefits.

There was also a panel discussion featuring a variety of Veterans Affairs and Disabled American Veterans groups. The program targeted the approximately 350,000 veterans who live in metropolitan Detroit. So many people "don't

know what they were entitled to," said James Fausone, managing partner of Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC, in Northville and a member of the CCF's board of directors.

The first day is as important as the second day, Fausone said, because it allows veteran and legal advocates to get certification necessary in dealing with the mounds of red tape that often accompany finding out about benefits.

"It's a huge federal bureaucracy," Fausone said. "The veteran trying to sift through it on his own is probably going to be unsuccessful."

Air Force Col. (Ret.) James Hoefel hadn't needed his veterans' benefits much until recently, when he encountered some



The summit featured a variety of speakers, including Kristina Derro of Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC.

health issues and went to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor and then the University of Michigan Hospital. The Westland resident said he came to the summit because he had "cer-

tain interests" and believes there are benefits about which he could learn.

"I got a bag full of information. ... I'll spend hours going through it," Hoefel said. "The information

is very useful and, of course, there's a comfort factor being around other veterans."

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Shoe shop expands downtown Plymouth footprint

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Online shopping can save on shoe leather, but a business in downtown Plymouth is successfully combining the two.

Pete's Shoe Repair & Leather, tucked into a storefront at the back of a building on Main Street, recently expanded into another storefront a few steps away, where its Internet shoe sales are based. Owner Rimon Warra has been selling high-end men's shoes in his shop for about seven years, but it's on the Internet where sales are really taking off, he said.

Warra and son Nick, who is in charge of Internet sales, say they can offer top-quality shoes at better prices than other online stores, and even at lower prices than manufacturers offer through their sites.

"All the factories know what we do, and they sell us, because we bring them a lot of business," Rimon Warra said Friday at his newest storefront, where Nick Warra and Mike Palo, director of operations, process Internet orders and prepare



Rimon Warra at his shop, Pete's Shoe Repair & Leather in downtown Plymouth. With help from his son Nick, who has a background in accounting, Warra is expanding his online shoe sales business and has even opened a storefront office for it, steps away from his repair shop.

them for shipping. Pete's Shoes ships around the world, and doesn't charge for ship-

ping within the U.S. The new storefront stocks the most commonly sold shoes (and Rimon stocks

shoes in his repair shop as well), but many Internet orders are shipped direct from the factory,

Nick Warra said.

When they're not working on orders, Nick Warra and Palo are looking at other shoe store websites and doing price analyses, trying to find a competitive edge.

They also learn the shoes, which come from factories around the world, including in Brazil, Spain, Portugal and, yes, even the U.S. Customers often ask specifically for U.S.-made shoes, Nick Warra said (Allen Edmonds makes a lot of them).

"A lot of people want to know where their shoes are made, so we definitely have to know that," he said.

Nick Warra started dabbling in Internet shoe sales to make a little money while attending college, and he used to work from home. Now, with computer skills and an accounting degree from Madonna University, "there's no looking back," he said.

Pete's Shoes currently sells shoes from Allen Edmonds, Johnston & Murphy, Florsheim, Bacco Bucci, Mezlan and Mephisto, a French company. With the addition

of the latter, the Warras said, they started selling women's shoes for the first time. They're working to build relationships with other manufacturers.

"Around here, they buy a high-quality shoe," the elder Warra said. "This is what they want."

Although sales now provide more business than repairs, Rimon Warra doesn't see an end to his specialty. "I'm happy with my fixing shoes still," he said.

So are his customers, Warra added. Warra says a lot of regulars buy shoes from him, later have them resoled or reelected, and still later buy another pair. "Repeat customers have been non-stop to my store," he said.

Pete's was opened in 1949 by Pete Mucci, who sold the business to Rimon Warra just over 20 years ago. He rents both of his storefronts from Jim McKeon, a long-time downtown Plymouth property owner. "He's one of the best landlords anybody can find," he said.

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Fifth-grade Girl Scout Troop 40677 from Dodson Elementary School in Canton hosts a food drive to fight hunger and make a difference in the community.

Troop officials said the Girl Scouts are "working hard to prepare for the food drive." The girls created flyers, posters and even acquired donations from local businesses as incentives for Dodson students who collect the most food. They coordinated two collections for the food drive, in hopes of making a huge impact on the community.

One collection is open to the public, Sept. 23 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Canton Kroger store, 1905 N. Canton Center Road. Everyone is welcome to come out and donate food.

The other collection will be at Dodson Elementary School, from Sept. 26-



Dodson Elementary Girl Scouts (back row, from left) Vicki Sheahan (troop leader), Isabel Anderson, Paige Posada, Lavender Bertsch, Aditi Hukerikar, Kristin Patrick (co-leader), and (front, from left) Caitlin Sheahan, Drew Harper, Danya, and Emma Patrick are doing a food drive to fight hunger.

30. The Girl Scouts will have daily telecasts and presentations about the food drive. The students will have a chance to win

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TORNADO

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ing 100 \$20 tickets and netting more than \$1,400 after expenses.

Regional managers liked the outcome so much, they plan a similar iPad raffle to raise even more money, he said.

'We want to help'

Keller Williams also emphasizes local community service, O'Dell said, and sets aside one day each May for local projects sponsored by its offices around the country. This year, he said, his agents and employees held a food drive, and in 2010 they donated labor and materials to landscape the office of a non-profit that offers grief counseling.

"It's important for us," O'Dell said. "We work here, we live here and we want to help the community."

Cheryl Efird said other agents in her office who were affected by the tornado were similarly "adopted" through KW Cares, including some whose homes were totally destroyed.

Getting her husband's shop reopened, she said, was crucial. "We were having 30 and 40 calls a day from his customers," she said. Insurance isn't providing enough to cover the losses and restart, Dave Efird said.

Efird's Automotive Service was started by Dave Efird's late father, Al, in 1965 and has been in the family ever since. The destroyed building on East 20th Street in Joplin had been its home since 1994.

The building sat between two storage facilities, and the torna-

do "churned everything up like a blender" and left debris from those storage units, and from other businesses, on the property, Dave Efird said.

Of the 16 cars parked there that day, six of them his and the rest belonging to clients, "five cars left the building, as Elvis would say it." Others were found heavily damaged and scattered about on other properties. His restored 1953 Lincoln Cosmopolitan "went from a four-door sedan to a four-door semi-convertible," he joked.

Time to rebuild

As the property is paid for, Dave Efird said, the current plan is to rebuild Efird's Automotive on the site. But cleanup isn't yet complete, he said, and construction firms there are plenty busy.

"There's starting to be some building coming back, but it still looks like a war zone," Efird said of the Joplin area as a whole. "There's still some debris that's not cleaned up."

The tornado destroyed several schools and displaced more than half of Joplin's schoolchildren, Efird said. High school juniors and seniors, for example, now attend classes at a local mall.

The Efirds have 10 grandchildren attending local schools. "They seem to have adjusted extremely well, I would say," Dave Efird said.

May 22 was a Sunday and — luckily — Efird's was closed. "If it would've hit during the week ... there would've probably been casualties," Dave Efird said.

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PCA

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Earlier this year, Wood got a call about the PCA opening from someone in this area whose brother had been attached to Wood's school in Idaho. Wood felt God's hand in the details and applied.

"God found me, I wasn't trying to find a job," Wood said. "I want to obey God, and God said, 'Wood, this is next. I will work hard until He is done with me.'"

That sense of faith stood Wood well during

the interview process. A 12-member panel talked to about a dozen candidates on the phone and brought three of them in for face-to-face interviews. Wood was a unanimous choice.

"He just seemed to have such a sweet spirit about loving the school and loving the Lord," said Jim Rich, chairman of PCA's Board of Regents, who led the hiring process. "That's what makes the difference at PCA, the spiritual essence of our program. We thought (Wood) was the right fit for PCA at this point in time."

Wood said he spent three days touring the facility and talking to people. In that time, he said, he met students, faculty, parents and staff. He said he was impressed with the quality of the education — "Almost every student who graduates goes on to college," Wood said — and the quality of the people involved at both ends, those delivering the education and the students receiving it.

"What makes this school the best is the character of the students, which is a reflection of

the character of the parents, which reflects the character of the faculty," Wood said. "The solid, Godly character makes this the best school in the area."

Wood said he has his priorities for the school, and they start in one place.

"The spiritual health of this school is my number one priority," Wood said. "If that is the number one priority, that will drive us to be the best because of who we are."

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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POM CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 1, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: Canton High School cafeteria

Details: The Canton Chieftettes host a pom clinic where participants will learn pom pon techniques and a short dance routine. Participants perform at the varsity football game Oct. 14. Links to a clinic flyer and registration can be found at cantonchieftettes.com

AAUW MEETING

Date/Time: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22

Location: Hoben Elementary School (Salz Road between Sheldon and Canton

Center).

Details: The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its monthly meeting. The meeting, titled "Not Your Mother's Tie-dye," will feature Emily Sharpe who will share her experiences joining a start-up company that specializes in a new form of tie-dyeing. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

SALEM CHEER

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Salem High School gym, 46191 Joy in Canton

Details: The Salem High School cheer team presents "Kid Camp 2011." The \$50 cost includes clinic, snack, a

T-shirt and backpack. Campers are invited to cheer with the team for the first half of the Salme vs. Stevenson football game Friday, Oct. 7. Campers should wear comfortable shirt, shorts and gym shoes.

Contact: Dee Bryan, (734) 673-4329, or Kelissa Nordstrom, (734) 397-4562, or e-mail salemcoaches@gmail.com

DAR MEETS

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 23, noon

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: The Daughters of the American Revolution meet for a noon sandwich luncheon, with the program titled "Our History is the Key to Our Future," featuring state Sen. Patrick Colbeck. Members are asked to wear red, white and blue and bring a bell. Also bring

white socks (men's 9-12 & 13-15), crossword puzzle and word search books, playing cards, men's boxers or T-shirts for veterans.

Contact: For further information call (248) 349-4827.

GOODFELLOW VOLUNTEERS

Date/Time: Oct. 19 and Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library Waldorf Room, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Goodfellows are looking for volunteers for their annual newspaper sale day (Dec. 3) and for other duties. The group is an all volunteer organization that works from September-January. Our goal is to make sure there are no Plymouth children without a Christmas.

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County officials break ground on new jail

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (D-District 12) joined Chairman Gary Woronchak, County Executive Robert Ficano and Sheriff Benny Napoleon in a ground-breaking ceremony Thursday on a \$300 million state-of-the-art jail facility.

The new 715,000-square-foot Wayne County Jail will be located downtown across from Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on property bordering Gratiot, St. Antoine, Clinton and the Chrysler Service Drive. It is scheduled to open July 2014.

"It is the responsibility of the Wayne County Commission under the county charter to

approve contracts and ensure that the people's best interests are in order with a project of this magnitude," said Gebhardt, who made motions on several fronts to see the project through. "The Commission has done its job and I have to feel excited about the jobs this will bring to so many hard-working families in our area."

According to Gebhardt, the new jail will save the county money by using new technologies and the latest best practices for prisoner movement and supervision, and will also create safer environments for prisoners and employees.

"I say with confidence that we have done our job well, and we stand here as partners in this ambitious and outstanding venture for which we are breaking ground today," Woronchak said.

It is also estimated that more than 2,000 jobs will be created by the project, which is one of the largest construction initiatives Wayne County has launched in several years.

The facility will have 2,192 beds and house prisoners who would currently be in two downtown jails and a jail in Hamtramck. The downtown jails, built in 1929 and 1981, are expected to be demolished. The

fate of the Hamtramck facility, in operation since 1991, remains unclear.

Video visitation will be one new feature for the facility as prisoners will now be able to meet with relatives and clergy from their cells by way of cameras and television screens.

"Building a new jail isn't cause to celebrate," Ficano said. "What we are saying is in these economic times, you have to look at everything in terms of improving efficiency and cutting costs. That's what this project will do."

Wayne County, in an effort to stimulate local economic activ-

ity, used a consulting firm to prequalify contractors. Presently, approximately 425 potential contractors have been prequalified. Of those candidates, 60 percent are Wayne County- and City of Detroit-based.

"There is no question this center is crucial to alleviating many of our fiscal issues," Sheriff Napoleon said. "We know that we cannot incarcerate our way out of the ills plaguing our county. However, we can take the measured steps to streamline our system so that money we have available is being used to its utmost benefit."

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-06

AMENDMENT TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE ORDINANCE NO. C-98-10A, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, AMENDING SECTION 75.01 PURPOSE; AMENDING SECTION 75.08 PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURES, SUBSECTION (3) APPLICATION FEE; AND DELETING SECTION 75.10 ANNUAL PERMIT FEES OF SECTION 1 ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL FEES; PAYMENT AND SUBSECTION 4 OTHER PAYMENTS; REVISING SECTION 75.11, DURATION OF PERMITS; RENEWAL; REVISING SECTION 75.12 PERMIT TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION (3) CONSTRUCTION PERMIT; REMOVING SECTION 75.12 PERMIT TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION (11) EXPIRATION OF PERMIT TO SECTION 75.11 DURATION OF PERMIT; RENEWAL; EXPIRATION; DELETING SECTION 75.13 USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY PERMITTEE, SUBSECTION (5) PAYMENT CUT COORDINATION/ADDITIONAL FEES; (2ND PARAGRAPH); DELETING APPENDIX A - GROSS REVENUES; DELETING APPENDIX A-1 ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM NON SWITCHED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES; AND PRESERVING THE REMAINDER OF ORDINANCE NO. C-98-10A EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREBY; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF ACCESS TO AND USE OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS, PERMIT FEES, COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND USE OF FACILITIES TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND THE PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. C-98-10A, codified as Chapter 75, the Telecommunications Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION I: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE.

75.01 **Purpose** This section provides that the purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the access to and ongoing use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way by Telecommunications providers.

ARTICLE III. PERMITS.

75.08 Permit Application Procedures.

(3) This section provides that an application must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of the greater of \$500 or as allowed under METROA, PA 48 of 2002.

75.10 Annual Permit Fees.

(1) **Records.** This section provides that all records reasonably necessary to verify the accuracy of annual fees paid by the Permittee shall be made available by a Permittee at a location within the Township.

(2) **Misleading Statements.** This section provides that a person who provides misleading information to the Township shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

75.11 **Duration of Permit: Renewal.** This section provides for the duration, renewal and expiration of a telecommunications permit.

75.12 Permit Terms and Requirements.

(3) **Construction Permit.** This section provides that a Permittee shall not commence construction upon, over, across or under the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way without first obtaining any required construction permit.

75.13 Use of Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way By Permittee.

(5) **Pavement Cut Coordination/Additional Fees.** This section provides that a Permittee shall coordinate all construction work in the Public Utility Easements and Rights-of-Way with the Township.

SECTION II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

Introduced: August 9, 2011
Adopted: September 13, 2011
Effective: September 18, 2011

Soldier witnesses son's birth via Skype

When Air Force Airman First Class Christian (Chris) Lopez was deployed to the Middle East last April, his wife Amber, 18, was pregnant with their second child and due in September. On Saturday, Sept. 10, Chris, 20, was able to witness the birth of his son, Declan James Lopez, born at 9:27 a.m. at St. Mary Mercy's Hospital's Birthing Center, via Skype.

"I'm extremely thrilled and happy," he said. "The experience made it feel like a little piece of home, actually being able to see everything as it happened."

Prior to the birth, the South Lyon couple frequently kept in touch using Skype, a software application that allows users to make voice and video calls and chats over the Internet. Knowing other military couples had used this technology during labor and delivery, Amber approached her OB/Gyn, Tim Johnson, M.D., of Westside Obstetrics & Gynecology, a staff physician at St. Mary Mercy in Livonia. "Dr. Johnson



Amber Lopez holds baby Declan James while father Chris watches from the laptop screen.

was really excited about it when we first started talking about it," explained Amber.

In a collaborative effort, St. Mary Mercy physicians, Birthing Center and information technology staff came together for St. Mary Mercy's first Skype birth broadcast. Having a difficult delivery of their first child, 1-year-old daughter Addison, "we were determined Amber was going to have a good experience this time," said Deborah Ainsworth, a registered nurse and Birthing Center director. A webcam and laptop were set

up bedside where Chris could view the action just as if he were in the room.

Arriving a few days early, the 7 pound, 12 ounce, 21-inch baby boy was born on his great-grandmother's birthday. He was delivered by on-call OB/Gyn Karol Otteman, D.O.

"As a military family, the distance can be hard, but this experience was really nice," Amber said. "This was so much better than just being on the phone because he could actually see him live. St. Mary Mercy took care of everything and made it perfect."

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Converting from traditional IRA to Roth makes sense

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I read your recent column about Roth conversions. I think it would make sense for me, but I want to share my situation. I am divorced and presently unemployed. I am hoping to get a job next year. I have been living on the money I am receiving from my divorce. None of the money from my ex-husband is taxable. Last year, I had zero taxable income. I am guessing that this year I will also have no income. I am a nurse, so I should have no problem getting a job next year. I have about \$20,000 in a traditional IRA. I'm in my late 30s and don't plan on touching the money for years down the road. What do you think. Should I convert?

A: I think you are a perfect candidate to convert your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. The fact that you had no taxable income last year and probably will have none this year provides you with a great



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

opportunity to take advantage of a Roth conversion. The only question is, do you convert the entire amount or only a portion? Depending upon your deductions and exemptions, you should be able to convert a significant portion of the money without any tax liability. Without question, at a minimum, that amount of money should be converted. The issue is whether the portion of money that may be subject to income tax should be converted. Since you will start working next year, and as a result will have taxable income, at a minimum, you will be in the low tax bracket.

Because the money you would have to pay taxes on in the conversion would only be taxed at the low bracket, it makes sense to convert the entire amount this year. This will allow you to turn tax-deferred money into tax-free money, which will provide you with a substantial benefit down the road.

There is, however, one caveat. You must have the money to pay the taxes on the taxable money from the conversion without touching the amount converted. If you meet that criterion, then my recommendation would be to convert the entire amount.

For those in a low tax bracket or with little taxable income, converting a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA is something that should be considered. Always remember that when it comes to converting, you do not have to convert the entire IRA. You

can convert as little or as much as you want.

It is important to remember that the conversion must be completed before year's end. It's not like a new contribution in which you have until April 15, 2012. It typically takes about two days to complete this transaction — from the time you notify your custodian until completion.

However, don't forget that custodians get extremely busy near the end of the year and it's not unusual that the same transaction that may take just a couple of days to complete in September may take more than two weeks to complete in December. Therefore, even though you still have plenty of time to do the Roth conversion, you don't want to wait until the last minute.

The major advantage of a Roth IRA is that the money grows tax-free, not tax-

deferred. When you withdraw money from a traditional IRA, that money is taxable to you. That is not the case with a Roth IRA.

Another benefit, which in many situations can be substantial, is that Roth IRAs are not subject to minimum required distributions. As opposed to having to withdraw money at 70½ with a traditional IRA, you can let that money grow tax-free for as long as you choose. Also, with a traditional IRA, if there is money left over upon death, your beneficiaries would pay income taxes on the distribution when that money is eventually withdrawn. If it was a Roth IRA, the distribution would be tax-free to your beneficiaries.

Roth IRAs are great investment tools, and more and more people ought to take advantage of them. A Roth conversion is relatively easy and straightforward and can save you money on taxes, but most importantly, it makes sense economically. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Charter Township of Canton will be holding a public hearing regarding the **property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the 2012 adopted budget** on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the township administration building located at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, MI. A copy of the 2012 budget is available for public inspection at the Township's Clerk's office, the library or at the township's website which is www.canton-mi.org.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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McCotter's Social Security fix: allow personal-savings accounts

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, believes Social Security can be saved from insolvency by allowing for personal savings accounts and cutting other federal programs.

McCotter introduced legislation, HR 2889, Monday aimed at allowing all workers, age 50 or younger, to create personal savings accounts eligible for "reasonably flexible investment" in the free market.

The accounts would be administered through the federal government and the current level of benefits would be maintained.

McCotter said participation in the accounts would be voluntary, and a minimum return on investment would be guaranteed. "We will not go further into debt, and there's no cost to the taxpayers," McCotter said of his bill.

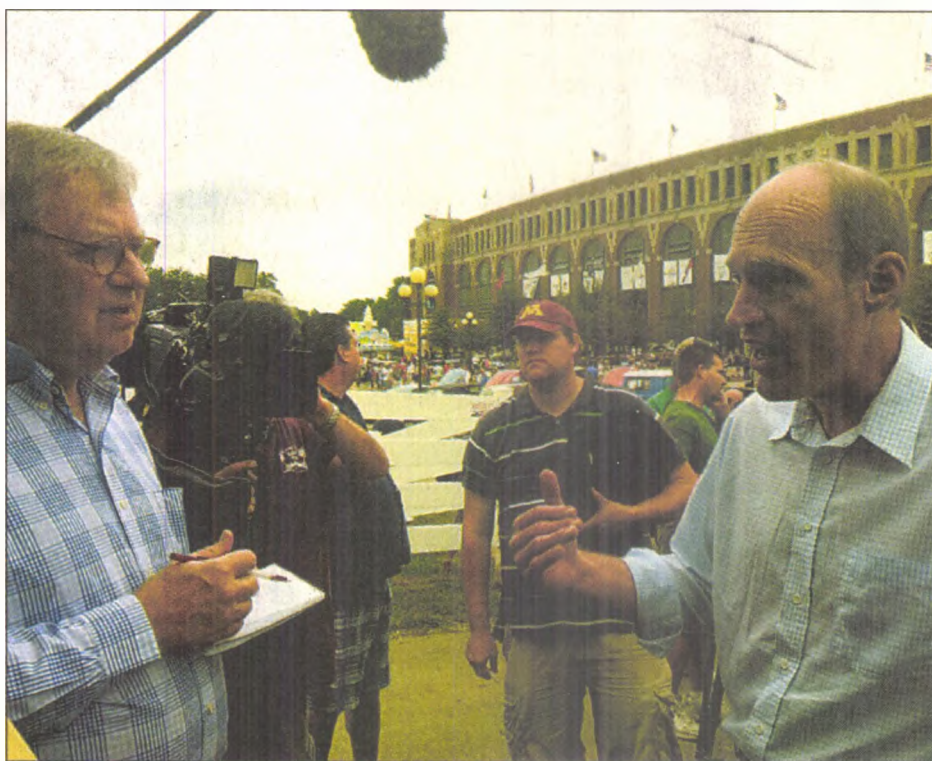
'Like refinancing a house'

Funding for the accounts will come from cuts and elimination of other federal programs, expected to be identified in companion legislation, and efficiencies realized from block granting specific federal programs to states, McCotter said.

"It's like refinancing a house," he said. "You have to find the savings to pay down the debt." McCotter added that a majority of Americans don't want their benefits cut, taxes raised or the retirement age raised.

McCotter, who is also running for the Republican nomination for president, introduced his bill the same day that the Republican presidential candidates debated on CNN. McCotter, who has low poll numbers compared to the other candidates, was not invited to the debate.

McCotter noted that the



Presidential candidate Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, right, answers reporters' questions on the campaign trail.

other candidates debated over "who called Social Security what" instead of discussing solutions. "The media didn't want to give any story to solutions," he said of the coverage of the debate.

The chief actuary of Social Security, Peter Goss, confirmed that the legislation, if implemented, would eliminate future deficits while satisfying current obligations.

Higher benefits

The actuary predicted that 100 percent of participants would choose the personal accounts because they would yield higher benefits, but he could not estimate the cost of a federal benefit guarantee. The Social Security trust fund is expected to be solvent through 2036.

According to former Reagan administration appointee Peter J. Ferrara, if the McCotter plan were enacted, it would generate "the sin-

gle largest spending and debt reductions of government in world history." Ferrara appeared Monday with McCotter to discuss the legislation.

McCotter's legislation is supported by Americans for Tax Reform, Americans for Prosperity and 60Plus.

He hasn't discussed his proposal yet with other congressional members, nor his fellow Republicans, but he is looking for bipartisan support.

McCotter said his bill would not raise payroll taxes, affect current benefits for recipients or increase the retirement age. "I hope we can find out (about support) at some point. If not, I would ask which one do you want to do," he said. McCotter remains opposed to increasing taxes, impacting benefits or raising the retirement age.

With the changing demographics and the issuing of funding Social Security in the balance, McCotter believes lawmakers need to fix the system.

"Otherwise, our kids will lose faith in the system," McCotter said. "That's always dangerous."

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the **Plymouth Township 2011 Barrier Free Sidewalk Ramp Improvements** by the Plymouth Charter Township as Owner, until 10:00 AM Local Time, on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

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Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or after September 14, 2011. Bid documents may be mailed for a charge of \$10.00.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

Signed: Joe Bridgman, Clerk
Plymouth Charter Township

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FIRE STATION #3 ROOFING PROJECT PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the Fire Station #3 Roofing Project by the Charter Township of Plymouth as Owner, until 10:00 A.M. Local Time on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders shall review and comply with the instructions to bidders.

Description of Work

The project scope consists of roof and gutter replacement at Fire Station #3 located at the northeast corner of Beck Road and North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township.

Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or after September 15, 2011. Drawings and Specifications can be shipped by U.P.S. ground for shipping and handling charge of twelve dollars. **CHECK ONE, non-refundable, payable to Charter Township of Plymouth.**

Proposals submitted by Bidders who have been debarred, suspended, or made ineligible by any Federal Agency will be rejected.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, Roofing consultant, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Proposal Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the Charter Township of Plymouth. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for sixty (60) days.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds issued by a US company.

The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

No Proposal will be received unless made on blanks furnished and delivered to the Township Clerk on or before 10:00 a.m., Local time, September 28, 2011.

Joseph Bridgman, Clerk
Plymouth Charter Township

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of two 2011 or 2012 Ford F-450 Super Duty 4 x 4 pickups. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Department at (734) 416-2740 or by email at james.larson-shidler@pccsmail.net. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 29, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ADRIENNE DAVIS, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2011 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1483, 15175 Sheldon RD, C-2 zoning district: the applicant is requesting two window sign variances:
 - Total surface area and an interpretation of total window coverage definition.
 - Letter heights for window signs exceeding 31 inches.
- Application 1484, 44675 Helm CT, IND zoning district: the applicant is requesting an eight (8) foot fence height on the east and south side of the property as indicated on plans, whereas a six (6) foot maximum is allowed. A two (2) foot fence height variance is being requested.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department: 734 354-3210.

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Wheelbarrows or tarps would be a big help. Don't forget work gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.

Volunteers will meet in the Meijer parking lot on the southwest corner of 8 Mile and Haggerty.

For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.



James Roy proposes to Angela Huizar at the 5K finish line. This was Angela's first 5K.

Marriage proposal caps off St. Mary Mercy's 5K

As Angela Huizar, 32, of South Lyon, crossed the finish line of her first 5K, she wasn't expecting boyfriend James Roy, 29, to be on bended knee. Roy, a Washtenaw County sheriff, proposed to Huizar after 10 years of dating, greeting her with flowers and a diamond ring.

"I just thought the flowers were for finishing the 5K," she said. "I didn't expect him to propose. Even when he pulled out the ring box, I was still trying to catch my breath and wasn't processing what was happening!"

Besides the engagement, St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 5th Annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer held Sept. 11 turned out to be the most successful yet — 638 runners and walkers registered for this event,



Overall male winner Vincent Jesudowich of Northville finished with a time of 17:17.

which raised nearly \$24,000. Over the years, proceeds from the race have provided hundreds of people with necessities that go along with the treatment of cancer including transportation to and from treatments, wigs and oncology massage.

Awards were given to the top three male and female overall winners of the run, as well as almost 90 age-group winners, from ages 13 and under through 80 and up. Top three overall male winners were 1) Vincent Jesudowich, of Northville, with a time of 17:17; 2) Craig Dolecki, of Redford, with a time of 18:16; and 3) Adam Gomez, of Livonia, with a time of 18:44. Top three overall female winners were 1) Nicole Ozimek, of Taylor, with a time of 20:48;

2) Kristin Kachnowski, of Wixom, with a time of 20:49; and 3) Renee Champagne, of Milford, with a time of 20:57. Results and race photos can be found at www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer.

St. Mary Mercy also recognized the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a moment of silence, a flag raising by Boy Scout troop No. 782 and the National Anthem sung before the start of the race.

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Wildcats out-Fox Churchill, 41-0

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Despite going into halftime with a 14-0 lead Friday, Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuck wasn't happy with much of what he saw.

So he went into the locker room at the break and challenged his team to get down to business and play what he called "Wildcat football."

The Wildcats did just that, riding the legs of running back Donte Fox to an easy 41-0 win over visiting Livonia Churchill, unbeaten Plymouth's fourth straight win.

"We made a lot of mental errors in the first half, and I wasn't happy with that," Sawchuck said. "We said (at halftime) we need to out-physical them, and they did."

The Wildcats got off to a quick start when Stefan Turrentine laid a hit on Churchill running back Romello Brown, who fumbled the ball. Plymouth's Tyler Goble scooped it up and rumbled 35 yards for the game's first touchdown with 6:52 left in the first quarter.

When Fox scored two minutes later on a 1-yard run to give Plymouth a 14-0 lead, it looked like the Wildcats were going to

dominate. Not so, according to their coach.

"We weren't that dominant in that first half," Sawchuck said.

But they were in the second. Turrentine returned the second-half kickoff to the Wildcats' 46, but a 5-yard facemask penalty moved them to the Chargers' 49. That's when Fox took over, gaining 32 yards on five carries over the seven-play drive. The drive was helped when Plymouth quarterback Shaun Austin's pass bounced off the hands of his intended receiver, Matt Janke, and nestled in the arms of teammate Nate Emminger for a 9-yard

gain that kept the drive alive.

Fox ended it two plays later, scoring the Wildcats' third touchdown after hitting the middle of the line, then squeezing through a crowd on a 14-yard scamper.

Churchill got the ball back and failed to move it, and a 15-yard punt set Plymouth up at the Churchill 22-yard line. Fox scored his third touchdown on a 9-yard run with 4:57 left in the quarter, and added his fourth — a 1-yard run — about three minutes later.

"The first half started pret-

Please see WILDCATS, B2

Whalers set to start

The Plymouth Whalers begin the 2011-12 Ontario Hockey League season Wednesday at Owen Sound and play their home opener 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena against Erie.

Come back to Thursday's Observer for the Whalers preview. For ticket information, call (734) 453-8400.

Holes in one

The following golfers have scored holes-in-ones at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

• On Sept. 12, 58-year-old Dean Jupe of Ypsilanti, aced the 160-yard No. 4 hole at the Strategic course of Fox Hills. He used a 4-iron and Callaway ball to do the trick.

• Didier Lecoyer, 51, of Livonia, aced the 105-yard No. 9 hole at the Strategic course. She used a 9-iron for her perfect shot, on Sept. 8.

• Jim Clouse, 69, of Plymouth, aced the 105-yard No. 10 hole at the Strategic. He used a 6-iron to sink a Callaway golf ball. For Clouse, whose hole-in-one was July 2, it was the first ace in 53 years of golfing. He finished the 18-hole round with a score of 79.

Captain's Corner

Do you know of a senior team leader you would like spotlighted in the Observer?

If so, please e-mail Tim Smith, sports editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, with suggestions.

Send the e-mail to tsmith@hometownlife.com. A brief questionnaire would then be forwarded to the player to be featured in a future issue.

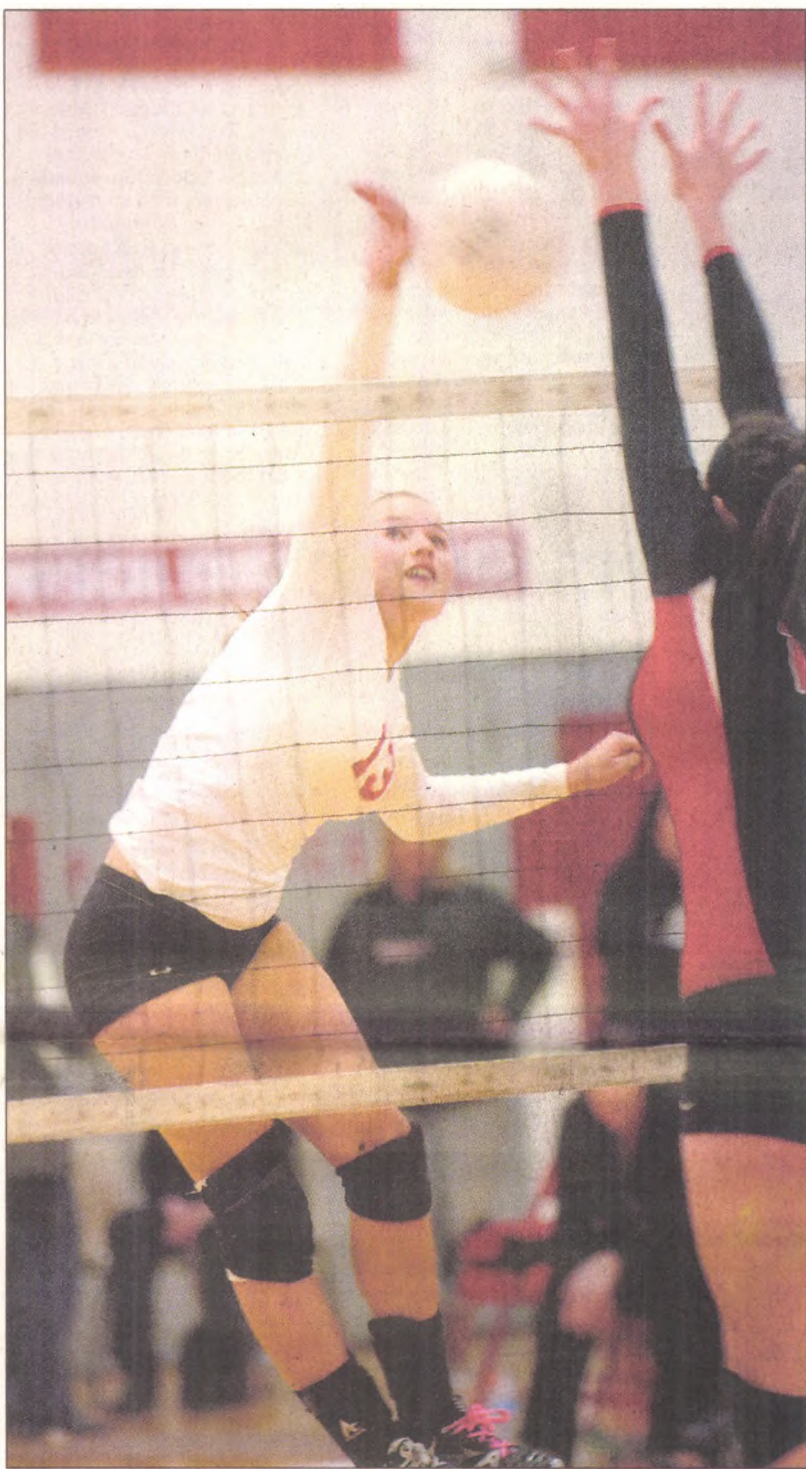
Coaches: Please report results

Local high school coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's games to Observer Sports Editor Tim Smith so that the area's athletes can receive the recognition they deserve.

Youth coaches are also urged to contact Smith with updates on their teams.

Smith can be reached at tsmith@hometownlife.com or (734) 718-5306.

The deadline for Thursday editions of the Observer is Tuesday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.



Canton junior Erica den Boer rifles the ball over the outstretched arms of a Livonia Churchill defender during Thursday's game.

Canton spikers nip tough Churchill

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Two heavy-hitting KLAA South Division rivals gave high school volleyball fans quite a show Thursday night at Canton.

It took four hammer-and-tong games between the host Chiefs and Livonia Churchill before the match could be decided, with Canton scraping by for a 3-1 victory.

Canton took the first two games by identical 25-22 scores before the Chargers mounted an impressive rally — taking Game 3 (25-21) and jumping out to a 7-2 lead early in the fourth game, trying to force a fifth game. But then the Chiefs rallied for a 25-23 win to close out Churchill.

"It was stressful and intense," Canton head coach Mary Kryaska said. "Very aggressive from both teams, it was a good game. I fully anticipated (there) being very close games."

Moving things around

Kryaska said she tweak defensive strategies and positioning against the Chargers powerful front row of Emily Norscia, Marissa Pomaville and Erin Menard to help turn Game 4 Canton's way.

"We just needed to adjust around their tall girls, and we needed to do specific things to defend and block their best hitters," Kryaska said. "And we needed to find the open spots, because they have good

defense. They kept getting touches on all of our hits."

Churchill head coach Mark Grenier said it was a playoff-type atmosphere — each team played before enthusiastic student sections, who also competed with good-natured chants — and the latest episode in a big rivalry.

"We knew it was going to be a pretty competitive match and we certainly got that," Grenier said. "Those were close games to the end, there were some swings both ways, and it really could have gone either way in all of those games."

He said Canton (19-2, 3-0 in the KLAA South) outscored his team by a cumulative score of 96-92, a difference of just one point per game.

"Over four games, ... it's a swing or a pass or a dig and it could be different," Grenier said. "But we played well and it certainly was very competitive."

Wait until October

The defeat dropped the Chargers to 13-8 and 2-1, but Grenier emphasized that the race for the KLAA South title is "far from over," what with both teams having a rematch Oct. 6.

"It's a really nice rivalry with them. They have the advantage at their place," Grenier said. "We're going to change a couple things and make sure we come out and make this as competi-

Please see CANTON, B3

Check point

Play It Again program focuses on hockey safety

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

It happens all the time. A young boy or girl decides to give hockey a chance. Parents then scramble to find equipment that is relatively affordable but mostly safe — to minimize injuries to their kids from bouncing pucks and errant sticks.

That's where Play It Again Sports comes into

play and Canton hockey dad Chet Dhruna is appreciative.

"It's really nice, it allows those of us who are not experts on any given sport to come in here," said Dhruna during a family visit to the Play It Again store at 42079 Ford Road in Canton. "They size up our kids, make good recommendations."

"... These guys are really good, really helpful in

making sure that we have our kids playing and having fun — but also being safe."

Last weekend, Chet and Beatriz Dhruna were shopping to buy a new stick for their 7-year-old son, Evan. They also were checking out used skates for both Evan and 4-year-old Cristian.

Evan is in his second year of playing hockey

Please see HOCKEY, B3



Chuck Jones (left), manager of Canton's Play It Again Sports location, gives tips to Devan Dhruna, 7, about the proper length a hockey stick should be. Jones said the top end must be cut down several inches to nose level when the player isn't on skates.

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Plymouth netters clicking

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Enjoying success by winning the recent Monroe Tournament, the Plymouth varsity boys tennis team is continuing to impress.

The Wildcats improved to 3-1 in the KLAA South Division by defeating visiting Westland John Glenn 8-1 on Tuesday afternoon.

Leading the way was senior standout Aaron Zhang, who took care of Tommy Ruark in two sets (6-2, 6-0).

"We're off to a good start," Plymouth head coach Tom Kimball said. "Winning the Monroe Tournament got the kids motivated."

After that came a disappointing, but constructive 5-4 loss to Canton where

the Wildcats dropped four of the five doubles matchups.

According to Kimball, that helped the team focus on where to improve and it paid off against the Rockets.

Plymouth took care of all but No. 2 doubles against John Glenn.

Earning the wins were Joe Klots-Praveen Loganathan at No. 1, Joe Conn-Dylan Grant at No. 3, Cameron Earls-Danny Sinnott at No. 4 and Jared Hopf-Ani Hadagali at No. 5.

The Wildcats also took singles flights 2-4, with freshman Charlie Hou, Josh Heinze and Josh Postel victorious.

Kimball said working on doubles should pay off when his team renews acquaintances with Canton.

"We've spent a lot of time in practicing retooling their strategy and physical positioning on the court," Kimball explained. "So we expect a different result when we run into them again at the KLAA tournament."

Likewise, knowing the team can have success in a tournament setting (by winning in Monroe) should be a plus at Saturday's Dexter Invitational (which took place after this issue of the Observer went to press).

"We have a great tournament coming up in Dexter," Kimball said. "There should be some good teams there and a chance for our guys to play well and step it up."

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BOYS SOCCER

Canton tops Pioneer in KLAA soccer, 3-1

In a matchup of two of the state's best boys soccer teams, Canton hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer and came away with a 3-1 victory Friday.

Pioneer struck first, midway through the first half, when it was awarded a free kick, and senior Adam Carn Saferstein's pass was headed in by Josh Graves. Canton tied the game a few minutes before halftime on a nearly identical play. This time, it was senior Tyler Wingham finding senior Connor Furgason alone in front of the net, and Furgason headed in the free kick. This was the first goal Pioneer had given up all season.

Canton took the lead 14 minutes into the second half. Connor Shennan won a ball in the middle of the field and sent a nice pass to Scott Piwovar on the left wing. Piwovar outraced the Pioneer defender to the end line and crossed the ball to a wide-open Mitch Pepper, who tapped it into the open goal. Canton tacked on an insurance marker about 10 minutes later, when Shean Krolicki intercepted a bad clearing pass and

drilled a shot into the Pioneer net.

Senior Steven Murphy was strong in goal for Canton, making seven saves — several of them on dangerous Pioneer chances. Murphy's best work in goal came just two minutes after Krolicki gave the Chiefs a 3-1 lead, when he first punched out a crossing shot, and then stopped a point-blank rebound.

With the win, Canton improves to 10-1-1 (overall) and is 4-0-0 in the KLAA South.

CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 0:

The Chiefs' offensive juggernaut continued to roll Thursday with an KLAA South Division rout of host Westland John Glenn (5-4, 1-3). The game was halted with 12 minutes left due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Fourth-ranked Canton (9-1-1 overall, 3-0) broke out to a 5-0 halftime lead en route to its seventh win in a row.

Scoring in succession were Dan Ovesea (three goals), Mitch Posuniak (from Brian Berinti), Connor Furgason (from Tyler Wingham), Ovesea (from Ken Krolicki) and Ryan Kilgore — the latter goal in the 39th minute.

The onslaught continued just three minutes into the second half with Ovesea netting his hat trick goal from Furgason.

At about the six-minute mark, senior Shean Krolicki

sent a pass over to his brother, sophomore Ken Krolicki, who made no mistake.

Kilgore then scored his second of the day, from Mitch Pepper, to finish the scoring and the game.

Sharing the shutout were goalkeepers Ian Wingate and Brandon Pickert, the latter seeing his first varsity action.

SALEM 5, S.L. EAST 0: Continuing their strong play in the KLAA Central Division, the host Rocks (3-5-3, 2-2) blanked South Lyon East on Thursday.

Tallying three goals was sophomore Brady Cole, while senior Colin Rooney chipped in with the other two goals. Collecting helpers were Chris Dierker, Grant McKinney, Blake Townes and Austin Covert.

Erick Beas chalked up the shutout for Salem.

PLYMOUTH 8, WAYNE 0: In a KLAA South Division match Thursday, the host Wildcats (3-6-2, 2-2) invoked the eight-goal mercy rule to beat Wayne Memorial (2-6, 0-4).

SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON 1: In a KLAA Central Division match Tuesday, the host Rocks scored an impressive victory against a tough Lions squad.

Goal scorers for Salem were Chris Dierker, Connor Cole, Brady Cole and Tyler Foswick with Daniel Marsden (two assists) and Jake Genrich (one assist) helping the cause.

Up by a goal late in the first half, Dierker tallied a key marker on a free kick from midfield as time expired. That gave the Rocks momentum which they did not relinquish, head coach Ed McCarthy said.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

Sept. 13 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Tommy Ruark, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Charlie Hou (P) def. Mitch Dean, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Josh Heinze (P) def. Nick Stone, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Josh Postel (P) def. Wayne Woodard, 6-1, 7-6.

No. 1 doubles: Joe Klots-Praveen Loganathan (P) def. Shane Wiechert-Chris Sabel, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Mike Woodard-Ian Villaroman (JG) def. Rogee Matar-Raleigh Belanger, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2; No. 3: Jon Conn-Dylan Grant (P) def. Paul Balili-Karl Lawrence, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Cameron Earls-Danny Sinnott (P) def. Bill Messics-Charlie Messics, 6-2, 6-0; No. 5: Jared Hopf-Ani Hadagali (P) def. Dave Vader-Ainsworth Orr, 6-2, 6-1.

Dual match record: Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South Division.

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Sept. 13

No. 1 singles: Matt Sumner (PCA) def. Jawad, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Rachel Zandee (PCA) def. Mo Ghazale, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Alex Huber (PCA) def. Mike Vinkovich, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Mick Noel (PCA) def. Adham Elbezra, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Matt Fix-Abel Felecan (DC) def. Jonathan Manni-Josh Fitzpatrick, 6-3, 6-7(5), 10-4; No. 2: Paul Rodriguez-David Placinta (DC) def. Ashton Champman-Dillon Rahill, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Kareem Hamze-Paul Patzer (DC) def. Jon Beauchemin-Roderick Hatcher, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Abby Lemerise-Greg Manni (PCA) def. Hani Al-Janabi-Yeman Al-Rawi, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

CANTON 185 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 198

Sept. 14 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

Individual medalists: Kelsey McDougall and Chloe Liyet (Canton), 45.

Other Canton scorers: Paige Osler, 47; Kaylie

Lobb, 48; Katie Adams, 55; Kayla Lagola, 62. Franklin scorers: Lexi Smith, 46; Kelsey Gregorio, 54; Ana Mozota, 58; Kayla Buchanczenk, 58; Jamie Buchanczenk, 65; Allison Karzynski, 65.

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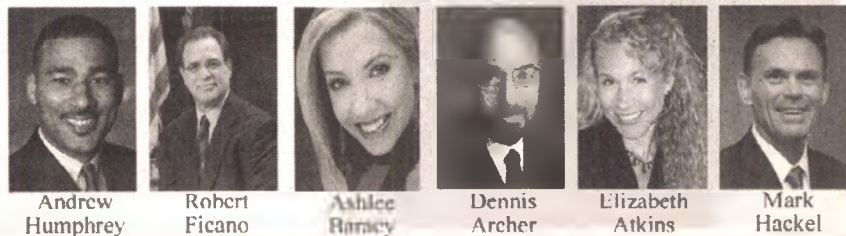
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PC Steelers sweep Comets

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers swept the Westland Comets in junior football league action Saturday, Sept. 10, at Central Middle School.

The varsity squad improved to 2-0 with a 20-6 triumph over the Comets.

Trailing 6-0 early, the Steelers hit paydirt on a 2-yard run by Jacob McKinnon, who set up

the score one play earlier with a 57-yard run. McKinnon's success was complemented by solid blocking from Gavin McAuliffe, Jack Pardington, Jordan Montagano, Jim Szegi, Shane Prevo, Max Marco and Evan Fisher.

P-C seized the lead for good, 12-6, on its next possession thanks to a scoring hook-up from quar-

terback Alex Nicholson to Christian Pearson.

The Steelers added an insurance TD on their initial second-half possession when Nicholson hit Brennan Brooks with a scoring strike. Cameron Stella's two-point conversion kick made it 20-6.

Defensively, the Steelers were paced by Stella and Prevo.

WILDCATS

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ty good, but (Churchill) started making some adjustments," Fox said afterward. "In the second half we just wanted to pound it down their throats. We were able to get it in the red zone and score."

Fox finished with 118 yards on 18 carries for the Wildcats, who outgained Churchill 230-91.

"It all starts up front," Sawchuck said of Fox's success. "The offensive line gives him a little crease, and he's going to break it."

Plymouth got 83 yards on two carries from Jamari Eiland, who got 75 of those on a touchdown run as time expired. Austin finished 11-of-17 passing for 140 yards. Eiland had 75 yards receiving on two catches, while Emminger, Fox and Janke each had two catches.

Brown led Churchill with 64 rushing yards on 15 carries, while Chad Lipinski chipped in 38 yards on six carries. Quarterback Seth Suda was 6-of-9 passing, but gained just 49 yards. Jaylin Freeman had a pair of catches for 48 yards.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**
Friday, Sept. 23
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. (JV Field)
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. (Turf Stadium)
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Luth. W'sld at S'field Christian, 1 p.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Universal at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Inter-City Baptist at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23
Luth. W'sld at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Luth. W'sld at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.
S'field Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Lutheran Northwest, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Portage Central Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Franklin vs. Canton at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
N'ville at Salem (Willow Metropark), 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian Invite, TBA
Saturday, Sept. 23
Monroe Jefferson Invitational at Sterling State Park, 9 a.m.
Old Skool Classic, 9:30 a.m.
Shamrock Invitational, TBA
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Canton at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Livonia Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Lakeland Invitational, 8 a.m.
Salem Invitational, noon.
- BOYS TENNIS**
Monday, Sept. 19
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Gabriel Richard, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20
KLAA North at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at KLAA West, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Salem at KLAA West, 4 p.m.
KLAA North at Canton, 4 p.m.
Cabrinini at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Woodhaven Invitational, 8 a.m.
Brighton Quad, 8 a.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**
Monday, Sept. 19
John Glenn vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Gabriel Richard at Huron Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Plymouth vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
South Lyon vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 22
Ladywood vs. Mercy at Walnut Creek G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Livonia Public Schools Inv. at Fox Creek G.C., 2 p.m.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**
Monday, Sept. 19
Marian at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Ladywood at G.P. South, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23
A.A. Huron at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Lourdes (Ohio) at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 22
Lawrence Tech at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Madonna at Bethel (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23
Schoolcraft at Ancilla (Ind.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Schoolcraft at Muskegon CC, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Mid-America (Mo.), 4 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 25
Madonna at Missouri-Valley, 2 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Wednesday, Sept. 21
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Concordia at Schoolcraft, noon.
Sunday, Sept. 25
Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 1 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**
Wednesday, Sept. 23
Plymouth Whalers at Owen Sound, (season opener), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Erie at Plymouth Whalers, (home opener) 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena
Friday, Sept. 30
Ottawa at Plymouth Whalers 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena
Saturday, Oct. 1
London at Plymouth Whalers 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena (734) 453-8400 for tickets
- TBA — time to be announced.

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tive as we can for the second one."

He'll have to figure out how to slow Canton's big hitters, seniors Alaina Turner and Kristen Muir. They contributed 20 and 10 kills, respectively.

One of Turner's kills was the point that won both Game 4 and the match for the Chiefs. She skied to receive a set from Lauren Martin (17 assists) and practically spiked it through the floor on the Churchill side.

Turner (19 digs) and Muir (24 digs) also were strong on defense, finding ways to field the balls that were hammered their way.

"Both teams can swing and terminate," Grenier said. "Canton played some great defense. They're a good team and they showed it tonight."

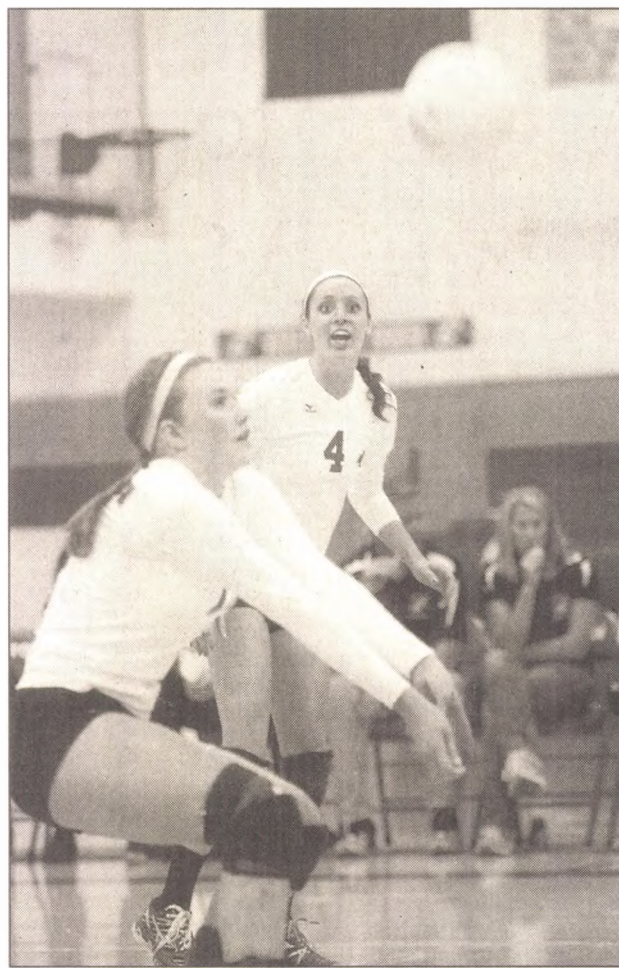
Maggie Deloy (18 digs), Erica den Boer (12 digs, 6 kills), Jordan Tubaro (4 kills, 4 blocks), Jordan Diedrick (7 kills, 3 blocks) and Jackie Waite (20 assists) also played strong matches.

For the Chargers, Norscia led with 24 kills, while other leaders were Jackie Tolles (15 digs) and Katie Chartrand, who tallied 37 assists. Menard and Pomaville each chipped in with nine kills and three blocks while McKenzie Hamill added eight kills.

In the opening game, the teams traded points most of the way with Churchill up 22-21 with a chance to add more points at the serving stripe.

But Canton got a much-needed defensive sideout on a spike from Muir, and Deloy finished the win with a three-point stint at the line.

Two productive runs helped the Chiefs build a seemingly comfortable lead in the second game (Muir and den Boer each served four points to build a 9-1 edge). Churchill didn't flinch from that deficit, however, and nearly caught the Chiefs in the late going. It was 24-22 with the



Canton's Erica den Boer bumps the ball while teammate Kristen Muir (No. 4) watches in the background.

Chargers serving, but the subsequent serve went beyond the back line to finish the game.

Comeback bid

In Game 3, the Chargers made their comeback. After trailing 13-9, Churchill kept working and closed the gap to 19-17.

There were several lengthy volleys, as players from both teams dove, hit the ball from outside the court perimeter and did whatever they could to keep the action going.

Churchill's Casey Bias then had the chance to serve and she came through — scoring on five of six serves, making it a 22-20 Churchill lead.

Instrumental on three of those points was Norscia, with two kills and a timely block against Muir.

Norscia then made a defensive stop and she tipped a Chartrand set over the net to finish up a 25-21 win.

Canton needed to right the ship in the fourth game, after the Chargers carried momentum over

from Game 3 to take an early lead.

It took a five-point service run (including an ace) from Waite to put the Chiefs up (10-9) and they didn't trail the rest of the night.

There were several times when Churchill, however, did tie the game — including 23-23 when a Canton serve went long.

After two more points, the Chiefs and their fans could finally exhale. But according to Turner, it wasn't a nerve-wracking environment at all.

"If we cheer, we win, that's what we always say," Turner said. "... It's more fun than pressure, definitely, in a game like this."

There's another one just like it only three weeks away.

"They are definitely not going away," Kryska said. "They will come back the hardest they probably played the next time we see them. For sure they will."

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out of Canton Arctic Edge and plays for the Mighty Ducks Mite 1 team (ages 7-8) while Christian is in a learn-to-play program.

What to look for

The Dhrunas' questions about what kind of stick to buy were quickly handled by the Play It Again staff, led by store owner-manager Chuck Jones.

He demonstrated how to make sure a stick is the proper length, both for safety and function, by holding the stick vertically (from the floor up) next to Devan.

But the knob was a few inches above the recommended length, which is nose level when a player is standing in shoes.

Jones told Chet that sticks of proper length correspondingly rise to a skater's chin when on skates.

When the family left the store to take Evan to hockey practice, they had a different stick in tow, one that was the right length for safe, comfortable use. It was a \$12 CCM model.

Those kinds of exchanges are happening regularly throughout September at all Play It Again locations, as part of the North American chain's "Keep 'Em Safe" program.

The impetus for the program is a survey conducted by the Mayo Clinic, citing that more than 18,000 youth players are treated annually for hockey-related injuries. One of the main culprits: ill-fitting equipment.

But Jones said hockey moms and dads can get the same guidance and expertise throughout the entire year.

"We do it 365, but this is a promotion we've been doing," Jones explained.

"We've been doing this for several years, actually. We're really encouraging this because it's the first part of the hockey season."

According to Jones, it is not uncommon for customers to walk in with a bag of used hockey equipment that they need to decide what pieces are keepers or not.

"We've had people come in trying out equipment who were not sure if it fit them," Jones said. "So we give them our best shot at how it should fit. It's mostly with the beginners. They get a bag of equipment from a cousin, or a friend, or neighbor. Sometimes it fits and sometimes it doesn't."

"So we go through it with them and find stuff that fits them, and they can trade in the other stuff toward something that might fit them better."

Among the more-recurring discussions are about proper fit for helmets and doing a checklist of sorts of hockey pants and other slightly worn gear to make sure everything is where it should be.

"Hockey helmets are all adjustable and they (new hockey parents) don't know that," Jones noted. "Their kids might have been playing for a couple years and they come in and say 'My kid needs a new hockey helmet.' We look at it and say 'Hey, you still got room on this. We can open it up and make it bigger for you, you don't have to trade this in.'"

"They're tickled to death because they don't have to put out that \$25-to-\$100 on a new helmet."

Jones stressed that the Play It Again employees know what to look for when someone is looking at, or bringing in, used stuff.

"There's different levels of equipment, so we show them the different features on each piece of equipment that might protect their son or daughter better," he explained. "Or, if (equipment) is used, sometimes it's too worn out. There are pockets in the pants that hold different pads, and sometimes they lose them (pads). If they get it from a friend, they didn't know it was missing until we told them."

Affordable option

Youth-league coaches also refer parents looking to properly outfit novice players.

"We got several coaches that have been pretty loyal to us for years," Jones said. "They recommend their new players come here."

For families not wanting to empty the bank to get their kids started on the ice, having an option like Play It Again is golden.

"We got our skates, our gloves here," Chet Dhruna said. "Some of the things we get as rental equipment, but slowly as we know he (Evan) is going to commit to it we buy things along the way."

If Evan decides to stick to other sports he plays (baseball, soccer, swimming), the Dhrunas can smile knowing that what they spent wasn't too much. "That's the nice part," said Chet with a knowing nod.

Besides, the folks at Play It Again Sports also have anything they might need for those sports, too.

Play It Again Sports has over 400 locations throughout the United States and Canada. Jones said the chain sells more hockey gear than any other chain. For more information, call (734) 844-8591 or go to www.playitagainsports.com.

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Bounce-back victory for 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

After Tuesday's hard-fought loss against campus and division rival Canton, host Plymouth bounced back to defeat Livonia Franklin in Thursday's KLAA South Division matchup.

The Wildcats won 3-2, needing a 20-18 victory in the fifth game to hold off the Patriots.

"I'm extremely proud at how they came out firing in the first game ready to go and (how they) bounced back so well in the third, leading 10-1 at one point," noted Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody.

The teams traded victories all night. Plymouth won 25-13 in the first game, fueled by the quick start.

Franklin answered with a 25-22 win in Game 2 only to have the 'Cats respond (25-15 in Game 3). The Pats, trying to extend the match, did so with a 25-20 win in the fourth set to force a winner-take-all game.

Leading the Wildcats with 18 kills, along with 15 digs, was Emilee Beyer. Libero Lindsey Stemberger had 26 digs, while Jessica Scott and Shayla Smalls led the offense with 25 and 18 assists, respectively.

Other players of note included Madelyn Betts (12 digs, 4 blocks, 6 kills), Olivia Beyer (8 kills, 9 blocks), Taylor Rieckhoff (6 kills) and Rachael Hille (5 kills). "When we were on, we were on fire,"

Marody said. "But Franklin played a very tough game defensively as well."

NOVI 3, SALEM 0: The visiting Rocks battled Novi on Tuesday but just could not match the Wildcats.

Novi won 25-19, 25-10, 25-20, despite Salem's gutsy effort on defense, said head coach Amanda Nies.

"Our defense is what really kept us in a lot of plays and rallies," Nies said.

Katie Vincent (12 digs), Katie Heitmeyer (6 digs) and Nancy Krutty (6 digs) were solid on defense. Brooke Berberet led the offense with 15 kills while Brianna Beaver (6 kills, 3 blocks) and Quinn Fillinger (15 assists) chipped in.

Novi improved to 17-2-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA Central Division. Salem dropped to 0-3 in division play.

LAKELAND TOURNEY: In Saturday's Lakeland Invitational, Salem struggled to find an offensive flow and went 2-3 for the day.

The Rocks defeated Dearborn and Rochester, both in three games. But eventually they lost in the first round of the Silver bracket.

Katie Vincent played outstanding defense with 50 digs, while Emily Lipa (27 digs) and Katie Heitmeyer (26 digs) also played well on D.

Leading the team with 37 kills was Kara Hewett, with Brooke Berberet (27 kills) and Leslie Rodriguez (17 kills) helping out. Quinn Fillinger collected 67 assists.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 17
WAYNE MEMORIAL 46
Sept. 13 at Wayne (Flats)
Individual winner: Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), 17:52 (5,000 meters).
Other Plymouth finishers:
2. Nick Eiben, 18:29;
3. Brandon Dalton, 18:40;
5. Liam Cardenas, 18:59; 6. Garrett Zane, 19:02; 7. Zac Berlanga, 19:03.
Wayne finishers: 4. Devin Gibson, 18:57; 12. Michael Gibson, 19:41; 16. Daniel Malcolm, 20:24; 22. Zack Williams, 21:12; 26. Avery

Barron, 22:19; 29. Dionte Burton, 22:54; 33. Tim Flores, 24:20.
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.
SALEM 18
SOUTH LYON EAST 43
Sept. 13 at Island Lake Rec. Area
Individual winner: Steve McEvilly.
Other Plymouth finishers: 2. Riley Duxtader, 4. Jeremy Drouillard, 5. Evan Bruyere, 6. Donavon Drouillard, 7. Paul Vander.

GIRLS RESULTS
SALEM 23
S. LYON EAST 38
Sept. 13 at Island Lake Rec. Area
Individual winner: Erin O'Donnell (SLE), 21:26.
Salem finishers: 2. Autumn Burin, 21:36; 3. Adrianna Beltran, 21:42; 5. Anya Cho, 21:59; 6. Amanda Beyer, 22:02; 7. Emily Bizon, 22:12; 8. Kelly Kerwin, 22:15; 9. Lauren Arquette, 22:22.
Dual meet record: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division.

All Saints Blue spikers tops



Members of the All Saints School's Varsity Blue girls volleyball team, which won a recent pre-season tournament, include (front row, from left) Hadley McCausland, Faith Ellis, Sara Soltis, Brianna Risi, Hailey Hodgson; (back row, from left) coach Kathy Ganich, Taylor Smith, Hannah Stefanek, Tess Ganich, Emily Tanski, Hannah Cohen and coach Anne Ellis. The Canton-based team went 6-0 in pool play before defeating St. Fabian and South Lyon St. Joseph in the semifinal and final.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Those who are interested may purchase a football "number" at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium prior to each varsity football game, or they may contact Sue Heinzmann at the PCS Athletic office in Salem High School or at: suzanne.heinzmann@pc-smail.net.

There will only be 250

footballs, sold at \$10 each. Please make checks payable to The American Cancer Society.

Meanwhile, there will be the auctioning off of a seat to ride in the helicopter for the football drop. Bidding starts at \$20. E-mail Heinzmann if interested.

Sign up for YMCA programs

The Plymouth YMCA is now registering for a variety of youth instructional programs, ages 2-8.

Programs include Parent/Child Soccer, Preschool Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Preschool T-ball and Youth Baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available from Sept. 19 through Oct. 27.

Also, a number of YMCA leagues are form-

ing for the fall, including the following:

co-ed soccer, ages 4-10; girls volleyball, ages 9-12.

The Y rate is \$79 or \$111 for community participants. All league participants require a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey (\$15).

For more information or to register, please contact the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

Fall lacrosse

Tri County Lacrosse will sponsor fall lacrosse leagues in Canton for boys and girls.

The leagues are open to players of all abilities. Each week players will get one

hour of skills and drills as a warm up, then one hour of game time with certified referees.

Leagues (for boys

in grades 3-12, girls in grades 4-6) will meet 1-5:30 p.m. each Sunday (Oct. 2-30) at Griffin Park on Sheldon Road.

Registration and program details can be found online at triconty-lacrosse.com or by calling (248) 880-3852.

Ladywood hoop clinic

Livonia Ladywood varsity basketball coach Anthony Coratti and his staff with stage a clinic for girls in grades 5-8 from 6:30-9 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9 and 16, at the high school gym.

The clinic will consist of skill work and putting those skills to the test through game play.

The cost is \$50 to attend all five sessions.

For more information, e-mail ACoratti@gmail.com.

MU continues winning ways

The Madonna University women's volleyball team captured its first three matches in the recent Julie Martin Memorial Classic, but never got on the floor for the fourth.

MU's last scheduled Sept. 10 match against Walsh (Ohio) was cancelled due to an unplayable surface inside the Activities Center.

The 19th-ranked Crusaders rolled 25-14, 25-21, 25-11 win Saturday morning over Rochester College as Karie Altman, named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, led the way with 13 kills.

Also named to the all-tournament team were MU's Evia Prieditis, a

sophomore setter who finished with 33 assists, and Nastija Bananovska, junior middle hitter who added seven kills and seven digs.

The Crusaders opened tourney play Sept. 9 with a 32-34, 19-25, 25-15, 25-16, 15-12 win over Daemen (10-4) as Altman had 21 kills and Miranda Sechler added a career-high terminations with 14 digs.

MU also defeated Illinois Tech (5-6), coached by former Crusader and Livonia Churchill High grad Jacqui Gatt, in three straight, 25-15, 25-13, 25-10.

The Crusaders hit .330 as a team Amanda Koszela paced the defense with 13 digs.

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One boy's journey

Family deals with illness through scrapbook, friends and humor

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Evan Westphal's great adventure started Jan. 11 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The Livonia boy, then a first grader at Hoover Elementary, was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia just 12 days before his seventh birthday and faced months of chemotherapy, IV medicines, injections and spinal taps.

His adventure included missing school for all but 22 days last semester and foregoing baseball for at least this year, thinning hair and the expectation of three years in treatment.

Evan, now a second grader in the "maintenance" phase of treatment, has taken most of the journey with a smile on his face.

"The whole thing is not a good experience," said his mom, Janice Westphal. "But to put it in the positive, it's all how you look at it. You've got to get through it one day at a time. It's an adventure. It's not one I'd choose to go on, but it's one I can't change. So, you've got to make the best of it. We do everything with a sense of humor."

"Humor we're different. I don't know. One of the



Evan Westphal of Livonia throws out the first pitch at a Toledo Mud Hens game last month.

nurses said to my mom that one of the reasons he's doing as well as he is, is the attitude we have."

Westphal, her husband Phil, a UPS truck driver, older son, Alex, a freshman at Stevenson High School, and grandparents Bob and Donna Burnham, try to make life as normal as possible for Evan. They never hide information about his medical condition from him and they make sure he gets answers to his questions, which has helped him undergo medical procedures — such as spinal intermuscular shots — with understanding

and a few tears rather than fear.

Evan knows all of his medications, their colors, and their purpose, in addition to what the numbers on his blood count results mean.

"He won't let them put him to sleep until they tell him what medicines they are giving him and what color it is. It has gotten to the point where the doctors walk in and they give the count sheet to him first. He wants to know what's going on. He has learned things that no 7-year-old boy should have to know. But he wants to know what's going to hap-

pen, when it's going to happen and how it's going to happen. He has always been that kind of kid."

Collecting memories

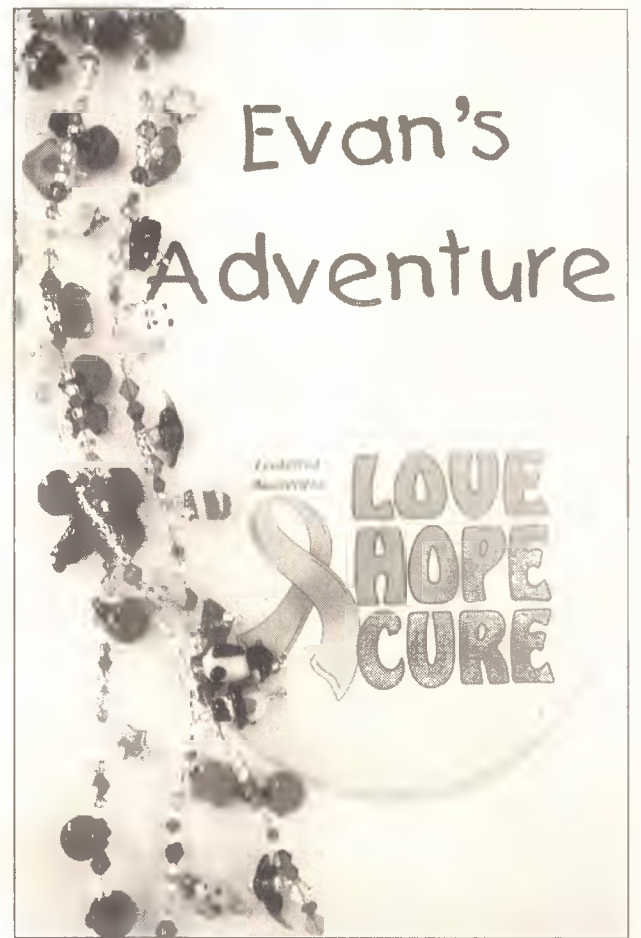
His interest in his own treatment led Westphal to create a scrapbook, "Evan's Adventure," full of photos and mementos of his cancer experience. She had scrapbooked other family milestones and vacations, but didn't even consider one on the topic of his hospitalization and treatment until she realized that he might want one as a keepsake.

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He had to take a break from baseball this summer, but Evan Westphal has had a few golf lessons and golf might just be his game.



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Bravery beads" rest on the scrapbook that chronicles Evan Westphal's cancer journey. He receives a bead for each medical procedure he undergoes.

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"I like it because it helps me explain things to other people," Westphal said. "You don't want to totally relive everything, but the people you meet are so phenomenal that you want to remember them. If you look at it, it's not sad."

Colorful pages show photos of his doctors, nurses, family members, his room — decorated in a penguin motif — and Evan, mostly smiling. Tapes, used when his port is accessed, bear a nurse's drawings and fill one page. Photos documenting a spinal tap are laid out on another page.

"Evan wanted to know what it was like when he got a spinal tap. So I asked if I could take pictures," Westphal said. "Evan is mad that I didn't get a picture of the needle in his back. He wanted to see what it looks like."

Helpful toys

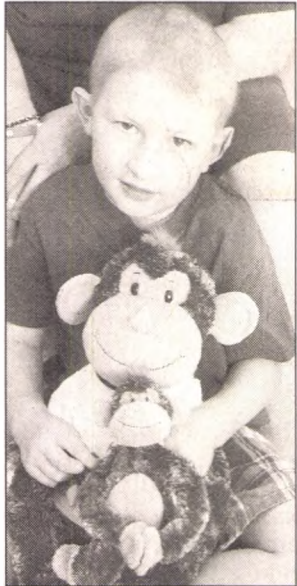
She said he also wanted to transfer that knowledge to his stuffed animal companion, Chuck, the Chemo Duck, a toy that a hospital social worker obtained for him. The duck comes complete with a port for IV medication, play needles and other items, including a head scarf for its owner. Evan never wore it, preferring a baseball cap to the scarf.

Westphal also secured a pair of stuffed animals — big and little monkeys — through the There's a Monkey in My Chair program. Evan keeps the lit-



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Janice Westphal wears bracelets supporting awareness of leukemia, multiple sclerosis and the injectible medical port her son has.



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Evan Westphal holds his special monkey that sits in his chair at school when he is unable to attend.

tle monkey at home. The big monkey, which comes with a backpack containing a camera, notebook, pens and photobook, stays in his seat at school when he's home or in the hospital. Classmates take photos in class, use the pens and notebook to write letters and cards and make sure the monkey is on hand for every lesson.



The Westphal boys, Alex (left) and Evan pose with the Toledo Mud Hens mascot.

His monkey's sponsor, a woman from Kansas named Marge Green, reached out to members of her church, encouraging them to send messages and prayer cards regularly to Evan.

Evan's "adventure" hasn't been all needles and pills.

Through a program called Chemo Angel, two women from Oregon and Florida periodically send gifts and cards. His favorite teacher, Charles "Mr. O" O'Laughlin, physical education instructor at Hoover, sent Evan assorted athletic balls and other physical fitness items and a golf pro, Jay Rammler, has taken him under his wing with

golf lessons. His classroom teacher took him to lunch for a little one-

on-one time and a family friend bakes muffins for him every week.

Westphal, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2007, wears three medical awareness bracelets — for leukemia, MS and IV ports — doesn't shy from talking about Evan's leukemia. When he was diagnosed, she reached out through Facebook for support and information. She said online social media kept her in touch with the "outside world" during long periods at Beaumont Hospital with Evan.

When the family planned a trip to the Toledo Mud Hens game with Thrivent Financial, Westphal mentioned her son to the trip's organizers. The next thing she knew, Evan was chosen to throw out the first ball at the game.

"I was a little nervous and it felt weird to be on the field," Evan said. "I got quite the applause, too."

Westphal said the pitch bounced, but went straight and over the plate.

"It made mom cry," she said. "It bounced and the guy kind of caught it on the bounce," but it went straight and over the plate."

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In a quiet moment, Evan plays with a syringe and Chuck the Chemo Duck, that has a medication port in its chest, just like his.

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WHY INJECTIONS STOP WORKING

Steroid injections represent good therapy, particularly in osteoarthritis of the knees. However, anyone who has experience receiving injections over time can attest, injection therapy is uneven in its results, eventually working hardly at all. Why is this the case?

A tire is losing its tread, but the mechanic can keep the car running by putting air into the tire each time the tire goes flat. The first instance of a flat tire, followed by putting air back in, allows the car to run for another six months. The next time the mechanic puts air in the tire, the car goes for 3 months. The next time the tire needs air, the process lasts for possibly a month to six weeks.

What happens each time the mechanic attends to the flat by putting in air, is that the tire being used, loses even more tread, which in turn makes the tire even more vulnerable to nails and rocks on the road which in turn, makes having a flat tire even more likely.

Eventually, the owner of the car has no choice but to replace the tire.

The same sequence holds for joint injections for knee, and other joint osteoarthritis. Each injection allows the person to carry on with an impaired joint. But, the capacity to use the knee comes with a price: the joint because of further use, deteriorates further. Eventually the joint wears out to the point that injections cannot overcome.

When injection provides only 2-3 weeks or less of relief, then the patient must look to joint replacement as the therapy of choice.

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Tasteful event benefits victims of violence

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, will present its 7th annual "A Chocolate Affair" 2-5 p.m. Oct. 3 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

The event will benefit First Step, which provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence including temporary emergency housing, counseling, a 24-hour help line, children's programs and more.

The Chocolate Affair will feature tastes of chocolate specialties from area bakeries, restaurants, caterers, and chocolate makers, along with a chocolate fountain, entertainment and prizes. A luncheon will be held from noon-2 p.m. to kick off the event. During the

luncheon a speaker from First Step will share her inspiring story of survivorship.

Chocolate specialties will be provided by Mary Denning's Bake Shoppe, Treats Catering of Farmington, Sanders Candy, Kilwin's of Plymouth, Armitage Catering, Dove Chocolate, The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, The Dearborn Inn, Lindt Chocolate, The Kandy Bar, Jo Jo's Treats & Sweets, and more. Entertainment will be provided by Inis Ceol.

Tickets for the Chocolate Affair are \$25 and the luncheon tickets are \$25. A combined ticket is available for \$45. For tickets or more information on the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, call Barbara Weir at (734) 453-1459.

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subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If you represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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"Dancing with the Stars" pros Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo will perform at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual gala.

Hospital gala features dance stars

Dancing with the Stars pros Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo, will perform at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 19th Annual Gala, "Dancing like the Stars" Friday, Oct. 7.

WXYZ-Channel 7 News Anchor JoAnne Purtan will emcee the event which will be held at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The gala, which includes a gourmet dinner, dancing and music by the Mel Ball and Colours Band, will benefit the Generations Together Campaign which supports the hospital's new South Pavilion construction project.

In 2005, Sliwinska appeared on the first season of the popular television show, *Dancing with the Stars*, and is the only professional dancer to appear on the first 10 seasons. Born in Poland, she became a suc-



Purtan

cessful ballroom dancer there and has achieved world-class status representing Poland on International competitions all over the world.

Mazo has been involved in five seasons of *Dancing with*

the Stars and is best known for being the winner of the first season with Kelly Monaco. He has toured with *Dancing with the Stars* and was featured in the fitness section of the show's new book. He is a five-time U.S. National Finalist

"We're absolutely thrilled that Edyta and Alec will be gracing the dance floor at our gala event. This evening will be filled with elegance and entertainment from start to finish," stated Dan Murphy, gala chair. "The dancers will add excitement to this already enjoyable night."

The hospital's new South Pavilion is an addition featuring all private rooms, a new state-of-the-art emergency center, as well as renovation of current semi-private patient rooms to private rooms.

"This project as a whole pro-

vides the latest technology and design for a healing environment - bringing healthcare in this community to the next level," stated David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "Guests of this gala will be part of the future of the hospital and enjoy a dynamic evening at the same time."

Individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Guest tickets are \$125 per person. A portion of the ticket purchases are tax deductible. For tickets or sponsorship information, call the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at (734) 655-2980, or visit stmarymercy.org/annualgala for more information.

The gala is presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips and family - Phillips Service Industries, Inc.

GARDEN & NATURE

Butterflies

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) presents "Overwintering Butterflies," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The program will explain how to overwinter butterfly eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

Master gardeners

Growing with Master Gardeners Conference is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. Sponsored by the Dearborn campus' Environmental Interpretive Center and presented by Master Gardener Association of Wayne County Volunteers, the 23rd annual all-day educational program is aimed at environmentalists and gardeners of all levels. It will include two keynotes, classes, shopping, and lunch. Cost is \$40 if registered by Sept. 14. Visit www.mgawc.org or call (734) 786-6860.

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BERRY, JUDITH ANN

Age 68, of Escanaba passed away at her home in Escanaba. Judy was employed in the banking and finance industry all of her working years in Plymouth, MI until her retirement in 1997. Judy moved back to Escanaba in 1997. Funeral services celebrating the life of Judith Ann Berry was held at 2:00 pm Saturday at the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel. The Anderson Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements and online condolences can be sent to the family at: www.andersonfuneralhomes.net



FARNWORTH, DELORES A.

Age 89, September 12, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Farnworth. Loving mother of Peggy (Walter) Bindner, Christopher (Anne) Farnworth and the late Thomas Farnworth. Dear grandmother of Katie and Sarah Bindner, Laina and Kenna Farnworth. Sister of the late Lorraine Menard. Sister-in-law of Emdee Farnworth. Aunt of Steve (Susan) Carbone, Belinda Farnworth, and Donna (Tim) Keogh. Great aunt of Brian, Laura, Danny and Nathan. A Memorial Service was held at the Birmingham Unitarian Church Tuesday at 3 PM.
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FRANK, DEBORAH ANN

Debbie went home to meet her Lord on September 3rd, 2011. A life long resident of Livonia, Debbie leaves her two brothers and sisters-in-law Howard (Virginia) and Phillip (Annette), nephews Brian and Jim, nieces Casey and Lauren, godson Seth Teichert, and countless wonderful friends and neighbors. A memorial service to celebrate Debbie's life will be held on October 28th, 2011, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 West Six Mile Road, Livonia (phone: 734-427-1414) at 7 PM.

GALLO, JAMES M.

Age 81. Beloved husband of Alnora for 59 years. Loving father of Jim (Shelley), Pam (John) Gauld, Matt (Dawn), Greg and Jill (Ross) McCarthy. Dear grandpa of Jenny, Vince, Patrick, Andrea, Emily, Amanda, Joe, Brendan and Conner. Preceded in death by his brother Bob, his sister Eleanor and his grandson Justin. There was a Visitation held Tuesday, September 13th 2-8 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. Rosary at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, MI. The Memorial Mass was Wednesday, September 14th 10:30 a.m. at St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154. Memorial donations to St. Edith or Poor Clare Nuns.
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GOEBEL, JEANNINE JACQUELINE

(Redford) passed away September 12, 2011. She was born in Detroit on October 13, 1928. Jeannine was a native of Michigan and resident of Bloomfield Hills and Novi, graduating from Oakland University in 1972. She studied painting, printmaking and papermaking with Michigan and out-of-state artists. She was active in the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, University of Michigan Artists and Craftsman Guild, Creative Council and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. She exhibited in invitational and juried shows in Michigan, Ohio and Florida. Jeannine was the wife of Charles Goebel, mother of Mark Goebel and Karen Easley, and grandmother to five wonderful grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Friday, September 23, at 5PM at Christ Church Cranbrook Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Episcopal Church or the charity of your choice.
For online condolences, visit: www.fullerfuneralhome.com



GREEN, WILLIAM

64 years, of Donnellson, Iowa, and formerly of Farmington Hills, Michigan, died Sept. 9, 2011. Born Sept. 18, 1946, at Detroit, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Green and one daughter, Sarah. Barr Memorial Chapel in Fort Madison, Iowa, is coordinating arrangements: www.barrmemorialchapel.com



UZDAVINIS, ANNA ELIZABETH

September 13, 2011 age 97 of Canton. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Elizabeth (Ronald) Carlson and Joseph (Gisele). Dear sister of the late Albert, Antoinette and Joseph Naujalis. Dear aunt of Donald (Marilyn) Guss, Marilyn Richardson, James (Colleen) Naujalis, Ronald (Rose) Naujalis. Also survived by great nieces and nephews. Visitation and funeral mass was held Saturday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Interment at Holy Sepulchre. Memorial contributions may be made to American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.). To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

McCANN, JOHN JOSEPH

Age 81, from Livonia died September 10, 2011. Arrangements by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.



RIZZO, EUGENE

Age 79, September 11, 2011. Loving husband of 50 years to Janet. Devoted father to Marty (Beth), Greg (Kathy), Pam (Kurt)Keller, Bryan and David. Dear grandfather of Mark, Kevin, Amy, Greg, Ari and Travis. He will also be missed by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 pm and Wednesday 2-9 pm with a Rosary Service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11411 Hubbard St. Livonia, MI 48150. Eugene will lie in state at the church from 10 am until the funeral Mass at 10:30 am. Donations to the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Foundation or St. John Hospice.
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SMITH (GLENN), ETHEL "JOANN"

Born 6-11-36 passed away 8-28-11. Joann resided in Farmington Hills, MI. She is survived by her husband William (Bill) Smith, and children Ron Smith (Judi), Terri Mahakian (Mike) and grand children, Chris, Nereida, Lisa, and Kelly along with 5 great grandchildren. Joann loved to travel, cook and care for her family. She will be greatly missed.



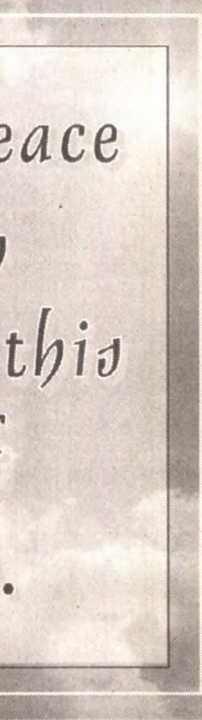
SPARKS, HELEN "PENNY"

Age 82 of Lake, MI, passed away Sunday, September 11, 2011, formerly of Garden City. Penny is preceded in death by her husband Olin "Sparkie" after 53 wonderful years. She is survived by her children Susan Harrison of Livonia, Kathleen Sparks of Manchester, N.H., Keith (Kathy) Sparks of Canton and Brian Sparks of Garden City; many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Penny was also predeceased in death by her son Robert and sisters Margaret and Rosemary. Penny volunteered for many different organizations. Penny will be remembered as a loyal friend to her children and everyone else that knew her. Services have taken place at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 14th. A visitation was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, Wednesday, September 14th. A Committal Service will be held at the St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery in Dearborn Heights on Thursday at 10:30 A.M. Memorials may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Oregon, Ohio.
Please share a memory of Penny by signing her guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com.



WOODS, IRENE MARIE

Age 91, of Hale, MI died Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at Bortz Health Care in Rose City. She was born February 8, 1920 in Mikado, MI to August Lange and Minnie Lange. Her father was born in Stedine, Germany and her mother in Saginaw, MI. Irene met Henry Carl Woods on a blind date 67 years ago and married him on February 21st, 1940. She enjoyed her small lake home that Henry built for them when he retired from Ford Motor Company as an inspector. Irene also enjoyed playing the piano, accordion and violin. She would play these instruments at her brother's farm in Mikado, MI where they would have home parties with family and friends. Irene was the youngest of 12 children. She is preceded in death by her husband, Henry Woods and sisters, Elsie Clark of Alpena, MI and Selma McMillen of Saginaw, MI, her brothers, Art Lange, Ed Lange, Fritz Lange and Onnie Lange, they all were of Mikado, MI and Mike Lange of Skokie, IL. Irene has two daughters, Sally (Bill) Hurrelbrink of Westland, MI and Judy Drury of Conway, MI. Irene is also survived by her grandsons, Mark Hurrelbrink of Westland, MI; James (Laurie) Drury of Scottsdale, AZ, Thomas Drury of Harbor Springs, MI and one great-grandchild, Tai Jaxx Drury of Harbor Springs, MI. Visitation took place on Monday at 12 until 2pm, funeral service was held at 2pm Monday, August 22nd at Hale Chapel, Buresh Funeral Home, 121 S. Washington, Hale, MI with Rev. Rob Nordin officiating Interment: Esmond Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to a local hospice of your choice. Those wishing to express words of sympathy may do so at: BureshFuneralHomes.com



Milestones



Green-Jackett

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackett of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, David, to Molly Green, daughter of Joseph and Mary Green of Anoka, Minn. David is a graduate of Michigan State University and works at General Mills in Minneapolis, Minn. Molly is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and works at Northland Securities. A November 2011 wedding is planned in Minneapolis, Minn.

REUNIONS

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DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1954
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1961
50th class reunion Sept. 24 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolon@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

JUNE CLASS OF 1961
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

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CLASSES OF 1966-67
A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

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CLASS OF 1986
25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

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Time/Date: 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City
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Contact: (248) 766-5977

BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18
Location: St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Presented by the St. Theodore Men's Club
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Sept. 18-30

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Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sept. 25
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BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday beginning Sept. 20
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The ABCs for keeping a home healthy

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September

Children often come into closer contact with their environment than adults. They put their fingers in their mouths, crawl on the floor, and touch, taste and breathe things without knowing if they are harmful. Because their organs and respiratory, immune and neurological systems are still developing, children can be more sensitive to harmful substances such as certain chemicals, particles and allergens, according to the Greenguard Environmental Institute.

Dr. Alanna Levine, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP), reminds parents that allergy symptoms typically begin during childhood. In fact, the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America warns that allergies are the most frequently reported chronic condition in children, limiting activities for more than 40 percent of them.

Levine recommends following the ABC's — Avoid, Balance and Change — to help maintain a healthier home environment for children.

A is for avoid: Whenever possible, avoid irritants that often trigger allergies, such as products made of feathers or down. Use hypoallergenic pillows on your child's bed, and limit exposure to perfume, talcum powder, hair spray, air fresheners, fabric softeners or other strong odors or sprays. Strong fragrances and odors may aggravate allergy symptoms, so be sure that children prone to allergies are not



in the house when spraying fragrances or using strong cleaning products.

B is for balance: Maintain a consistent balance in the home to help minimize allergens. Keep the windows shut and use central air conditioning during high pollen seasons to help protect children from pollen particles that trees, grasses

and weeds release into the air. These particles can harbor in the eyes, nose, and airways, causing allergy symptoms to flair for those allergic to pollen. Also, give children washable, non-allergenic stuffed toys when possible, and be sure to wash the ones played with the most on a weekly basis, in hot water at least 130

degrees Fahrenheit.

C is for change: Change items that are easy to neglect but are important for maintaining a healthier home, such as leaky faucets, pipes and other high moisture areas that are common places for mold growth. Don't neglect the air in the home either. Change your filter every three months,

and use a high performance filter. For those with carpet in the home, vacuum it often and thoroughly, and change the vacuum cleaner bag on a monthly basis.

For more tips to help improve indoor air quality, visit www.Filtrete.com.

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• Sandy Baumann talks about the roles of CoQ10, omega-3 oils, magnesium, and vitamin D in reducing risk for such health challenges as arthritis, bone loss, cancer, depression, heart disease, high cholesterol, leg pain, memory loss, and more at a program, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in room E-13 at Stevenson High School, 33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Learn deficiency symptoms, common food and supplement sources, and recommended dosages. Cost: \$22; workbook fee of \$7 due to instructor in class. Register by Sept 19. Call Livonia Family YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or stop by the YMCA office at 14255 Stark, in Livonia.

October

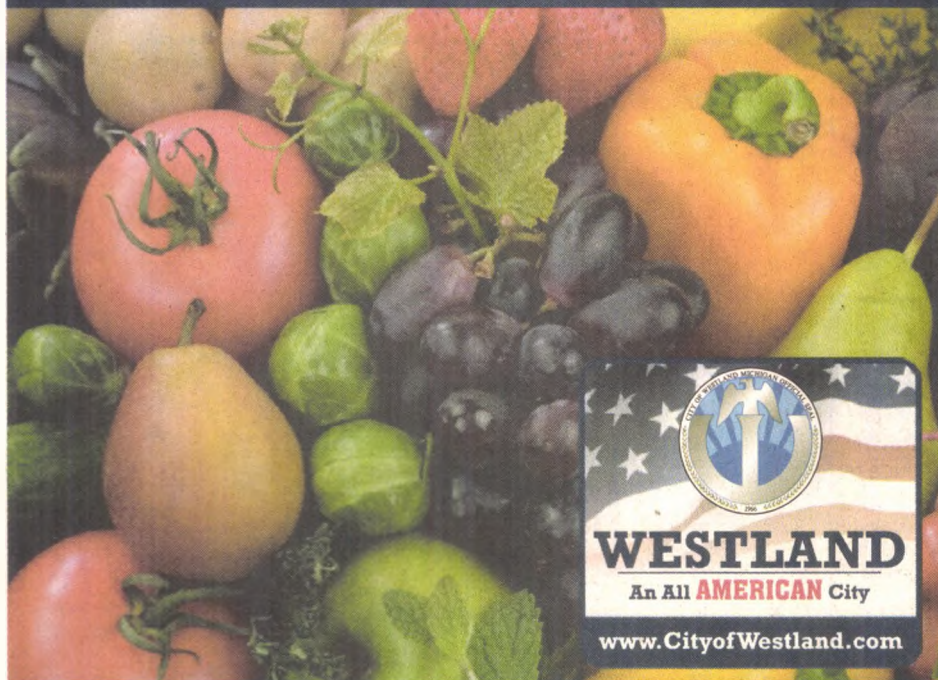
ST. MARY MERCY

• The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Sessions are Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

EYE SCREENINGS

Cataract and Eye Consultants of Michigan will be offering a day of free eye screenings 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 23800 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 200, Farmington Hills. The screenings will include assessment of vision, as well as checking for glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and cataracts. For more information call the office at (248) 478-8990.

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16 Job Search Errors You're Probably Making

Rachel Farrell,
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Over the years, hiring managers have born witness to every hiring, interviewing, resume, cover letter and negotiation mistake there is.

You know what these blunders are. We've told you several times. Yet you (and hundreds of other job seekers) continue to make common job search mistakes.

From those who see your mistakes over and over, here are 16 common job search mistakes to avoid -- and some of them may surprise you.

1. You don't keep your options open

"Candidates tend to think that if they interview for a job they will get an offer, so they do not apply and interview for multiple positions," says Joanie Spain, director of public relations and career services, School of Advertising Art, a graphic design college. "They wait until one plays out completely, putting their job search on hold until knowing for sure they didn't get the offer." "By having many more irons in the fire, you diversify the risk and disappointment that is inevitable when any single opportunity disappears," adds Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide: Success Secrets of a Career Coach." "You also present yourself as a more passionate and energetic candidate. You're in the 'zone' -- a point where

you're in the flow of information and ideas -- and that makes you more valuable."

2. You turn up your nose at job descriptions

"Entry-level candidates are reluctant to apply for a position unless the job sounds like their 'dream job' or they have all qualifications listed," Spain says. "Rather than going on an interview to get more information, they base decisions about applying on the job description alone. They fail to see that all interview experience is good experience, or that, until there is an offer on the table, there is no decision to make."

3. You haven't perfected the thank-you note

"Don't be too verbose with a thank-you note after an interview. Sending out a version of 'War and Peace' can come across as desperate and needy for a job. However, sending a one or two sentence thank-you note comes across as flippant, not well thought-out and potentially shows indifference regarding the job to the employer," says Mike Barefoot, senior account manager at Red Zone Resources, a recruitment firm. "We encourage candidates to keep them to four to eight sentences."

4. You don't check your references

"Always give out references that you've pre-screened. We sometimes see candidates give out references that were never checked with and the references feedback isn't always

kind," Barefoot says. "Also, make sure they're predominantly managers. An occasional colleague is okay, but contemporaries and friends really don't carry that much weight in helping you land a position."

5. You've got poor business acumen

"Managers are becoming more savvy and are taking candidates out to lunch for interviews. They want to see how you treat a restaurant staff and see the 'real' you. If you're rude to them or don't seem appreciative for their hard work to make your meal pleasurable, managers wonder how you'll treat contemporaries you work with," Barefoot says.

6. You have a messy briefcase

"A messy briefcase can imply the person is unorganized, messy and unprepared, and that their work will be less than optimal," says Ronald Kaufman, author of "Anatomy of Success." "Someone who is neat, clean, organized and prepared in all areas conveys they're serious about getting a job and working."

7. You discount temporary positions

"Many employers coming out of a recession want to hire on a temporary or temp- to perm- basis. We have already seen several contractors be offered permanent positions after they have proven themselves," says Jeffrey Weinstock, Esq. president, Rhodes &

Weinstock, a recruiting firm. "Not only will the temporary position pay some bills, think of it as an audition for a potential perm position, or at least a way to get a good reference for another position."

8. You have a bad attitude

"Poor attitudes come through in telephone calls and in interviews. If you are not positive, why would a potential employer want to hire you?" asks Weinstock. "It may take some time, but by being positive, by doing all the right things, by seeing each position as an opportunity, it will happen."

9. You include too much work history

"Many job seekers over 40 think that they have to take their work history back to their first job out of college," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and resume writer. "All that is needed is the last 10-15 years of your work history."

10. You use your work email address on your resume

"Some people do not regularly check their personal email, so they use their employers' email instead," Palmer says. "This sends a negative message to potential employers that the job seekers will not hesitate to use their equipment for personal use."

11. You take "no" as a final answer

"No" usually only means "no" for that position, says Bruce Hurwitz, president and CEO, Hurwitz Strategic Staffing, LTD. "If you are rejected for a job you should send a thank-you note, thank the employer for the opportunity, and wish them well. No one does that. When the next opening comes around, he'll remember you," says Hurwitz.

12. You lack tact

"Be determined without being pushy. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of your resume or interview can be a double-edged sword," says Rod Hughes, director of communications, Oxford Communications. "A tactful follow up can place you top of mind with the hiring manager, while incessant calling or emailing can push your resume right off the table."

13. You don't search for yourself on the Internet

"Your would-be employer is probably going to look you up

online, so you should know what is out there," says Amanda O'Brien, vice president of marketing, Hall Web Services. "Clean up what you can, check your privacy settings on social networks and if it is something you can't get down off the internet, you may want to consider talking to the company about it."

14. You have a 'death by bullets' resume

"Bullets are great but they need context. Keep them to one line, focused on a result and include a figure like a fact, percentage or number," says Adriana Llamas, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways to Win the Job Search Game." "Or, put the information in a short summary of the position."

15. You've got a scattered strategy

"Looking for a job in any industry and with two or three resumes is going to get the same result as the strategy: scattered," Llamas says. "Job seekers with a clearly defined, focused and organized strategic approach to their job search end up with clear results -- and a new job."

16. You think it's about you

It is not about you and your need for a job -- it is about the prospective employer and their need to run a successful business and make money, says Lori B. Rassel, employment attorney and author of "Employment Law: A Guide to Hiring, Managing and Firing for Employers and Employees."

"Many applicants mistakenly believe they will be an appealing candidate if they explain they will accept any type of job offer at any because they have been laid off, unemployed for an extended period of time, have children in college, or are having difficulty making the mortgage payments," she says. "Even if all of those circumstances are true, candidates need to craft a different message, focusing on how they can benefit the employer by saving them money, streamlining processes, creating additional sources of revenue and bringing overall value to the company."

Rachel Farrell researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder. Follow @Careerbuilder on Twitter.



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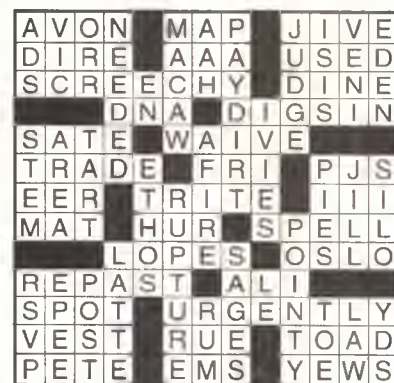
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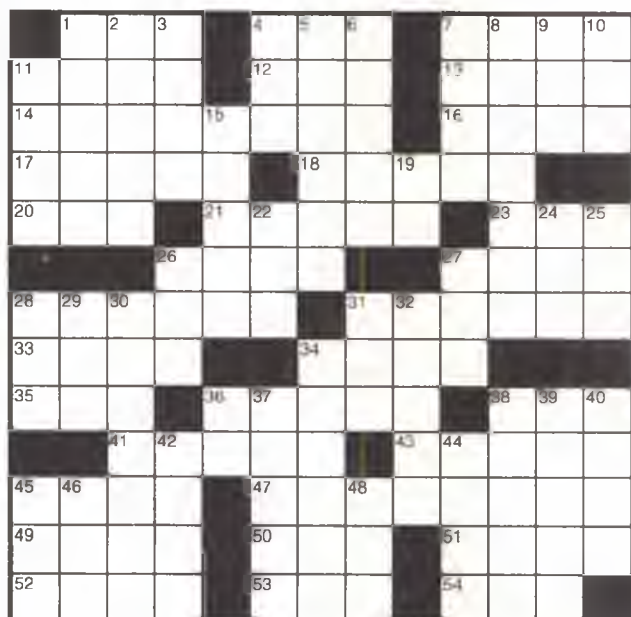
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- 3 Jesse
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- 5 Stogie with bangs
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- 8 Digestive juice
- 9 Sir Walter Scott novel

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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SUDOKU

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	7	5	8	3				6
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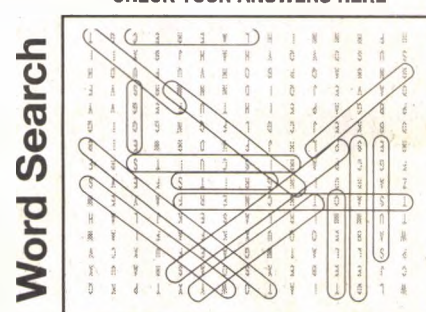
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- bagel
- cereal
- fruit
- omelet
- scrambled
- biscuits
- eggs
- grits
- pancakes
- waffles
- breakfast
- french toast
- muffin
- sausage
- yogurt

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1	6	8	5	2	8	4	9	7
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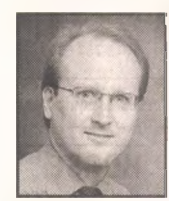
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FINALLY, SUNNIER DAYS FOR TOYOTA AND LEXUS

By Dale Buss

Many things are looking up for Toyota and Lexus these days, including encouraging upticks in the brands' inventory situation, buzz around a couple of fast-selling models, and anticipation about their



Dale Buss

planned handful of new-model introductions later this year.

More than anything else, the new 2012 Camry has Toyota executives

thinking upbeat. "The initial response has been excellent," said Jeff Bracken, vice president of sales for the Toyota Division. Consideration of the new model on Edmunds.com, he said, has been "the highest ... for any vehicle in more than three years. And in just one week, more than 50,000 people have raised their hands and said they're considering a new Camry."

Partly as a result, Toyota decided to pull forward its "on-sale" date for the car at dealers from early October and to begin shipping Camrys to them from the company's Georgetown, Ky., manufacturing complex any day now. By the middle of October, sticking with its original schedule, Toyota also plans to begin building a Camry Hybrid at the plant.

True, Toyota's August sales declined by about 1 percent from July. Sales of one individual model after another were down for the month from 2010 and remained down for the year to date because of how Toyota's global supply and manufacturing network was ravaged by and after the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March.

But amid the industry's general gloom over disappointing August results, Toyota had some room for encouragement. For one thing,



The first-ever Toyota Camry hybrid will be going on sale soon.

executives noted that all North American production will return to normal levels this month for the first time since March, ensuring that it won't be long before inventory shortages stop handcuffing Toyota dealers and discouraging sales of their vehicles.

Fourth-quarter production in North America is planned for 15 percent higher than a year earlier. Reflecting these rising expectations for availability, Toyota planned to extend its current generous incentive program through September.

At the moment, Toyota's inventories stand at about a 36-day supply of cars, versus a normally desirable level of between 40 and 50 days for Toyota Division vehicles, and only up from 34 days a month earlier. "That's a positive trend and much better than where we thought it would have been," said Randy Pflughaupt, Toyota's group vice president of sales

administration.

"It is keeping pace with market demand ... By the end of December we'll certainly be making lot of progress toward a comparable level" of inventories to year earlier, he said. "It might be a little bit into the first quarter of next year before we see inventories at essentially prior levels."

Prius was perhaps more directly sacked by the manufacturing disruptions in Japan than any other vehicle, but Pflughaupt reported that Toyota was "on pace" to deliver all of the 36,000 Prius units that executives had promised for the U.S. market this summer. In the meantime, in August Prius was able both to increase Prius sales and to increase the level of dealer inventories of the car.

Lexus was the only brand to report increased year-to-year sales, a 6-percent jump over August 2010. The end of the

summer traditionally is a brisk time for luxury brands because of closeouts of versions from the old model year, and Lexus basically saw its supply pipeline restored to silver just in time to participate more or less fully.

Sales of the CTD200h hybrid sedan continued to surpass initial expectations from its introduction early this year. "Our launch plan was to sell 1,000 a month, but we're selling more than double that number," said Mark Templin, general manager of the Lexus Division. "It's bringing new young buyers into the family, about 40 percent who are younger than 45 years old, and about half of them are new to Lexus."

Overall Lexus production "improved dramatically" in August "and will continue to rise," he said. Lexus production will be 18 percent higher in the fourth quarter than a year ago, Templin said. Specifically, output of the RX, the leading luxury SUV, will rise by 140 percent in the fourth quarter in Toyota's Canadian assembly plant over original plans for the period, Templin said.

Beyond September, Toyota and its dealers are looking forward to the planned introductions of a handful of new models before the end of the year, including the Camry Hybrid, the larger Prius V, a new Yaris subcompact and the all-new Scion iQ. Early in 2012, Lexus plans to launch an all-new GS sedan, first of a number of new and updated products that are in its pipeline.



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