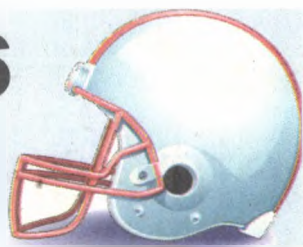


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Ticket winner

Larry Lee of Livonia is the winner in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Tigers Playoff Ticket Contest.

Lee works as a lifeguard and swim teacher at the Farmington YMCA. It's his second sweepstakes win this year. He won a VIP package to the Michigan International Speedway through the Michigan Lottery.

As of Friday, Lee wasn't sure who he was going to ask the game. Monday's first home playoff game will be Lee's first Tigers game this season.



Celebrate Scoop!

Kid ages 7-12 are invited to celebrate Scoop's birthday 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Baskin Robbins, 17138 Farmington Road (at Six Mile) in Livonia. Come meet Scoop, have fun, win prizes and enjoy one free 2.5 ounce scoop of ice cream. Parents must accompany their children.

School forum

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is providing an opportunity for Plymouth and Canton residents to learn more about the Plymouth-Canton school board candidates competing for four seats in the Nov. 8 election.

All 15 candidates have been invited to attend a candidates forum on Monday, Oct. 3, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend the forum and submit questions for the candidates that will be asked by a League moderator. The public can also submit questions in advance through the League's e-mail address: lwv-mail@yahoo.com. The forum will be filmed by Canton Cable and will be aired multiple times before the election.

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Locals have vision for tech park

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

State, Wayne County and local officials are touting their vision for a new technology park on the county's far western edge, a project they say could lure more foreign companies to the state and provide hundreds of jobs.

Dubbed the Wayne County Advanced Technology Park, the project would involve about 1,000 acres straddling Five Mile in Plymouth and Northville townships, some already developed but the majority undeveloped and owned by the state or local governments.

Supporters say the land is ripe for use by high-tech research



and manufacturing firms, such as those involved in the making of the advanced batteries used in electric vehicles.

"Creating this world-class technology park is an important step that will help create jobs and promote long-term economic growth," Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reau-

me said. "Every level of government will play a critical role in the state's economic revival."

Plus program

The site's pluses include the proximity of freeways and thoroughfares, the railroad freight line that runs through it, and the foreign companies that are involved in advanced technology and already have facilities in the area, Reaume said.

Examples of the latter, the supervisor said, would be Northville Township's soulbrain MI (formerly TSC Michigan), which makes the electrolytes used in lithium ion batteries, or Plymouth Township's Aisin World Corp. of America, which makes

automotive underbody parts.

"They already have a presence here, and they're looking to expand," Reaume said of the latter company.

The proposed technology park would stretch from Beck Road to Napier, and its southern boundary would border an existing industrial park in Plymouth Township that includes several high-tech companies. "Tech companies like to locate near other tech companies," Reaume said.

In addition to hosting tech companies, Reaume said, the vision includes businesses that would provide services to employees at those companies, such as restaur-

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Gordon McIntosh thinks it's time to close up his Old Village shop. At left is a bracket clock. At right, an adamantine clock. Both chime on the hour and half-hour.

Time winding down

Longtime Old Village clock shop is ticking down the hours

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Things are winding down at the Hands of Tyme in Plymouth.

Owner Gordon McIntosh, who has been repairing watches and clocks in Old Village for 42 years, is calling it quits at the end of the month at the age of 87.

He's no longer accepting new work, fewer than a dozen clocks are left to be repaired and, on a recent afternoon, a "closed" sign was visible in a window at his shop on Mill Street, to discourage, he said, people from stopping in with their timepieces.

"Did it too damn long," said McIntosh, who got his start in the business by repairing the watches of co-workers at Ford Motor Co.'s Livonia transmission plant. "It's no longer a challenge."

The slow economy, McIntosh added, also contributed to his decision, as did his wife Thelma's health problems and his desire to do some more traveling, a bug he seems to have picked up while serving with the Army



Among the different clocks on display are antiques, clocks with wooden works, and this clock, made entirely of cardboard.

Air Corps in Europe during World War II.

Changing times

The economy has been so bad, McIntosh said, that "How much?" is now the first thing potential customers ask, and earnings haven't been able to cover the rent on his shop for the past couple of months. Two or three clocks, repairs finished, languish in the shop, the owners having told McIn-

tosh they don't have the money to retrieve them. "The economy stinks," he said.

McIntosh specializes in repairing decorative, windup and weight-driven clocks, the kind that sit on fireplace mantels or stand grandly in front hallways, their chimes noting the passing of the hours.

"A lot of these are sentimental value. They want them fixed no matter what," he said. McIntosh has also built clocks, and has sold clocks that he repaired and restored.

But the nature of the business has changed, with most newer clocks being the battery-driven quartz kind with plastic gears, ever more cheaply made, McIntosh said.

"I can get you one cheaper than your repair," he said. In addition, he said, appliances from stoves to microwaves to refrigerators have digital clocks on them.

McIntosh came to the clock-repair business after being trained to handle much bigger machines.

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Expo gives seniors, boomers chance to win

A trip to Tuesday's third annual Senior Fall Health & Living Expo will pay off for the first 100 visitors through the door, who will receive a movie pass for two and a coupon for a free four-square pizza from Buddy's Pizza.

Seniors citizens, baby boomers and others are invited to spend the day being entertained and educated at the expo, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers and Wayne State University-Oakland Center. The event starts at 9 a.m.

More than 40 exhibitors, featuring demonstrations and free seminars on estate planning, identity theft protection, insurance planning and investment strategies, along with free morning refreshments and hourly gift giveaways, are on tap for the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's location — WSU-Oakland Center — is new. The center is at 33737 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. It is easily accessible from I-696, I-96, M-10 and I-275. Admission is free and ample free parking is available all day.

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vice is available from three locations: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, departing at 7:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.; Southfield Senior Center, 24350 Civic Center Drive, departing at 7:40 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; and Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, with one departure at 8:30 a.m. To reserve your seat, call (313) 222-2414.

Come learn about what baby boomers need to know about maximizing their retirement income. O&E financial columnist Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills will share strategies to protect and grow your investment portfolio in a down economy.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, member of the Saint Joseph Mercy Healthy System, and Dental One will offer free health screenings. This year's musical entertainment will be Ya Tafari. In addition, attendees are invited to try their hand at Wii games to win prizes.

For more information or to sign up for free trolley service, contact Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2414 or via e-mail at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

Rocks royalty



BRIAN QUINTOS

Nick Troher and Mary-Liz Benintende are crowned Salem High School King and Queen during Homecoming festivities on a rainy football Friday. They are both seniors.

Restaurant crawl sells out to benefit Penn, chamber

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A rainy evening couldn't keep the crowds away from downtown Plymouth Wednesday during the annual Penn-Taste-Tic restaurant crawl.

The event, a fundraiser for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Penn Theatre, involved a dozen dining and drinking places in downtown Plymouth, drew 250 people (a sellout) and raised about

\$5,000 total.

"The variety of food was very good this year," said Wes Graff, the chamber's executive director.

Participating establishments included the Sweet Afton Tea Room, Cellar 849, Nico & Vali, Yogurt Palooza, Compari's, E.G. Nick's and the Ironwood Grill.

The crawl offered participants sample-sized portions of food and drink at each of the establishments.

"It was great," said

Paul DePalma, the owner of Nico & Vali, an Italian restaurant on Wing Street. "Seemed like a real good turnout."

DePalma estimated that close to 200 participants showed up at his restaurant. On the menu were pasta with meat or marinara sauce, bruschetta, roasted red peppers, and crusty bread with a salmon or a pesto spread, he said.

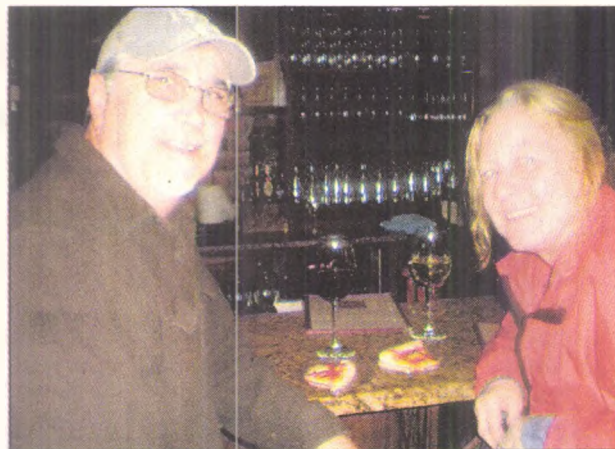
Nico and Vali has been a part of several downtown restaurant crawls, DePalma said. The event

seemed to attract a lot of familiar faces, he said, with some of them bringing along people who were trying Nico & Vali for the first time.

DePalma said he's happy to help with the fundraiser, particularly given the Penn's status as a Plymouth landmark.

"The Penn is such a staple in the city," he said. "Anything that could contribute to making sure it stays is a good cause."

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Sandy and Tom Leighton enjoy drinks and the atmosphere at Cellar 849, one of the participating establishments in the Penn-Taste-Tic downtown restaurant crawl.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

DINING WITH DOCTORS

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 13, 11:45 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host a distinguished panel of doctors from the Dearborn Surgery Center. The event will include a Health Expo with free blood pressure, sugar, cholesterol and eye testing, free, catered lunch at 12:45 p.m., and then a 1 p.m. panel discussion with doctors. Limited seating.

Contact: Call 453-1234, Ext. 236 for reservations.

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.

Contact: plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Oct. 15

Location: West Middle School in Plymouth

Details: Organizers of the Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Fair at West Middle School are looking for crafters. Proceeds go for scholarships for future educators from the Plymouth/Canton high schools. The fair general draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

Contact: Judy, (734) 347-1001 or Alice (248) 348-5561 or dadrenko@hotmail.com.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic

Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Ste. A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen, (888) 983-9050.

Colbeck hosts veterans roundtable

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and Jason Allen, senior deputy director for Veterans Affairs with the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, will host a discussion and update on issues in state government affecting veterans.

The event will include a short presentation by Jason Allen, an update from Colbeck on current initiatives for veterans and an opportunity for questions and answers with Colbeck.



Colbeck

The roundtable takes place 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at the Plymouth District Library,

223 S. Main in Plymouth.

For more information or questions, contact Colbeck's in-district manager, Jennifer Trussell, at (734) 672-6415 or by e-mail at JTrussell@senate.michigan.gov.

CORRECTIONS

• A story in Thursday's *Observer* should not have said the new contract between Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and its teachers union included furlough days. No such provision was included in the contract.

• A story about the candidates for the Nov. 8 school election should have said candidate Abdul Muhiuddin is 26 years old.

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MEA chief: School employees have shared economic pain

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Amid political battles over education funding, union rights, charter schools and a bill that would outsource teacher hiring, the leader of the state's largest teachers union brought his message to Plymouth on Thursday.

Teachers statewide are "cranky," learning conditions are "atrocious," class sizes have "exploded" and students in some communities, including Grand Rapids and Lansing, can't take textbooks home to study because of budget-related shortages, according to Steve Cook, president of the Michigan Education Association.

"MEA members right now are pretty cranky," Cook told a crowd of about 80 people during a Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meeting at the Courthouse Grille. "And that's probably the nicest way I could put it."

The MEA represents more than 150,000 teachers and school support employees in the state, and has been at the forefront in opposing a host of education-related mea-



Kiwanis member John Stewart presents guest speaker Steve Cook with a gift after Cook's speech on education.

asures since the terms of Gov. Rick Snyder and a Republican-majority state Legislature began early this year. Some battles — against a cut in funding, changes in the teacher tenure system, and a new law that requires public school employees to pay 20 percent of their health insurance premiums — have already been lost, from the union's perspective.

Sharing economic pain

Cook said it's a "myth" that public school employees haven't shared the economic pain felt in Michigan in recent years. "That's all they live

with every day," he said. Between pay freezes and pay cuts, paying more for insurance and other sacrifices, Cook said, school employees have given up a combined \$533 million since March.

Cook also criticized charter schools, the day after the state Senate education committee sent to the full Senate a bill that would remove the cap on the number of charter schools in the state. Research has shown, he said, that charters aren't any more effective than traditional public schools.

"What we have 20 years later," since the arrival of the charter movement in Michigan, "is another set of public schools, essen-

tially," he said.

The same bill, Senate Bill 618, would permit private companies to hire public school teachers, something the MEA also opposes.

"I don't think privatization is the way to go," although it would be cheaper, Cook said. "It doesn't improve education."

Still, he said later, the MEA favors school reform.

"We want reform that's based on actual, credible research," he said. There's plenty of education research available, he said, though a one-size-fits-all approach might not work. "We have too many people right now trying to recreate the wheel" and politicizing the process, he said.

Invitation to lawmakers

Cook also:

- Said changes in teacher tenure rules, which proponents say will make it easier to remove poorly performing teachers from their jobs, amount to an erosion of due process. He predicted that, starting next spring, the new rules will be used

to cut costs by replacing more experienced, better-paid teachers with younger ones who earn less.

- Said lawmakers looking into education issues would do well to seek advice and points of view from those actually working in the field.

"We don't get those calls, and it makes us cranky on occasion," he said.

- Criticized so-called right-to-work proposals for teachers as "the right to work for less."

Kiwanis member Karen O'Keefe, who has a son in the seventh grade at West Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and another who graduated from Canton High School, said she appreciated Cook's viewpoint, though she disagrees with him on some issues, such as the tenure changes.

She was reassured, she said, to hear the MEA is not against school reform.

O'Keefe said she is particularly concerned that all schoolchildren in the state have an equal opportunity for a quality education. "We need excellence for all of them," she said.

Changes defended

Republican state Rep. Kurt Heise, who represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township and part of Canton, said he supported most of the measures Cook criticized. Heise, who did not attend Cook's talk, said he expects the reforms to increase educational value in the schools as well as save money.

Heise did vote against the cuts in school aid, one of only four Republicans to do so. He said they were unfair.

"I just felt the cuts to K-12 went beyond what the current economics could sustain," Heise said Friday. Heise and his wife have two daughters in Plymouth-Canton schools.

Heise said he's not too familiar with SB 618, but that local school districts "shouldn't be afraid of charter schools."

However, Heise agreed with Cook that teachers and public education have a lot of changes to deal with, and suggested he's not in favor of further legislative action. He's against so-called right-to-work legislation for teachers, he said.

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Concessions balance district's budget

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Having rebuilt a fund balance that had hovered below \$100,000 to more than \$7 million, the financial skies may not exactly be blue for Plymouth-Canton school administrators.

But they're less gray. Administrators presented a 2011-12 budget amendment Tuesday to the district's Board of Education that includes a project fund balance — often referred to as a district's "rainy day fund" — of \$7.1 million. When the district passed its budget earlier this year, that fund was down to some \$70,000.

At the time, Board of Education trustees said there was "still work to do," and pointed

"The bottom line is, we've lived to see another day in Plymouth-Canton. We met the challenge."

JUDY MARDIGIAN
school board treasurer

toward upcoming negotiations with its nine bargaining units, most notably the teachers.

And, according to James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, those negotiations provided the impetus for rebuilding the fund balance, at least for one year. The district realized some \$4.5 million in concessions, largely in health care costs, and another \$1.2

million in concessions from other units.

"The (unions) really stepped up," Larson-Shidler said. "The unions really worked with us. It was a cooperative effort."

There were other changes in the budget amendment from the original budget, notably in enrollment. The district lost some 365 students, many of those to charter schools, but made up for that by qual-



ifying for Gov. Rick Snyder's "best practices" money, which equates to \$100 per student.

The district realized savings in salary and benefits, primarily by outsourcing more than 100 bus drivers, and saved \$2.7 million when teachers agreed not to take step increases.

"These settlements prove our employees are willing to do their part to help our district in these difficult times," interim Supt. Jeremy Hughes said. "The money saved in these contracts will be returned to the general fund balance and will be used to help educate the children of this community."

The bottom line still leaves the district with a deficit of \$1.7 million, which Larson-Shidler said would likely be covered

by the fund balance unless the district realizes other savings along the way. And, of course, still looming is a budget deficit for the 2012-2013 school year of somewhere between \$4 million and \$10 million.

But for now, trustees were breathing a sigh of relief. "It's hard to know what to say," board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said of the concessions made by employees. "The state threw us a challenge this year. Our negotiating team and our staff really stepped up to help the district. The bottom line is, we've lived to see another day in Plymouth-Canton. We met the challenge."

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Salem High teacher honored as Extra Miler

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Sharon Streaun was an assistant principal at Salem High School, she brought a young English teacher named Pam Dean into the fold.

On Tuesday, Dean showed that Streaun's faith all those years ago was well-founded when the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education recognized her with the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award, given to recipients who've shown a willingness to go "the extra mile" in educating the district's children.

Streaun made a special appearance at Tuesday's school board meeting to honor Dean, an English teacher at Salem High School for nine years.

"When I interviewed (Dean) years ago, it was easy to see her passion for reading, and you just



FRANK RUGGIRELLO
Board of Education Vice President Dianne Gonzalez (left) presented the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler award to Salem High School English teacher Pam Dean Tuesday.

knew she was going to take that passion into the classroom," Streaun said. "Pam knows every student in her classes. She recognizes who they are,

and she sees what they can become." Dean has given workshops, mentored students and other teachers and is everyone's "go to" person

when grammatical questions come up, Streaun pointed out.

Board vice president Dianne Gonzalez made the presentation, and she said it's clear Dean has affected not only her students, but her colleagues, as well.

"When you think of a teacher, you think of the impact on kids," Gonzalez said. "(Dean) has obviously had an impact on the professionals around her."

Dean, who had to fight back tears while accepting the plaudits, said she was "overwhelmed" by the honor.

"I know there are a lot of extra-milers out there," she said of her colleagues. "Our district has a lot of people going the extra mile, and I'm overwhelmed you chose to honor me."

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Class of 2011 party funds pair of donations

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Students in various programs around the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park can have their voices better heard thanks to the Class of 2011.

That class, which graduated in June, contributed \$1,000 it raised as part of its Senior All-Night Party fundraising, for the purchase of a portable microphone system to be used throughout the Park.

Another \$1,000 was donated to the charity fund for Canton High School student Jesse Lindlbauer, who continues to recover from a brain abscess suffered last winter.

Money for the par-

ty was raised largely from ticket sales. After the committee that put together the senior party got done paying the bills and handing out prizes at the June 12 all-nighter, deciding what to do with the rest of the proceeds came fairly easily.

Suzanne Zabowski, who chaired the committee, said the committee "wanted to make sure we utilized the funds on behalf of the Class of 2011. She pointed out that Sarah Lindlbauer, Jesse's sister, was a member of the Class of 2011.

The committee made the other \$1,000 donation to the Park, and Salem High School administrators chose to use it to purchase the microphone system.

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Whelan unveils \$5 million investment

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

W.F. Whelan Co., a global logistics firm that chose Canton for its world headquarters, unveiled to more than 300 visitors Thursday a \$5 million investment it has made inside the former Kmart distribution center southwest of Joy and Haggerty roads.

"We're happy to be citizens of Canton. It's a wonderful place to do business," company president Bill Whelan said during a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by guided tours of the 1.1-million-square-foot building.

W.F. Whelan revealed changes it has made inside a facility that for a decade had stood as Canton's largest industrial vacancy. The company has 140 employees — an increase of 20 workers since it made its move in April after consolidating operations once housed in separate buildings in Romulus.

"It gets us back to the family atmosphere," Dennis Webb, vice president, said as visitors mingled inside a reception room.

W.F. Whelan has emerged from a small, family-owned, customs-clearance business started in 1974 at Detroit Metro Airport to a growing logistics company with 350 partners worldwide. It has become part of United Shipping Partners, which has some 300 offices in 50 countries.

Import/export

The company imports and exports items from wine to automotive parts by air, land and sea. During the tour, visitors paused by large stacks of wheels — among more



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Bill Whelan thanks the crowd at the ribbon-cutting. Maryann Whelan (from left), Brian Whelan, Kathy Whelan, Vice President Dennis Webb, Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, founder and President Bill Whelan, Canton Chamber of Commerce President Tracey Rettig. Behind are employees of W.F. Whelan Co.

than five million wheels the company ships out every year.

W.F. Whelan serves as a third-party logistics company, a freight forwarder, a customs brokerage firm, a warehouse-distribution center and a Foreign Trade Zone, meaning it can store products duty-free for customers until they are shipped out to places such as Canada and Mexico.

The company ships products every day to 36 automotive assembly plants across North America. It also has light-assembly programs such as electronic entertainment systems and installation of valve stems on wheels.

Visitors who toured W.F. Whelan's facility Thursday included its customers, township officials, Transportation Security Administration employees, customs and border authorities, business representatives and officials involved in an emerging aerotropolis effort to spur economic growth



Bill Whelan, president of W.F. Whelan Co., center, speaks with Canton Trustee John Anthony and Canton Clerk Terry Bennett at the Thursday afternoon celebration.

between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

Creating jobs

Robert Troutman, director of workforce development for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, visited W.F. Whelan to learn how the region might tap deeper into the logistics industry to create jobs.

"A lot of these flights go from places like Halifax over Detroit. Why not stop in Detroit?" Troutman asked.

Webb and Whelan, meanwhile, commended Canton officials for aiding the company in a smooth transition to its facility. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the company became part of an influx of new companies that moved here.

"I just can't say enough about what it has meant to our turnaround," LaJoy said. "It helped build momentum for our economic successes over the last couple of years."



Local television personality Rhonda Walker is set to be the featured speaker at Giving Hope's annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Walker headlines Giving Hope meeting

Local television personality Rhonda Walker is set to be the featured speaker when Giving Hope gets together for its annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Since 1998, organizers said, Walker has been helping Detroiters "get motivated and ready for the day with her incredible energy, enthusiasm, style and passion for her hometown, Detroit." Walker appears mornings on WDIV Local 4 News.


Walker's message for the annual meeting will be "Women & Philanthropy: Paying it Forward." Organizers said Walker's life is "a living example of this message." She was recognized by McDonald's in 2010 for her deep commitment to the community and for empowering teen girls through the Rhonda Walker Foundation.

She also received the 2010 Community Service Award from the Ford Motor Company and the Woman of the Year Award from the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

Giving Hope's meeting runs 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are being sold at the door for \$10 with hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by Chef Paul.

Members are encouraged to bring guests and personal care items. Sponsorships are available. Organizers will be "passing the purse," with proceeds benefitting Giving Hope's Emergency Fund.

RSVP by Oct. 7 online at www.cantonfoundation.org, by e-mail at givinghopewg@gmail.com or call (734) 495-1200.

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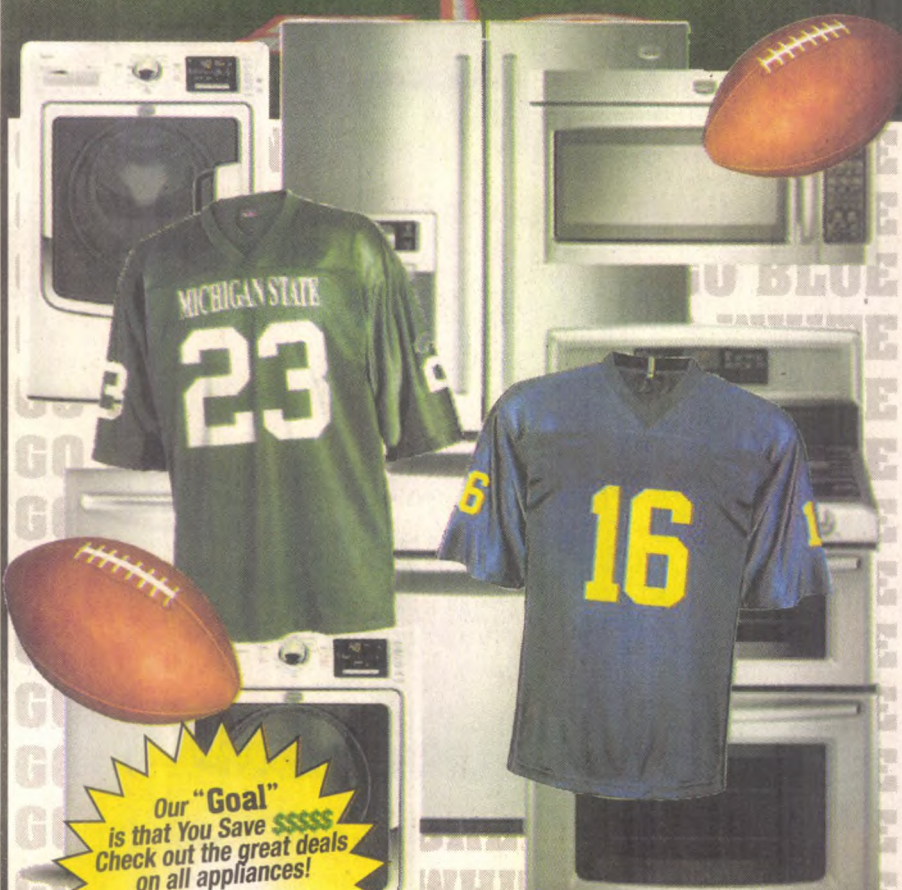
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Cigile is an Oakland County sheriff's deputy and former Canton Amateur Hockey Association head coach who was seriously injured in an accident while vacationing in Florida in June. All proceeds will go to help his family with costs associated with medical bills and the remodeling of his home to make it more wheelchair accessible.



Rick Cigile of Canton in happier times with his three sons.

Cost is \$5 minimum cash donation (skate rental extra) and 10 percent of all food proceeds from Declans Snack Shop will also be donated.

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rants, grocery stores, dry cleaners and child-care facilities.

Scott sale

The site includes the closed, state-owned Scott Correctional Facility, about 48 acres at Five Mile and Beck in Northville Township. Bills that would give that community the right of first refusal in a sale of the property were passed in both the state House and Senate this week, and Gov.

Rick Snyder is expected to sign a version after some reconciliation between the two has taken place, said Rep. Kurt Heise, D-Plymouth Township, who introduced the House measure.

A sale of Scott to Northville Township would clear the way for it to become part of a planned development.

"Everyone is very excited about this development," Heise said. "It should benefit each party involved. It's a major gateway into these communities, so it will be good to make it look bet-

ter and more productive."

The proposed technology park also includes the former Western Wayne Correctional Facility in Plymouth Township, a 126-acre site that is already for sale, Reaume said. That land might be attractive for a developer, he said.

The plan was announced as Snyder and Ficano were on a trade mission to Asia, where they were courting businesses in China, Japan and South Korea.

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Gordon McIntosh and apprentice Kevin Jones will soon close the shop.

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CLOCKS

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Engineering, war background

Enlisting in the Air Corps on his 18th birthday in 1942, having already attended what was then called Lawrence Institute of Technology, he was sent to the Seattle engineering school sponsored by Boeing, which was making military aircraft.

Arriving in Europe in the spring of 1943 (his base was about 18 miles north of London), McIntosh was a turret gunner and flight engineer on a B-17 bomber crew. In April 1944, on their way back from a bombing run, McIntosh and his crew mates encountered German fighter planes that shot their aircraft to pieces.

"We nursed it all the way back to Belgium," McIntosh said. The crew, not all of whom survived the fight, bailed out of the plane, he said.

McIntosh says he spent the last year of the war playing hide-and-seek with the Germans: joining, at times, the French

resistance on nuisance raids, hiking, by night, toward safer territory, and being captured when he stumbled into a German train-marshalling yard.

He was held in a variety of prison camps, one time escaping, unintentionally, by sitting on the running board of a German truck that then left the complex.

"I just sat on the running board and out I went," he said. He was recaptured in about three weeks when a German farmer who had helped him turned him in, he said.

McIntosh was being held in a camp near Hanover when it was liberated in April 1945.

After the war, McIntosh used his Army payout money (and some money from the French resistance, he said), to travel, and to build his first house in Allen Park. He and Thelma went on to have five children.

A shop of his own

He began working in 1953 at Ford, where he repaired and modified air tools. He opened his first clock shop in 1969, working there after his facto-

ry hours and having an apprentice cover for him when he was at Ford. He retired from the transmission plant in 1988.

McIntosh's current shop on Mill is his sixth location in Old Village. He has an apprentice, Kevin Jones, when there's enough work, and he highly praises Jones' skills.

What kept him going all these years?

"It's a very interesting job and it's a challenging job, and there are no two clocks alike," McIntosh said.

And his favorite clocks?

McIntosh said he likes Patek Philippe watches and Franz Hermle clocks, and also Atmos clocks, which are powered only by changes in temperature and atmospheric pressure. "You can put it up on the mantel and leave it alone for 15 years," he said.

He also has a fondness for musical clocks, and says he has 31 of them at home.

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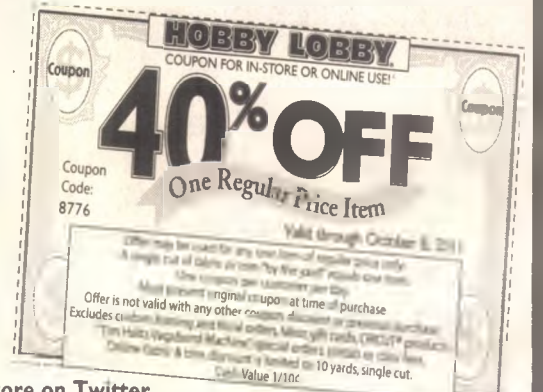
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Friends come together to help Alzheimer's patient

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



Kevin Johns celebrates his 48th birthday. The Livonia resident is battling a rare early onset form of Alzheimer's.

Pat Kobylinski would like nothing better than to fill the remaining 40 seats on a bus headed for the FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek Oct. 16. If that happens, the Garden City resident will be able to raise \$2,400 for the family of Kevin Johns, a 48-year-old Livonia man who is suffering from early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

The casino trip is just one of many things friends are doing to help the Johns family in caring for Johns who developed a rare form of Alzheimer's when he was 44 years old.

"This couldn't have happened to a more gentle and wonderful person," said Kobylinski. "He's always been a very likeable person. He was always talking to everyone, a very friendly, likeable kid."

Johns, who grew up in Inkster and graduated from Cherry Hill High School in 1980, has had Alzheimer's for four years, but wasn't diagnosed with it until two years ago. According to Kobylinski, doctors initially

thought he was depressed, bipolar and a lot of other things before labeling his condition as Alzheimer's just two years ago.

Kobylinski met him when he was 17 years old. She worked with him at Burger King and at Danny's Market on Warren Road in Westland.

Because of his memory loss,

he is now in assisted living and his wife Jennifer, who grew up next door to Kobylinski, is shouldering the \$4,700 a month charge along with raising two daughters, ages 12 and 15, and paying the bills on a teacher's salary. It's not until Johns goes to a nursing home, that they family will get help paying for

his care. "I'm friends with her mom and wanted to do something to help," said Kobylinski. "She has struggled to work and pay the bills for her car and home and take care of her husband and children. I don't know how she does it. It's very heart-breaking."

Jones' condition made news in August when his daughter Hannah sent a letter and a \$25 donation to the Alzheimer's Association asking them to find a cure so her father could remember her.

The casino trip costs \$30 per person and includes a Red Hot Rewards Card with \$25 in rewards play good on any slot machine. There also will be a 50/50 raffle held on the bus each trip. The busses will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the garden area parking lot of the Meijer store on Middlebelt at I-96 and return there at 6:45 p.m.

The deadline for getting the \$30 cost to Kobylinski is Oct. 6. For reservations or more information, call Kobylinski at (734) 422-1236. Payment — a check made out to Pat Kobylinski and

sent to her at 28676 Balmoral, Garden City, MI 48135 — must be received by Oct. 6.

Things like a garage sale by Kobylinski's pinocle club that was held in Garden City one day then moved to Westland brought in \$4,000 for the family. And Johns' co-workers also raised \$4,700 with a hot dog and bake sale. They're hoping to raise even more with a benefit dinner at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, to 2 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Twenty percent of bill will be donated to the Johns family. There also will be a 50/50 raffle, a raffle for Red Wing tickets, lots of autographed stuff, wine baskets, gas cards and gift cards.

A trust fund also has been set up in Johns' name at Chase Bank. People can make a donation to the Kevin Johns Trust Fund at any Chase Bank branch, Kobylinski said.

"He's so young, it's horrible," Kobylinski said. "Why this happened to him makes no sense."

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Civil War soldier gets long-overdue headstone

Nearly 100 years after he was laid to rest, Albert Nelson Stevens will receive a headstone in a dedication ceremony at Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19.

While preparing for this year's Plymouth Characters Cemetery Walk, an annual event of the Plymouth Historical Museum, historians discovered that Stevens, a featured character and Civil War veteran from Company D, 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, had no grave marker to commemorate his life.

"One can imagine the countless veterans that have fallen victim to this sad oversight, but Stevens will no longer suffer such anonymity," said Liz Kerstens, the executive director of the muse-

um. Some of Stevens's descendants will be present for the ceremony, including a granddaughter and great-grandson.

According to Public Law 107-103, signed on Dec. 27, 2001, the Veterans Administration is required to furnish an appropriate government marker for the grave of a veteran buried in a private cemetery. Rick Danes, commander of the Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp No. 427, Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) in Dearborn, submitted the application in cooperation with the Plymouth Historical Museum and the City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services (who agreed to install the headstone at no charge).

The dedication ceremony will be held in Block B of Riverside

Cemetery on Plymouth Road, near the 35th District Court. The ceremony will be conducted by members of the Cosby Camp SUV and the Plymouth Historical Museum's Mike Gillett, a reenactor who portrays a Civil War Union chaplain. Other Civil War reenactors will be present to lend the ceremony the dignity and authenticity it deserves.

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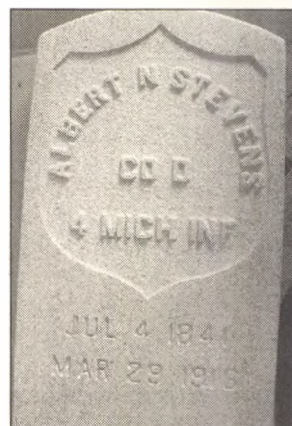
Albert Nelson Stevens was born July 4, 1841, in Whitmore Lake, Mich. He enlisted in Company D, 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry on June 20, 1861, but was discharged Dec. 10 of that same year, because of rheumatism contracted in poor camp conditions. He reenlisted on Dec.

5, 1864, in Company A, 30th MI Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged June 30, 1865.

On Nov. 12, 1865, Stevens married Kate Hill in Milford, MI; the couple had eight children, four of whom survived to adulthood.

Albert Nelson Stevens died March 28, 1916, at Eloise Institution, in Wayne County, Mich., and is buried in Riverside Cemetery.

Stevens' granddaughters, Helen DeWolf, 90, and Juanita St. Charles, 88, and great-grandson, James Stevens, hope to be attending the ceremony, along with their families, and expressed great joy and gratitude that their family member would be finally be honored and remembered in such a significant way.



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Pickers ask McCotter to help save Postal Service

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

A crowd of about 150 letter carriers, their supporters and family members gathered at a rally last week outside Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's office in Livonia, urging him to sponsor legislation to help "restore fiscal soundness" to the nation's postal service.

The national "Save America's Postal Service" was held Oct. 27 in congressional districts across the country aimed at obtaining more sponsors to get House Bill 1351 onto the House floor for discussion, according to James Wolstencroft, executive vice president of Branch 2184 of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The NALC represents 220,000 letter carriers, mail handlers and others.

The bill, the Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011, would "restore fiscal soundness to the nation's postal service," according to a letter sent by the NALC to members of U.S. Congress.

"He's not signed on," Wolstencroft said of McCotter. "There are 216 other representatives who have as of today." "We're being forced to

prefund the retiree health plan 75 years in advance over the next 10 years," said Wolstencroft, who also lives in Livonia.

Since 2006, the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 has required the postal service to pay about \$5.5 billion annually to prefund future retiree health benefits. That obligation forces the postal service to operate at a loss, the union said.

The NALC indicated in a letter to Congress that the postal service has recorded losses of \$20 billion over the past four years, though it would have made a profit over this period if not for the burden of prefunding future retiree health benefits for \$21 billion.

"We're prefunding health benefits for those who haven't been born yet," said Joe Golonka of Westland. Golonka is the director of education for the Michigan Association of Letter Carriers.

The groups believe that the surplus funds of the Civil Service Retirement

System should be transferred to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefit Fund.

Golonka and Wolstencroft added that the postal service had adjusted 100,000 routes nationally to save money. "That was 100,000 jobs," Wolstencroft said of the cut.

Organizers also wanted to raise public awareness of the prefunding issue. "If that is corrected, the postal service would be making a profit," Golonka said.

McCotter said Wednesday he would look at the group's request.

"I respect their right to petition government for the redress of their grievances; and will consider their requests as it affects taxpayers in our current fiscal straits," McCotter said.



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Michigan AD: Integrity is name of the game

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Student-athletes need to be prepared to be successful in life, work really hard to win championships and, above all, have integrity.

David Brandon, athletic director at the University of Michigan, uses those principles to lead U-M's athletics. Brandon spoke to 230 guests at the Livonia Public Schools Foundation luncheon at St. Mary Cultural Center last week.

The luncheon was a fundraiser for the foundation and future scholarships.

Brandon, who graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree and teaching certificate from the University of Michigan, played football under Bo Schembechler on three Big Ten championship teams.

Generating revenue

Running Michigan athletics is similar to running a business, Brandon said. Michigan athletics generate \$125 million in revenue and employ 175 people. Brandon's department oversees 825 student athletes in 29 competitive sports. Michigan athletics is also entirely self-supporting.

His department also administers the recent renovations to Michigan Stadium, and ongoing renovations at Crisler



Brandon

Arena and Yost Arena.

His department oversees all the athletic events, the maintenance of the facilities and ensures the events run smoothly, Brandon said.

"It's a great job," Brandon said.

Shortly after he took the job, he and the staff developed a mission statement: "Michigan athletics are relentlessly striving to be the leaders and best in everything we do."

Brandon said the department and university "demand integrity."

"You are seeing what will happen in athletics today if you don't follow that principle," Brandon said.

Preparing athletes to be successful means getting them ready for life, Brandon said, beyond the adulation and recognition of college athletics. "What are we doing to prepare them for whatever is next?" Brandon asked.

Brandon also emphasized that hard work is necessary to win championships and that everybody is under tremendous pressure to win.

While staff and athletes work to ensure these athletes graduate, "you've got to win," Brandon said.

A sea of pompons

Brandon also spoke of the first night game, the first in 132 years, against Notre Dame on Sept. 10.

Wanting the night to be a special one for fans, Brandon suggested 100,000 pompons be given out to fans. "We wanted them to be excited about the event and have a 'wow' moment," Brandon said.

Brandon joked that the first night game was two nights earlier when the athletic department turned on the lights and had a touch football game in the pouring rain.

"At the end of all that, the department had a wow moment," Brandon said. "It was a wonderful thing. We respect tradition, but we realize change is good."

Brandon also cited the mantra from an old coach: "It's all about the team, the team, the team."

"And if you don't know who he is, you don't deserve to work here," Brandon said. "He is Bo Schembechler." Schembechler told his players that nobody ever accomplished anything when he worked by himself, Brandon said.

Brandon also used the occasion to poke fun at Michigan State University. When one luncheon attendee applauded at the mention in a question of MSU getting the WJR

contract for games, Brandon said that "ovation spoke for itself."

But he also spoke of the competition between the schools and his work with his MSU counterpart, Mark Hollis.

"Mark and I have a great relationship," Brandon said. Both ADs work together, he added.

"Come game day, we both want our respective teams to win."

Brandon said both ADs recognize the economic impact of football Saturdays on the communities of Ann Arbor and East Lansing, bringing in \$10 million to \$14 million on those Saturdays. "With those audiences, we become one of the largest cities in the state," Brandon said.

Another guest submitted four questions having to do with play selection and the use of quarterback Denard Robinson, but Brandon did not answer the question and indicated that he wants the coaches to coach.

"I'll let them do that," Brandon said. Brandon wants to see improvement and hard work.

Paying athletes 'fundamentally stupid'

Brandon also called paying the college athletes a "fundamentally stupid idea."

Out of 825 student-athletes, less than four may

have commercial appeal, Brandon said.

He pointed out that Michigan is fifth among universities that have sent players into professional football, or about 6.7 percent of those who have played football at Michigan.

"The average career length is 3.9 years, which is less than their time at Michigan," Brandon said. That also means that 99 percent of players need a degree to make a living. "Most of those won't make it (into the pros) to make a living," Brandon said. "We know it, and they know it."

Brandon also said that he didn't enjoy seeing the problems Ohio State was experiencing this season, stating that many people, including coach Jim Tressel, who lost his job, student-athletes and fans, got hurt.

Universities need to make sure that NCAA compliance rules are followed, Brandon said. It's a challenge because the rule books stack about three feet tall, he said.

Some of those rules require strict guidelines. "You can e-mail a recruit, but you can't text," Brandon said. "That's a rule."

Brandon has a lot of moving parts in his department that he has to worry about. "We demand integrity, and if

they screw up, they will be held accountable," Brandon said.

Brandon highlighted Michigan athletics, yet reflected on his roots from his early working career in Livonia.

Some of those highlights included his days as a student teacher at Churchill High School in the early 1970s and his employment with Valassis, where he worked for 20 years, starting in 1979.

In 1999, Brandon became Domino's CEO until he was hired as U-M athletic director in January 2010.

Brandon student taught with Fred Price, who Brandon called a great teacher at Churchill.

Brandon decided to pursue a business career instead. While Brandon was at Valassis, the company needed a new headquarters. Brandon credited Mayor Jack Kirksey with "moving the obstacles" to find a bigger location for Valassis.

Rick Bresso, vice president of NTH Consultants, said Brandon's guiding principles apply everywhere.

"They apply to any business, any school district," Bresso said. "They are appropriate."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

Close of Registration For the November Consolidated Election November 8, 2011

PLEASE NOTE: that October 11, 2011 is the last day to register to vote, in order to vote in the November 8, 2011 November Consolidated Election.

Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N Haggerty Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk at (734) 354-3224, can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Below is a listing of the offices that will be elected or nominated at the November 8, 2011 November Consolidated Election. Sections are the Non-Partisan.

Non-Partisan Section:

Board Member Plymouth-Canton Community

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Township Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011, 10:00 p.m.

The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the accuracy testing for the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the General Election to be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011. The testing is scheduled for FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source, Inc. will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FIRE STATION #3 ROOFING PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the Fire Station #3 Roofing Project by the Charter Township of Plymouth as Owner, until 3:00 P.M. Local Time on Friday, October 14, 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 or online at www.plymouthtwp.org on or after September 15, 2011. Drawings and Specifications can be shipped by U.P.S. ground for no fee.

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

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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 bid forms furnished and delivered to the Township Clerk on or before 3:00 p.m., Local time, October 14, 2011.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on October 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the project site with the Roof Consultant and the Owner's Representative to review the scope of work and project conditions. It is recommended that a representative of the bidding contractor attend this meeting.

Joseph Bridgman, MMC
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Whalers earn 'Heroes of Breast Cancer' award

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute of Detroit will recognize the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers with its annual Heroes of Breast Cancer Awards in October.

The Whalers – along with 11 other individuals and businesses – will be honored at a private reception hosted by the Karmanos Cancer Institute to celebrate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Whalers will be recognized with the Philanthropy Award for an Organization. Details on the Whalers award and the 11 other Heroes will appear later in October on the Karmanos Cancer Institute site, www.karmanos.org.

"This award is given in recognition of the philanthropic leadership and support of Karmanos Cancer Institute's research through the



Windsor captain Ryan Ellis (from left), Mary Beth Bloom, Jody Kosman, Nick Karmanos, Blanche Mack, Leza Ivezaj and Plymouth captain Beau Schmitz during a ceremonial faceoff before the game during last year's Pink Out!

Whalers' Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness events," said Maureen Keenan Meldrum, director, Breast Cancer Special Programs for the

Karmanos Cancer Institute. "We are so proud to have the Plymouth Whalers join this remarkable group."

"We thank the Karmanos Cancer Institute for the recognition and the award," said Whalers president, general manager and coach Mike Vellucci. "We share this

award with everyone who makes our Pink Out! week special – our players, staff, corporate partners, and especially our fans."

This season's Whalers Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness takes place Saturday, Oct. 15, when Plymouth hosts Sarnia at 7:05 p.m. at CompuWare Arena.

As in past seasons, the Whalers players will be dyeing their hair pink early during Pink Out! week at the Lucky Hair Company, located at 45251 Cherry Hill Rd in Canton. Younger Whalers who attend high school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will have pink hair the rest of the week.

The team will also be participating in several events over the course of the week. Specific events are in the planning stages and will be announced closer to Pink Out! week. In addition, Plymouth

will play in two games in pink hair before Oct. 15. The Whalers play in Windsor on Thursday, Oct. 13, and hosts Niagara on Friday, Oct. 14. As in past Pink Out! campaigns, Plymouth will wear specially designed pink jerseys for the Oct. 15 game against Sarnia. The game-worn jerseys will be auctioned off for charity.

The Whalers Pink Out! For Breast Cancer Awareness started in 2008 and grows in stature every year. Last year's "Coaches Campaign" during the Pink Out! raised more than \$18,000 as Vellucci and Associate Coach Joe Stefan each dyed their hair pink and several Plymouth alumni – now playing in the National Hockey League – made cash donations.

In all, the Whalers have raised more than \$30,000 since starting the Pink Out!

Tax laws make figuring minimum distributions confusing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I have questions regarding minimum distributions. I will turn 70½ in November. I have three IRAs and a 401(k). I am still working and I hope to work for another few years. I don't need the money, so I want to delay taking my required distributions for as long as possible. I was told that since I am still working, I don't have to take any distribution. Is that true? I have three IRAs; do I have to take a distribution from each one of those accounts?

A: When it comes to tax laws, nothing is simple and straightforward. It's unfortunate, but our tax laws are not easy to



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

understand. I wish the conversation in Washington was not focused on amending tax laws, but rather on revamping them to make them easy and straightforward for people to understand.

You and I both know that will never happen.

As to your first question, you are partially correct. When it comes to required minimum distributions, since you are still working and not an owner of the company, at this point in time you are, not required to take a required minimum distribution from your 401(k) plan.

However, the rules are different when it comes to your IRA. Whether you are working is not the issue. When you turn 70½, required minimum distributions are mandatory.

Like everything else in our tax laws, there are certain quirks. In this case (for the first year) you can delay the distribution until April 1 of the year, after you turn 70½. Since you will be 70½ this year, you are required to make your first distribution no later than April 1, 2012. However, that doesn't mean that you don't also have to take a 2012 distribution. In other words, if you delay your required minimum distribution until April 1, 2012, you must still take a 2012 distribution by Dec. 31, 2012. Therefore, you will have two distributions in 2012. For most

people this is not a favorable outcome because it could throw them into a higher tax bracket. However, that doesn't mean in your situation that it wouldn't make sense to delay the first distribution until April 1, 2012. The key is determining whether a double distribution in 2012 will place you in a higher tax bracket. If it would, then it would make sense to take a required minimum distribution this year.

The one exception to required minimum distributions from IRAs is Roth IRAs. If you have a Roth IRA, there are no minimum required distribution rules. You can let this money grow tax-free for as long as you choose. One of the reasons why I recommend Roth IRAs and Roth conversions is the greater flexibility it provides when you turn 70½.

Our tax laws for the most part are badly written and very difficult to understand. Politicians can do us all a favor by making them straightforward and simple to understand. I believe most Americans recognize that we live in the greatest country in the world and that taxes are a fact of life. What they object to is when their next-door neighbor, who makes the same amount of money as they do, pays a different amount in taxes. If our taxes were fair and understandable, everyone would benefit. Good luck.

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

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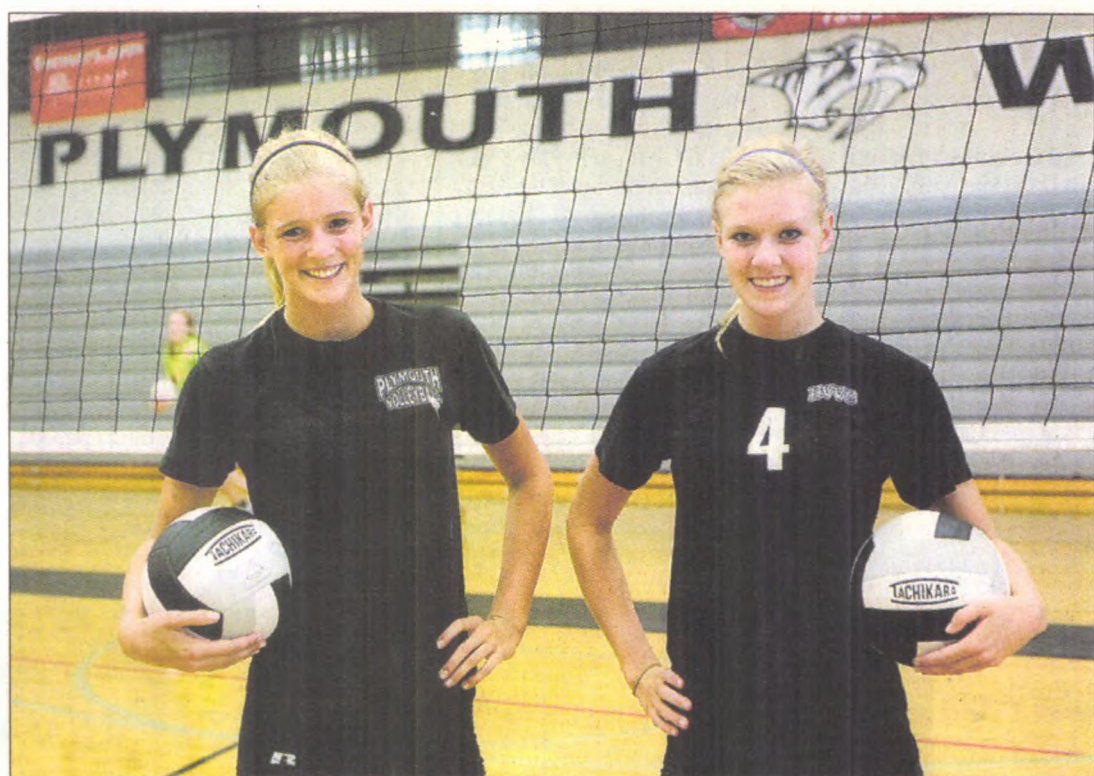
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Whenever Plymouth freshman Olivia Beyer (left) and junior sister Emilee are on the volleyball court together, it's plenty reason to smile.

Plymouth's sister spikers keep Beyer talent pipeline flowing

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Yeah, it's a lot of fun for sisters Emilee and Olivia Beyer to stand together at the net trying to earn another point for Plymouth's varsity girls volleyball team.

Emilee Beyer is a junior outside hitter in her second year on the Wildcats varsity while Olivia — a 6-foot freshman — is the squad's middle blocker.

But just being teammates on the Wildcats this season is reason to beam — not to mention continuing the Beyer family's impressive tradition of outstanding Plymouth athletes.

"It's been so fun," Emilee said. "A lot of the girls on our team, even those on our club level team (Huron Valley Volleyball Club) are surprised at how close we are and how we get along."

Concurring was the taller,

but younger sister.

"We get along so well, and it's really fun to play together and be on the same team," Olivia said. "It was like that for middle school (at Canton Charter Academy) so we already experienced playing together."

In case you weren't tuned into the local sports scene over the past year, their brother Brennen Beyer (a 2011 Plymouth grad) was a major factor in the high school's varsity football team marching to the 2010 Division 1 state final.

Emilee and Olivia recently watched their brother play a U-M game in Ann Arbor.

"We're really excited for him," Olivia said. "He's been loving it. He's still the same as ever."

The family's oldest sibling, 20-year-old Briana Beyer, was a varsity volleyball player for the Wildcats who went on to

play at Hope College.

Family script

First-year varsity volleyball coach Sarah Marody isn't surprised at the way the Beyers are handling things on and off the court. She figures it's all in the Beyer family DNA; she also coached Briana on the Plymouth junior varsity in 2007.

"She (Briana) was on my very first team here," Marody said. "She was actually an outside hitter for me, and then when she moved up to varsity she became the libero for two years. 'They're all such good kids, they're so well-mannered. And their parents are wonderful.'"

Those would be "Pastor Jon" and Carissa Beyer of Canton. Jon, pastor at Crosswinds Community Church in Canton, and Carissa are always

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Rocks march to 42-7 win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The back-to-basics philosophy paid off for Salem's varsity football team Friday night, as the Rocks pounded visiting South Lyon East 42-7 in a KLAA Central Division matchup.

Salem third-year head coach Kurt Britnell said his team heeded the week-long message of getting the job done in the trenches and in the tackling department. The result snapped a four-game losing streak.

"The offense came, got off the ball finally, we did some good things (and) had some good blocks," said Britnell, following the Homecoming Night victory played on a cold, damp night. "We got a couple turnovers on defense, we were playing good. I think our tackling improved."

"Our goal this week was to improve blocking and tackling, since it's been pretty bad. But we improved there and I think that showed tonight."

Senior linebacker Tyler Schultz was one of the defensive stalwarts, as always. Schultz was a tackling machine, but he also recovered a fumble in the second quarter — which set up Salem's five-yard run by senior halfback Marcus Houston (17 rushes, 196 yards) to make it 28-7 at the intermission.

"We just came out and did our jobs," Schultz said. "We had a little slump in the beginning, but we came out and did what needed to be done. Our offense picked it up, our defense held it strong."

In the first half, the Rocks (2-4 overall, 1-3 in the KLAA Central) gave up just 37 net yards to the Cougars (1-5, 0-4).

Lifting the team

Britnell said having junior quarterback Jacob Deprez back in the lineup after missing two weeks with a shoulder injury also lifted the team.

Deprez completed just two passes, both for touchdowns, but he directed a confident-looking offense and even rushed for 50 yards in four carries.

"The whole team's just up with him a little bit," Britnell said. "He's a good leader, and I think that helped a lot."

The past two weeks, Salem sophomore Justin Sidlowski stepped in and did an adequate job behind center.

"I tell you what, he's going to be a good one," added Britnell, about Sidlowski. "He made a great play on defense (Friday), he's going to be a

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Chiefs bounce back

Canton's varsity girls golf team rebounded from a loss earlier in the week, to defeat visiting Westland John Glenn 199-278 at Hilltop.

The medalist was Canton's Chloe Luyet, with a nine-hole round of 47. Rounding out the Chiefs scorecard were Alyce Krumm (48), Rachel Pisano (49), Kelsey McDougall (55), Erica Song (65) and Shelby Lobb (68).

The win provides the Chiefs with a good tuneup for Monday's KLAA conference meet at Pheasant Run.

Meanwhile, Canton (7-3 in the KLAA South Division, second to 7-0 Plymouth) dropped a 185-204 match on Tuesday to Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows. Top Canton scorers were McDougall (48), Paige Osler (50), Kaylie Lobb (53), Luyet (53), Pisano (58) and Kayla Lagola (69).

Rocks run to victory

Although Dave Gerlach would like to see his Salem varsity girls cross country team run more aggressively early in dual meets, he was more than satisfied with how the Rocks fared in Tuesday's 28-30 win over Livonia Stevenson at Nankin Mills.

"We've really been working on being more aggressive in our races instead of running not to lose," Gerlach said. "Once again, we were a little too conservative in the (first) mile."

The Spartans finished that mile with an edge, but the Rocks turned it up in the latter part of the race.

"Our kids really stepped it up in the final mile to pull out the win," said Gerlach, citing the strong efforts of Adrianna Beltran and Shannon Flynn in the 3-4 spots.

The individual winner was Stevenson's Lindsey Gallagher, who finished in 20:27. But the Rocks nailed down seven of the next 10 spots. The Salem finishers were Adrianna Beltran (third, 20:57), Flynn (fourth, 21:00), Natasha Stevenson (sixth, 21:06), Autumn Burin (seventh, 21:08), Amanda Beyer (eighth, 21:15), Alejandra Beltran (ninth, 21:27) and Rebeca Lopez (11th, 21:50).

Salem girls unable to follow up 'emotional' win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday's emotion-packed victory over campus rival Canton took a little bit of steam out of Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team two nights later.

The Rocks lost 102-84 to visiting Novi in a KLAA Central Division matchup. Novi claimed all but three events in the dual meet.

"We had Canton on Tuesday and that was a pretty emotional meet for them," said Salem head coach Chuck Olson, about his team's 97-89 win over the Chiefs. "Anytime you're swimming somebody out here at the Park, with any sport out here, it



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Salem sophomore Claire Amin does her part in the victorious 200-yard medley relay during Thursday's dual meet.

takes a lot out of them.

"I think we got it back pretty well, but it showed in the longer the meet

went tonight the less emotion we had. ... But for the most part we had some real good swims."

As usual, senior co-captain Lauren Seroka had another strong performance. She finished first

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in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:59.40, earning her a state cut in that event.

The only other Salem winners were senior co-captain Maria Radzwion in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.95) and the meet-opening 200 relay team of senior co-captain Maggie Sneedman, Radzwion, sophomore Claire Amin and sophomore Vincenza Zaia (2:05.27).

Olson said sophomore Julia Suriano "had a pretty good night." She placed second in the 100 free with a mark of 56.91, and took third in the 50 free

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Chargers shock Canton, 27-26

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Coach John Filiatraut was waiting for his Livonia Churchill football team to bust loose and show what they were capable of this season.

And it came Friday night as the host Chargers raised eyebrows around the state with a stunning 27-26 victory over state-ranked and previously unbeaten Canton.

The Chargers, who improved to 4-2 overall and 2-2 in the KLAA's South Division, overcame a 14-0 first-half deficit with 27 unanswered points and held on for the victory after a late Canton rally.

"We played our tails off, we played so hard," said Filiatraut, whose team gave up 422 yards in total offense. "We stopped them I believe on three fourth downs. I thought if we made them punt four or five times, we'd be able to score enough and have a

chance to win the game."

Canton bolted out to a 14-0 advantage on Zac Merillat's 27-yard first-quarter run followed by Ryan Jones' 5-yard run with 8:50 left in the second quarter. (Scott Piwowar converted both extra points.)

Turnaround

Churchill then scored three times with less than four minutes left in the half with Seth Suida hitting Charlie Yost on a 25-yard TD pass followed by an 8-yard TD toss to Jaylin Freeman (set up by Robert Foster's 50-yard punt return) to cut the deficit to 14-12. (The first Churchill PAT was blocked and the Chargers missed on the two-point conversion attempt.)

Canton's Kevin Buford fumbled the ensuing kickoff - recovered by Churchill's Stephen Bank - and with less than a minute left, the Chargers capitalized on Suida's 11-yard TD pass with

Lamont Johnson with just five seconds remaining until intermission.

Suida's then connected with Foster for the two-pointer as the Chargers forged ahead 20-14.

On the first play of the second half, junior Romello Brown took off on 75-yard run and scored on a 4-yard TD with 10:38 to go in the third to make it 27-14 for the Chargers.

Canton then made its comeback.

Kendall Scott scored on a 16-yard TD run with 36 seconds to play in third, but Derek Jakubowski blocked the PAT to make it 27-20.

The Chiefs (5-1, 3-1) scored again with 7:32 to play in the final quarter on quarterback Kyle Adams' 24-yard run, but couldn't score the equalizer after a bad snap on the point-after resulting in a scramble for an incomplete pass.

Churchill's defense, led by Con-

nor Dwyer and Yost (12 tackles each), held on fourth down at its own 44 with 4:45 left and held on for the victory.

Adams was Canton's leading rusher with 122 yards on 11 attempts, while Buford was 12-for-68 on the ground.

Wildcats still unbeaten

Two early defensive gems that turned into Plymouth touchdowns set the tone for the Wildcats' 42-14 rout of host Westland John Glenn in Friday's KLAA South Division football tilt.

The win clinched a state playoff spot for the Wildcats, who take a 6-0 record (4-0 in the KLAA South) into next Friday's showdown with Canton.

About seven minutes into the contest, Tyler Goble picked off a Duron Govantes pass and raced 57 yards for the interception return. It was 14-0 Plymouth with 1:59 remaining when Nate Emminger scooped up a fumble

and took it in for a 43-yard score.

The Rockets (2-4, 1-3) did answer early in the second on Kalyn Massenber's 54-yard fumble return, but Plymouth tallied three TDs before halftime to build an insurmountable 36-7 edge.

Scoring 12 seconds apart midway through the frame were quarterback Shaun Austin and running back Donte Fox, on runs of 16 and 10 yards, respectively.

Fox (10 rushes, 118 yards) then scored his second of three touchdowns on the night with just 30 seconds left before the intermission. He took it in from the three to cap a seven-play, 52-yard drive.

Both teams scored in the third frame. Fox finished Plymouth's scoring with a 25-yard gallop, but John Glenn came back with a 38-yard touchdown run by Govantes, who rushed for 111 yards in 22 carries.

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Members of Canton's All Saints Catholic School varsity girls volleyball CYO team celebrate another point during a recent match.

All Saints CYO team set for playoffs

With Catholic Youth Organization city playoffs just around the corner, the girls varsity volleyball team at All Saints Catholic School in Canton continues their winning ways.

Defeating such teams as St. Genevieve (Livonia), St. Edith's (Livonia) and others over the course of the past few weeks, the Blue Thunder have won all 12 matches.

Ten girls comprise the team, with four returning from the 2010 team that went to the Final 8 in last year's CYO playoffs. Faith Ellis, Tess Ganich, Hailey Hodgson, and Emily Tanski are trying to repeat their postseason success, and are joined by teammates: Hannah Cohen, Hadley McCausland, Brianna Risi, Taylor Smith, Sara Soltis, and Hannah Stefanek.

The key to the Blue Thunder's success is true teamwork, both on and off of the court. The girls enjoy each other's company, whether going to dances together or just playing around on the court.

Serving has been an asset in the gym, with solid setting and spiking rounding out their game. Captains Faith Ellis and Sara Soltis, the setters of the team, take the court each game, ready to lead.

The All Saints play 12 noon Saturday, Oct. 1 and 12 noon Saturday, Oct. 8 (with earlier games that day by the JV All Saints and seventh grade Thunder. Playoffs start Saturday, Oct. 15th at a site not yet determined.

All Saints Catholic School is located at 48735 Warren Road, west of Beck Road, in Canton.

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heckuva linebacker, too." Sidlowski intercepted a Cameron Thomas pass during the fourth quarter, and the Rocks finished their scoring on the ensuing drive when junior running back Kyle Cameron tallied a four-yard TD run.

Salem's finish to the night was solid, but so was it's beginning.

On the first series of the game, Deprez led Salem on a 14-play, 63-yard drive that culminated with a three-yard touchdown carry by junior Michael McNamara.

McNamara ran 10 times during that drive, as the Rocks looked to gain their footing and work the clock on the inclement night. He finished with 37 yards in 17 attempts.

"This is fun, I love this kind of weather, are you kidding me?" a jovial Britnell said. "This toughens you up. And we just did the ground game, I don't mind that. I'd take that every week."

The Rocks got the ball right back when Thomas (17-34, 151 yards) was intercepted by Houston near midfield. But that series fizzled.

After the Salem defense forced a three-and-out, with a crunching tackle by Schultz on Cougars wide-out Thomas Hollingsworth forcing a punt situation, the Rocks made it 14-0.

Houston slashed through the left side of the line for a 24-yard gain and cracked the red zone with a four-yard carry



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior Marcus Houston motors toward the end zone on his 88-yard touchdown run in the third quarter Friday against South Lyon East. Providing some blocking support is Danny Stropes (No. 51).

down to the South Lyon East 18.

Deprez rolled out to his right and found wide-open junior Mosea Miles for an 18-yard scoring strike.

Salem's third scoring drive was 56 yards in eight plays, with the first seven being rushes.

Hitting the target

On second-and-goal from the 6-yard Deprez connected with junior tight end Cameron Werner, who like Miles was wide-open.

The Cougars finally got on the scoreboard with 5:28 to go in the first half, when Thomas threw a 25-yard TD pass to Andrew

Johnstone.

Then came the fumble recovery by Schultz and subsequent Houston score from five yards out.

Early in the third quarter, Houston scored again, but on a completely different kind of play.

Houston took the hand-off from Salem's 12-yard line, zig-zagged through several missed tackles and broke free down the right side of the field for an 88-yard TD. A point-after by sophomore Alex Kenrick (one of six on the night) made it 35-7.

Capping the scoring was the short touchdown run by Cameron in the fourth, which followed Sidlowski's pick.

"It's just one game at a time and try to get better every week and get the kids believing," Britnell said. "We're going in the right direction."

Note: Salem's game on Friday, Oct. 7 against Livonia Stevenson will start at 4:30 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. at the PCEP junior varsity grass field. District officials moved the start time up in order to ensure plenty of security for the highly anticipated game 7 p.m. that night between Canton and Plymouth, at the varsity turf field.

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(26.95) while joining juniors Abby Aumiller, Maddie Gorman and Seroka in the second-place 200 relay (1:46.67).

"We've been working on some things (with Suriano) and I think it showed a little bit there," Olson said. "... Radzwion won the 100 breast, that was good."

The veteran coach, said the season is still unfolding, with plenty of time to sharpen up before important conference and state meets.

"It's a work in progress," Olson noted. "In high school, I don't think any team starts the season where they finish. So if you're not making progress you're in trouble."

Novi's top performers were junior Maranda Buha (two individual wins) and freshman Mallory Buha (one individual win). Each also were part of two winning relays.

The victory over Canton followed an earlier win against Plymouth for the Rocks (3-2 overall), which gave Salem the unofficial title of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park champion. "We haven't beaten them



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Swimming the first leg of Salem's 200-yard medley relay Thursday is senior co-captain Maggie Sneiderman.

both in the same year in quite a while," Olson said.

Canton prevails

Meanwhile, Canton came right back on Thursday to pounce KLAA South Division opponent Wayne Memorial 101-76.

Sophomore Destinee Barmore-Hicks captured the 200 free (2:04.35) and 100 butterfly (1:05.48) while other individual events were won by Madeline Madison (200 IM, 2:20.79), Caitlin Orr (50 free, 26.43), Melissa Green (diving, 129.30 points), Faith Goodwin (100 backstroke, 1:15.03) and

Delaney Adams (100 breast, 1:13.83).

The Chiefs (1-1 overall, 1-0 in the KLAA South) were first in the 200 medley relay as the tandem of Mackenzie Dugas, Abby Madison, Rachel Barszcz and Erin Bensinger finished in 2:10.87.

Wildcats win in rout

Also winning big Thursday was Plymouth, capturing all but two events to wallop host Livonia Churchill 126-60.

Leading the win for the Wildcats (3-1 overall, 2-0 in the KLAA South Divi-

sion) were junior Emily Toro, freshman Alexa Earls, junior Linda Erickson and senior Stephanie Matsui.

Toro and Earls each won two individual events and were part of two winning relays along with Matsui. Toro took first in the 50 free (25.92) and 100 free (56.74) while Earls won the 100 butterfly (1:05.80) and 100 backstroke (1:05.36).

In the 200 medley relay, the combo of Toro, Earls, Matsui and junior Lydia Plencner won in 1:59.12; the 400 free relay time of 3:53.56 was turned in by Matsui, Toro, Earls and junior Carolyn Stoddard.

Matsui also took first in the 200 IM (2:26.03) and Erickson won two races — the 200 free (2:09.10) and 100 breaststroke (1:16.11).

Plymouth swept the relays, with sophomore Casey Wing, Erickson, senior Lexi Ethier and Plencner placing first with a mark of 1:50.35.

Livonia Churchill came away with event wins in 1-meter diving (junior Yumi Nozawa, 156.85 points) and 500 free (sophomore Amanda Washko, 5:27.26).

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Miller time: Whalers rally for 3-2 win

J.T. Miller's first Ontario Hockey League goal at 11:45 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers came from behind to defeat the Ottawa 67's, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at Compuware Arena.

First star Mitchell Heard also scored (his third goal in three games) for Plymouth (2-1-0-0), while Garrett Meurs scored his first of the year for the Whalers. Sean Monahan scored both goals for Ottawa goals (2-1-0-0).

The Whalers have a history of third period comebacks and were able to mount a rally again tonight when Meurs tied the game at 2-2 at 4:38 of the third period. Meurs (a Colorado draft choice) accepted Stefan Noesen's pass from the left circle in the Ottawa zone and beat Ottawa goaltender Petr Mrazek with a quick shot from the right circle.

That set the stage for the Miller goal at 11:45, set up by linemates Heard and Tom Wilson.

Heard chased a puck into the right corner of the Ottawa zone, battled with an Ottawa defender and passed the puck behind the Ottawa goal to Wilson.

Wilson fed the puck to the lower rim of the right circle to Miller, who shot the puck quickly on Mrazek who got most of the puck. But it trickled over the line.

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around the team to lend encouragement.

But the youngest Beyer kids consider the Plymouth volleyball team their second family.

At the helm is someone they would be comfortable around the dinner table with in Marody, a former prep player at Lutheran High Westland.

Emilee played for Marody on the Plymouth JV but Olivia, because she is a freshman, did not have that chance.

"We love her (Marody) and everything she's done," Emilee said. "We're all really comfortable, it's a close bond and everything."

"So when she moved up to varsity, it wasn't like 'Oh, we have to get used to this new coach,' and everything is awkward."

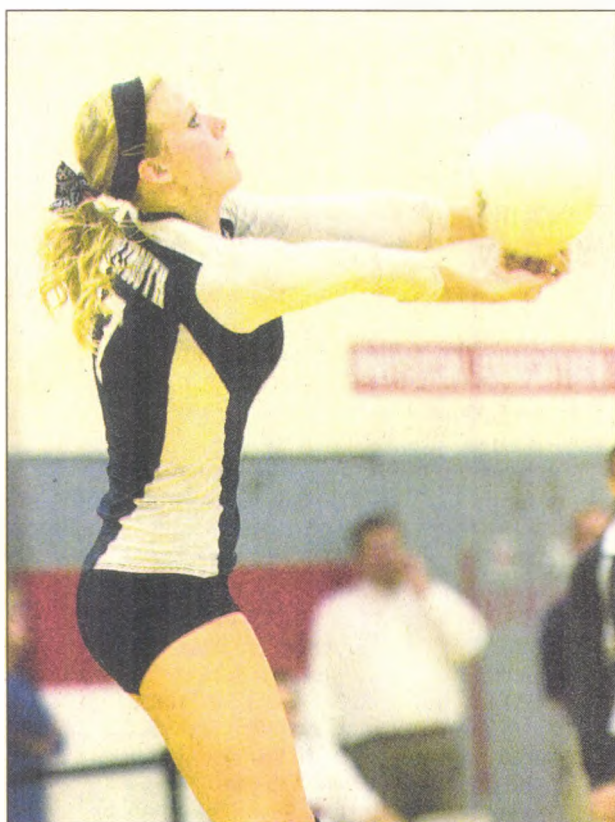
"It was like everyone was used to her and everything was flowing from the start. We jelled from the beginning of the year."

Olivia said she was immediately welcomed to the team and "I can tell them anything and there's not any drama."

She was worried at the start of the season, being a freshman starting on the varsity. The senior leaders quickly calmed those worries.

"I was scared in the beginning because of the seniors and everything," Olivia noted. "But they've all been really supportive."

"Even when I mess up they just keep telling me to do better, it means so much to me."



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Bumping the ball for Plymouth during a recent contest is junior outside hitter Emilee Beyer (No. 7), while teammate Lindsey Stemberger (No. 13) watches.

'Second family' values

Of course, Marody wouldn't put up with anything less from her players. Yes, they are in the running for the KLAA South Division championship along with Livonia Churchill and Canton, but the coach does not focus solely on wins and losses.

"We are a second family," Marody emphasized. "The girls spend so much time in this gym together that we might as well make it a happy time instead of something they dread coming to."

"I love the game of volleyball so much that I hope I can pass that on to

them through my actions and my words and just the way the girls treat each other.

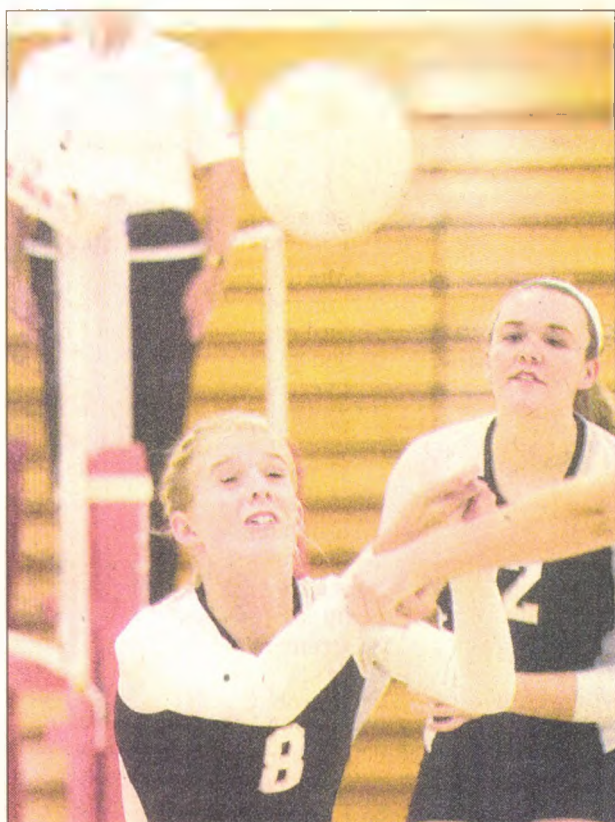
"I don't go for rude behavior or negative attitude, so I hope that is the feeling that's coming through in them."

Marody also demands a high level of determination and work ethic. The Beyer sisters don't lack in those areas.

"They're both aggressive," the coach added. "They don't want to make mistakes, so they go 110 percent every practice. Hustle on everything."

They love it

Another trait Emilee and Olivia share is flat-out joy for volleyball.



Plymouth freshman middle blocker Olivia Beyer (No. 8) works hard for a point during a recent game. Also in the photo is teammate Jessica Scott (No. 12).

"I've always loved it," Olivia stressed. "I started in fifth grade and from the get-go I was in love with volleyball."

"I just like how it's a team effort sport, it's not one person doing everything. You have to have a passer set the ball, and for me I get to hit it, and I love hitting."

And Emilee said volleyball players need passion for the sport, as much if not more than talent, in order to succeed. "If you don't have your heart in it you can't grow or be as good as you can be."

The Beyers also want more people to "dig" their sport, that it is seri-

ous stuff requiring serious skills.

"People play volleyball in their gym classes at high school," Emilee said. "It's completely different than when they come to a varsity game to watch the volleys go on and see all the diving, and the amazing digs and amazing hits and see how strong we are and how we do things."

"It's a big difference in what you'd play in the backyard with your family or friends on vacation or anything like that."

Well, maybe not so much if they're playing at the Beyer family picnic.

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Who: Emilee and Olivia Beyer, sisters on Plymouth's varsity girls volleyball team.

Emilee: The junior outside hitter, 16, is in her second year on the varsity. She stands just under 5-foot-9. Owner of a 3.8 grade point average, Emilee is interested in running for Plymouth's track and field team in the spring.

Olivia: Just 14, the 6-0 freshman middle blocker might play girls basketball this season.

Previous: Both sisters played middle school volleyball together at Canton Charter Academy. They also were on teams in different age divisions of the Huron Valley Volleyball Club in 2010.

College: Emilee would like to study for a degree in graphic design or sports medicine. Olivia already has her sights set on playing volleyball, possibly at the University of Michigan — where older brother and 2011 Plymouth grad Brennan, 18, is playing varsity football this season as a freshman.

Family: Their parents are Pastor Jon and Carissa Beyer of Canton. Jon Beyer is pastor at Crosswinds Community Church in Canton. Another Beyer sibling is 20-year-old Briana, a junior at Hope College and former Plymouth volleyball player.

Canton spikers keep winning

Canton has posted three recent victories against KLAA South Division volleyball rivals as tune-ups for Tuesday's rematch with Plymouth.

The Chiefs, who visit the Wildcats at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, defeated Wayne Memorial in four sets on Sept. 27. Canton took the opener 25-22 before losing Game 2 (21-25) and following up with 25-20 and 25-15 wins to clinch the match.

"We played OK and we realize that we need to play strong no matter who the team is," Canton head coach Mary Kryska said.

The Chiefs were aggressive in two previous games, three-set sweeps over Westland John Glenn (on Sept. 22) and Livonia Franklin (25-11, 25-17, 25-12, on Sept. 20).

Kryska said everybody who got to play in those matches made significant contributions.

"We changed the lineup for each game and everyone played great," she said,

after the John Glenn win (25-16, 25-19, 25-7).

Canton is 22-2-0 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA South, good for first place. The Wildcats are tied with Livonia Churchill for second spot, with a record of 25-5-0 and 4-2.

Sweep for Eagles

Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in three sets Thursday (25-14, 25-23, 25-11) to post a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory Thursday night.

Sophomore Rachael Fuller excelled, with 18 service points including 11 straight.

Other players to chip in included Jessica Rich (18 service points, 13 digs), Jennifer Malcolm (26 assists), Amy Zinn (9 kills, 8 digs), Kristin Malcolm (19 kills) and Sarah Howard (6 kills).

The Eagles improved to 18-4-3 overall and 5-0 in the MIAC.

Blazers scorch defending Class A champs

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Ladywood girls volleyball team put an exclamation point on Blazer Mania Day by knocking off two-time defending state Class A champion Bloomfield Hills Marian for the second time within a week

with a 21-25, 25-21, 25-15, 25-19 victory.

Elementary and middle school students got into the Catholic League Central Division match for free and received free T-shirts. And the Blazers did not disappoint with perhaps their best effort of the 2011 season.

"We've really picked it up defensively lately and we're not letting balls touch the floor, and that gives us a lot of intensity, a lot of enthusiasm, and we ride off of that," said Ladywood coach Erin Craggs, whose team improved to 26-14 overall and 2-1 in the Central.

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Canton 15-year-old Jacob Stott, who attends Salem, Saturday harvested his first deer with a bow. He made that accomplishment at the 2011 Youth Hunt opener, hunting at the Garner Camp in Mecosta County.

Canton teen finally bags deer

Jacob Stott, 15, of Canton harvests his first deer with a bow on Saturday during the 2011 Youth Hunt opener, while hunting at the Garner Camp in Mecosta County.

For the past three years, Canton's Jacob Stott and his dad, Dave Stott, have been attempting to "close the deal" on an elusive Michigan Whitetail deer, but have been unsuccessful.

But finally, on Saturday during the 2011 Youth Hunt opener at the Garner Camp in Mecosta County, the 15-year-old prevailed to harvest his first deer with a bow.

It was a job well done for the Stotts (along with brother, Travis) as well as

getting a reward for persevering past issues such as wind direction, equipment mishaps and even a lack of confidence.

This year, despite Jacob's soccer practice schedule at Salem High School, house chores and loads of homework, he managed to practice shooting his bow every day, playing out various scenarios prior to the opener.

"We love the whole experience of the hunt especially being outdoors, the campfires, food and camaraderie," Dave Stott said. "Actually getting a deer is only a small part of what the memories are made of."

Netters brace for KLAA tourneys

After suffering defeats in KLAA boys tennis crossover dual meets, both Plymouth and Canton were set to take part in the Tier A KLAA tournament 8 a.m. Saturday — involving the top three teams from each division, at Novi High School.

Plymouth is 5-3 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South Division, following Thursday's rain-shortened 6-0 win over Wayne Memorial.

The Wildcats lost 9-0 Tuesday to No. 5-ranked Novi.

Canton, meanwhile, also is 4-1 in the KLAA South, and brings a 4-3 overall mark into Saturday's tourney. The Chiefs fell 8-0 to Northville, also on Tuesday.

Those teams who finished regular dual meets in places 4-6 in their divisions will play in the Tier B tourney, beginning 8 a.m. at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, also on Saturday.

Salem (3-4 overall; 1-3 in the KLAA Central Division, fourth place) is coming off Tuesday's 8-1 triumph over Westland John Glenn. In previous crossovers, the Rocks earned 9-0 and 6-3 wins over Walled Lake Western and Pinckney, respectively. Both of Saturday's tournaments are of the single elimination variety.

Cats rally for tie

Chandler Olah's shot skipped off the wet grass and slid into the near post with only 15 minutes remaining Thursday to give host Plymouth (6-6-3, 4-2-2) a 1-1 tie against KLAA South Division opponent Livonia Churchill (6-4-3, 4-3-1).

After a scoreless first half, Churchill's Mike Murphy scored on a cross from Tyler Reetz to make it 1-0.

Goalkeepers Colton Robinson (Churchill) and Rene Mejia (Plymouth) each made eight saves.

"I thought we played hard and I thought we played well," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We had our chances to finish at the end."

Salem measures up

Sometimes, a team's worth isn't measured just in its won-loss record.

Consider the Salem varsity boys soccer team. Head coach Ed McCarthy said the Rocks were ranked No. 8 in the state as of Monday, and then went on for a clutch 3-2 victory Tuesday against No. 5 Novi.

That win improved Salem's record to 5-6-3 overall and 4-3-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

Scoring for the Rocks were Jake Genrich, Blake Townes and Jake Pascarella, with helpers from Chris Dierker and Brady Cole.

Salem led early, 2-0, only to see the Wildcats rally to make it 2-2. But Townes scored on a great shot off a throw-in from Dierker with about 11 minutes left.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNEY Sept. 29 at Fox Creek G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon (A), 369 strokes; 2. Warren Regina, 378; 3. Livonia Churchill, 378; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 381; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 390; 6. Hartland, 390; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 392; 8. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 392; 9. Macomb Lutheran North, 404; 10. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 404; 11. White Lake Lakeland, 419; 12. Livonia Franklin, 438; 13. South Lyon (B), 456.

Individual medalist: Natalie Dideo (Regina), 78.

AREA TEAM SCORING
Churchill (378): 2. Jordyn Shepler, 84; 18. Jackie Burdette, 97; 19. Maggie McGowan, 98; 23. Nicole Kruse, 99; 51. Kaie Shereda, 111.
Mercy (381): 11. Lizzy Schmidt, 93; 13. Katie Baird, 94; 17. Olivia Asta, 96; 19. Kristine Swad, 98; 49. Gillian Hickey, 110.
Stevenson (390): 11. Becca Bubenheimer, 93; 10. Mary Peltz, 98; 23. Sarah King, 99; 28. Laura

Shureb, 100; 39. Maddie Omietanski, 104.

Ladywood (392): 13. Michelle Nelson, 94; 19. Christina Briden, 98; 23. Sara Even, 99; 32. Kayla D'Allesandro, 101; 55. Katie Gu-bachy, 112.
Franklin (438): 3. Lexi Smith, 86; 49. Kelsey Gregorio, 110; 59. Ana Mazola, 118; 62. Jamie Buchanczenko, 124; 64. Kayla Buchanczenko, 128.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL 186
Sept. 28 at Fox Hills (Woodlands)
Plymouth scorers: Sarah Thompson, 35 (medalist); Kelsey Murphy, 37; Lindsay Dean, 47; Sydney Murphy, 50; Kayla Whatley, 52; Danielle Allen, 56.

Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 42; Nicole Kruse and Jackie Burdette, 46 each; Maggie McGowan, 52; Claire Rose, 58; Maddie Spooner, 64.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 8-0 overall, 8-0 KLAA South Division (clinched title); Churchill, 6-3 overall, 6-3 KLAA South.

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Ski club travels from mountains to rivers



Thunderbird Ski Club members get ready to leave the ski lift area.

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Gary Green has canoed with the Thunderbird Ski Club.

Shirley Cookson has attended parties and picnics with the group.

And Ron Ferenczi has mingled, mixed and met new friends.

All three have skied with the club, of course, but say the organization offers much more than just the Alpine sport.

"We have a lot of social activities going on all the time," said Green, a Livonia resident. "It's a way for people to meet each other and have a good time. You develop a lot of friends in this club. After a while you get to know a lot of people."

Cookson, club president, says canoeing, golfing, bike riding and picnicking are just a few of the activities the club offers in addition to ski trips. The annual Christmas party and April ball are held in Livonia.

"We do many things all through the year. It's a diversified group and that's why I've enjoyed it," she said.

Prospective members can learn more about the club's ski

trips, off-season group activities, social gatherings and more at its annual open house, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia. The gathering is open to anyone over 21. Admission is \$3 and will include appetizers, a cash bar, DJ with music for dancing, ski trip information, ski equipment displays from local retailers, and membership applications. Club dues are \$35 for the first year and \$25 annually afterward.

Company club

A handful of Ford Motor Company employees started the Thunderbird Ski Club in 1949 as the Ford Ski Club. Years later the name was changed and club membership was opened to the public. The club has more than 400 members — a drop from its peak years when its roster included approximately 1,600 individuals — and is one of the biggest clubs in Michigan. In addition to skiing all of the most popular ski resorts in Colorado, Utah, and California, the Thunderbird Ski Club also arranges trips to Whistler and Banff in Canada and to Europe. Closer



Ron Ferenczi, a member of Thunderbird Ski Club, is all thumbs up over the sport. He also likes to canoe with the group.

to home, members take weekend trips to Boyne, Schuss, and other Michigan ski locations. The club has its own instructors for beginners, as well as a race team for advanced skiers.

"We still want people to know we are still a ski club at heart," said Green, who generally takes three ski trips with the group annually. He also has canoed with members during the summer.

Easy on the wallet

"The prices are so good for these trips that you can't afford to do it on your own. We command those prices because we can take 40-80 people on a trip. We can get better rates. Ski resorts give us special rates on lift tickets and accommodations," he said, pointing out that dai-



Members of Thunderbird Ski Club test out a run in Telluride, Colo.

ly lift tickets can cost upwards of \$100 at some ski resorts. "We're getting them for \$50 and \$60. That's considerably less. We've been able to keep our airfare down. A lot of people try to book trips themselves and find out how expensive it is."

Ferenczi, who taught at a private school in Redford before

retiring, likes the "worry-free travel" the club offers its members.

"You sign up, pay the money and when you arrive at the airport they have a bus waiting for you," he said. "They take the luggage off the bus for you. You go skiing, you go to restaurants. If you don't want to ski, that's okay, too. You can go snowshoeing, cross-country skiing. Women like the shopping and the food at the restaurants is tops."

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In response to the question of wellness priorities, seniors answered that of most importance was physical activity, followed by a healthy diet, next came ongoing learning and then social connections.

As for what means they used to reach a state of wellbeing, seniors replied that foremost was family and friends, then lectures and classes, and thirdly, nurses and doctors.

In response to the inquiry about roadblocks to wellbeing, seniors stated cost, followed by difficulties in transportation, and concluded with the limits imposed by pain accompanying activity.

Of interest is the importance of the community, the significance of residing in a place where one has connections not only with neighbors but with libraries and learning, church and social hall. And transportation. For seniors, a place is not a community if they cannot walk or ride to the classroom or recreation hall.

For physicians the poll of seniors brings out the limits of our role: to provide relief from pain sufficiently so the senior can use his or her own resources to pursue that individual's goal of wellbeing.

GARDEN & NATURE

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Livonia Garden Club

Penrith Goff, steward of the bromeliad collection at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and president of the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, will talk about bromeliads at the club's next meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road in Livonia. Visit the club's Web site at www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub/

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Memorial marker ceremony Oct. 8

If you've driven along Five Mile, east of Farmington, you might have noticed a new marker near the road.

The Livonia Garden Club obtained the "Blue Star Memorial" sign and had it installed at Larry Nehasil Park (formerly Dolphin Park) in cooperation with the City of Livonia.

"It's kind of like a pinnacle for every garden club to have one of these," said Lauren Kalamat, garden club member. "It's a big deal for us."

Families, churches and businesses placed blue stars on banners, flags and in windows during World War II to indicate that a son or daughter was serving overseas.

The Blue Star Memorial Program, a spe-



The Livonia Garden Club will dedicate its Blue Star marker Saturday, Oct. 8.

cial project of National Garden Clubs, Inc., started in 1944 when clubs in New Jersey planted 8,000 dogwood trees as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. The notion of planting memorial highway markers throughout the country took root the following year. The program expanded

to include markers at cemeteries, parks and veteran's facilities the following year.

Kalamat said the Livonia Garden Club will dedicate its marker at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Nehasil Park. The ceremony will include refreshments. The dedication is open to the public.

— Sharon Dargay

Cancer survivors applauded

Each year, the Karmanos Cancer Institute gives the Patricia Milner Sachs Heart of a Survivor Award to a cancer survivor who exemplifies compassion, devotion and goes above and beyond to help others. The award this year went to Sheila Sky Kasselmann, a pancreatic cancer survivor from West Bloomfield. She created the Sky Foundation, Inc., to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer and help researchers develop a blood test to detect pancreatic cancer in its early stage.

All nominees for the award, including Kathleen McFry of Canton, Heather Sarkozi of Westland and Beth Cooke of Farmington, were recognized for their efforts and given nomination plaques.

Cooke began the Relay



Other nominees who joined emcee Alicia Smith and awardee Sheila Sky Kasselmann (center) are Kathleen McFry, (left) Denise Abdullah, Donna Ward, Heather Sarkozi, Donna Bruck and Doug Pergament.

for Life Farmington/Farmington Hills eight years ago. Cooke, a single mother of two boys, helps other survivors with access to information and by offering them an opportunity to participate locally in Relay for Life.

McFry, a stage 4 anal cancer survivor, works as an American Cancer Society volunteer. She shares

her story and makes herself available to listen to other cancer survivors. She serves as chair for "Bark for Life Canton," a Relay for Life event.

Sarkozi has learned to share her story. Since forming a Relay for Life team in 2008, Sarkozi and her family have raised more than \$50,000 in the fight against cancer.

CRAFT SHOWS, RUMMAGE SALES

Craft show

Frost Middle School will hold its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 5. All of the items are handmade. Admission is \$2. No strollers. The school is located at 14041 Stark, west of Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia; (734) 744-2670.

Rummage sales


• Churchill High School Music Department will hold its annual rummage sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, in the cafeteria at the high school, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy. Livonia. For more information, call Amy Coan at (734) 788-3325.

• Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 25225 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, will sell gently-used items 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. Shoppers also can place orders for holiday spinach pies. Cost is \$35 per tray and payment is due with the order. December pickup; (248) 477-1677.

• The Women's League at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills, presents a rummage sale and bake sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 8. Bag sales are \$3 and \$6 on Saturday; (248) 553-3380.

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Before coming to Four Seasons, Evangeline worked as an RN for transplant and the surgical medical floor at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Her manager called her an ambassador for safety; everyone called her 'Angel' for a reason. "I got the inspiration from nursing to care for the whole person, not just the physical being. I spend time with residents, eye to eye, give them a hug. We're caring not only for residents, but families and co-workers.

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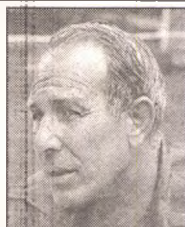
September 26, 2011, age 62. Beloved daughter of the late Ernest and Irene Berridge. Dear sister of David and "Auntie" to Brandon and Christopher Berridge. Services were held Thursday at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Contribution suggested to the Michigan Humane Society. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

BORAM, JOAN

Passed away in Royal Oak on Sept. 25. She was born Joan Howard on Sept. 22, 1930. She is survived by brothers, John of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Terry of Sacramento, CA and Tom, of Portland, OR, and sister Carol of Hereford, England. Joan will best be remembered by residents of Ferndale for the column she wrote for many years for the Observer & Eccentric. In addition, she worked as librarian/consultant. Her clients included General Motors and Construction Consultants. No services were held.

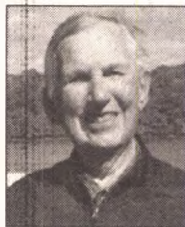
BRICKMAN, VIRGINIA

Age 94, born in Denver, CO, ascended peacefully to her reward on Sept. 20, 2011 from her residence at Superior Woods Assisted Living facility to be reunited with her husband, Arthur & her original family. Mom had been a wonderful, most caring teacher at Wayne-Westland schools for over 30 years, taking the students on nature walks, playing baseball with them, allowing them to earn lunch-time crossword puzzle time. Her only child, Mary Carole, living in Memphis, TN with her husband, will most sadly miss her! Fr. Tom will say the memorial Mass Sat., Oct. 1st at 11am.



DILLON, WILLIAM

Sept 24, 2011. Loving husband of Katherine. Dear father of William T. (Jill), Laurence (Mary), Kathleen (Dennis) Blaharski, Mary Margaret (James) Bilicki and the late Maureen Ann, Brother of Jacqueline Sferlazza. Also survived by 18 grandchildren & 34 great-grandchildren. Past Grand Knight of Cardinal Edwy. Mooney K of Council 101 State District Deputy. Share "memorial tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com



FLUEHR, KUHLMAN

80, of Traverse City and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at Boardman Lake Glens. Kuhlman was born on May 27, 1931 in Freeport, IL to the late George R. and Katherine L. (Kuhlman) Fluehr. Kuhlman was brought up in Bay City, MI. He graduated from Bay City Central High School. He then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Principia College. Kuhlman honorably served in the United States Army as Post Chaplain's Assistant for six different Post Chaplain's at Fort Campbell, KY. During his time in service, he married his high school sweetheart, Janet Marie Deuschler on April 22, 1955 in Carmel, CA. For many years he was Vice President of Corporate Relations for the Kuhlman Corporation. He was instrumental in taking Kuhlman Corporation from a small manufacturing company to a listing on the New York Stock Exchange. Kuhlman was a life-long devoted Christian Scientist. Kuhlman loved people and was a great communicator. He enjoyed introducing friends to friends and building those relationships. He touched many lives in wonderful ways. Life itself was a celebration! He'll be deeply missed by his family and friends. Surviving Kuhlman is Janet his wife of 56 years; daughter, Janet "Jandy" Cooley; son-in-law, James T. Cooley; son, Glenn K. Fluehr; daughter-in-law, Paulina Fluehr; grandchildren: Heather Fluehr and Tanner Cooley; brother, David Fluehr; sister-in-law, Janet Meynell Fluehr; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. A memorial service was held for Kuhlman on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Kuhlman's name to Principia College, Elmhurst, IL, or The Pathfinder School, Traverse City or First Church of Christ, Scientist, Traverse City, Camps Leelanau/Kohana, Glen Arbor, or to a charity of one's choice. Please sign Kuhlman's online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

GERST, GERALD A.

September 25, 2011, age 78. Life-long resident of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Bessie. Dear father of Steven (Nancy) Gerst, Michael (Debbie) Gerst and Denise (Jill) Gerst. Dear grandfather of Katie (Jon) Haywood, Lindsay, Bryan, Rebecca, Kayla and Kyleigh. Services were held Wednesday. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

GIAMPORCARO, ABIGAILLE NICOLE

Suddenly September 29, age 14 of Canton. Precious daughter of Cassandra (Caleb) Gilbert and John (Kaia) Giamporcario. Beloved sister of Zachary, Kimberly, Henry and Giovanni. Loved dearly by her Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and many Friends. Visitation Monday 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Funeral service Tuesday 11 AM at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 West Ann Arbor Road (at Gotfredson) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to World Orphans. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GOBLE, WYMAN LEE, JR.

Age 43, of Westland, September 26, 2011. Beloved husband of Laura. Loving father of Anthony Lee Goble and Joy Charlotte Rose Goble. Dearest son of Nyoka and Wyman Goble. Dear brother of James Long, Gary (Donna) Goble, Sherry (Donald) Skidmore, Theresa Allread and Marsha (Billy) Norris. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was the past president of the Detroit Jokers Motorcycle Club. Service is Friday, 2:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 1:00-8:00 PM. He will then be taken by a custom-built motorcycle hearse for a final ride to Michigan Memorial Park for interment. michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

MINCH, JOHN

49, of Barton City, MI, formerly of Wayne died 9/20/2011. A private memorial service is planned. Gillies Funeral Home.

RIEHL, HELEN

Age 90. September 29, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Clyde. Loving mother of Dorene (Ronald) Bellaire, Alan (Kitty) Riehl and Laurie Riehl. Proud grandmother of Jennifer Boucher and Kelly (Tino) Cargnelli. Great-grandmother of Austin, Alyssa (11/18/99-7/22/00) and Jaiden Boucher; Peyton and Zackary Cargnelli. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Monday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Memorials to Shrine High School or Beaumont Cancer Center - Sharing and Caring appreciated. Share your memories at: sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

SITLER, MARILYN A.

Age 79, September 24, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Sitler, Sr. Loving mother of Ralph, Jr. (Jean), Margaret Draus, Therese (Mark) Oller, Anne Marie (Todd) Meadows, John (Pamela), Thomas (Marisa), Karl (Theresa), Stephen (Stephanie), Karen (John) Currey, Kurt (Kelly) and Erich. Proud grandmother of 29 and great-grandmother of nine. Dear sister of Ellen and Rosemary. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday 2-9 PM with a Scripture Service Thursday at 7 PM. Instate at the King Catholic Church, 20800 Grand River, Detroit, Friday from 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Alzheimers Association. Please share a memory of Marilyn at www.rgharris.com

STOWELL, WENDELL E. PINCKNEY, MI

His Legacy...Age 71, died September 27, 2011 at his home. He was born January 4, 1940 in Westland, MI, the son of the late Benjamin Stowell and the late Arthur & Vera (Bassett) Trost. On June 25, 1999 in Lake Tahoe, NV, Wendell married his loving wife of 12 years Doreen (Flack) Stowell. Wendell was employed as a supervisor for the Ford Motor Company, Wayne Assembly Plant, before his retirement in October of 2005. His Family...Loving husband of Doreen, beloved father of Steven Stowell of San Antonio, TX, Michael Stowell of Southgate, MI, Daniel (Sandra) Stowell of Pinckney, MI and Elizabeth Foote of Plymouth, Denise (Carl) Lake of Williamsburg, MI and Robert Ferguson of Pinckney. Dearest grandfather of eight, great-grandfather of one. Dear brother of Gale Stowell of Iron River, MI, Gerald Stowell of The Villages, FL, Karen Stacey of Weekiwahee, FL and Kathy Myers of Westland, MI. Preceding him in death are his first wife, Janie Teresa in 1998 and his brother Arthur Trost. His Farewell...The family will gather with friends on Friday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Visit from 1:00 PM until the time of service at 2:00 PM at Borek Jennings, with Pastor Dan Quagliata officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Joseph Livingstone Hospice. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Wendell's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com



STRUK, BETTE MAE

June 29, 1920 - September 26, 2011. Age 91. Beloved wife of the late John Walter Struk, Sr. Loving mother of John W. Struk, Jr. (Debbie), and Robert C. Struk (Kathy). Cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Shari, and Hannah. Dear sister of Donald Holmes and Mary Renauer. A family service was held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Rev. Art Ritter officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375



WHITAKER, JOHN B.

of Traverse City, MI and Clearwater, FL, formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away September 25, 2011, at the age of 80. John was born in Salem, New Jersey. He graduated from Mt. Hermon Prep School and Gettysburg College. John served his country as an officer in the United States Air Force. John was President of John B. Whitaker, Inc., a Manufacturer's Representative sales firm in the Detroit area. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Helen Lawrence Whitaker; his sister, Jean Whitaker Maharay; and his children, John B. Whitaker, Jr. (Susan) of Clarkston, WA, Beth W. Dolby (Craig) of Beverly Hills, MI, Laurie W. Wilson (Craig) of Grand Rapids, MI, and Wendy W. Metzger (Charlie) of Bloomfield Hills, MI; and 11 beloved grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 28th at 2:00 PM at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Contributions may be made to Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association at P.O. Box 105, Glenolden, PA 19036 http://www.cmtausa.org.

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Milestones

Reilly-Casagrande

Cynthia Casagrande and Charles Reilly, Jr. were married Sept. 4, 2011 at The Knight's Courtyard at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Pastor Glad Remaly officiated.

The bride, daughter of Michael and Virginia Casagrande of Woodhaven, earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Madonna University and works as a pretrial services investigator for Oakland County.

The groom, son of Charles Reilly, Sr. of Westland and the late Patricia Reilly, earned an associate's degree from

Henry Ford Community College and works as a situation analyst for Ford Motor Company.

The bride's attendants were Ava Casagrande, maid of honor and Heather Robinson, matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Overton, Shannon MacDonell, and Tasha Davis.

Jeff Reed was the best man. Derek Strehl, Randy Duty and Jeff Herzog were groomsmen.

A reception was held at The Knight's Castle at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The Westland couple plans to take a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nev., next year.



BRIDAL SHOW SET FOR CANTON

Forty local vendors will be on hand for the Here Come the Brides Bridal Show, 1-5 p.m., Oct. 9, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

Tickets are \$8, but those who bring a canned good for donation to a local food bank will pay \$5. The first 100 brides will receive a free tote bag with gifts and the event will include a prize giveaway and crowd participation games.

Register online at www.herrecomethebridesbridalshow.com.



Robinson-Penn
Julie Penn and Tom Robinson tied the knot Sept. 10, 2011, in Livonia. Judge Kathleen McCan, 16th District Court, officiated and family members were in attendance. The couple lives in Livonia.

REUNIONS

Send information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971
Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

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.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

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

CLASS OF 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

GARDEN CITY EAST & WEST

CLASSES OF 1966-67
Contact Karen Covard-Domanski at (734) 427-7012 or Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net to attend the reunion of Gar-

den City East and West high schools on Oct. 15 at Saints Peter and Paul Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$40 per person. There also will be a get together at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City and noon on Sunday, Oct. 16, at Beaver Creek Tavern in Westland.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

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.

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1981
30-year reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin, (734) 751-2424.

LADYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1961
Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

CLASS OF 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971
40th reunion, 7 p.m., mid-night, Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Livonia Marriott. Cost is \$45 per person and includes strolling dinner and DJ. Cash Bar. Contact Susan (Brock) Pfeiffer at (248) 360-8437 or Susan (Matheson) Plaine at (248) 752-3618 for more information and address to send check. Also listed on Facebook.

REDFORD UNION

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012. E-mail Linda (Hornig) Tracy at lindatrac100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

ST. PHILOMENA GRADE SCHOOL

Class of 1961 50th reunion, Saturday, Oct. 8. Call Phil Ventura at 586 263-4909 or E-mail amvpav@aol.com

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19, 2012. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbglobal.net or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com

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Time/Date: Celebration at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; anniversary worship service at 10:15 a.m. Oct. 16

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Livonia

Details: The church will celebrate its 60th anniversary with appetizers, punch and memories. Past and current members may submit photos for the celebration. Tickets are a \$12 donation

Contact: (734) 422-1470

APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Oct. 14

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School, 800 S. Military in Dearborn

Details: John Pless of Concordia Theological Seminary

will present "Human Beings vs Persons: Conflicting Worldviews; cost is \$10, \$5 for students. Download a brochure at www.emmanuel-deareborn.org

Contact: (313) 565-4002

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: All animal friends including dogs, cats, turtles, goldfish, lizards, hamsters are welcome. There will be prizes for the best in a number of categories and treats for the animals and their human friends

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BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: Monday, Oct. 3

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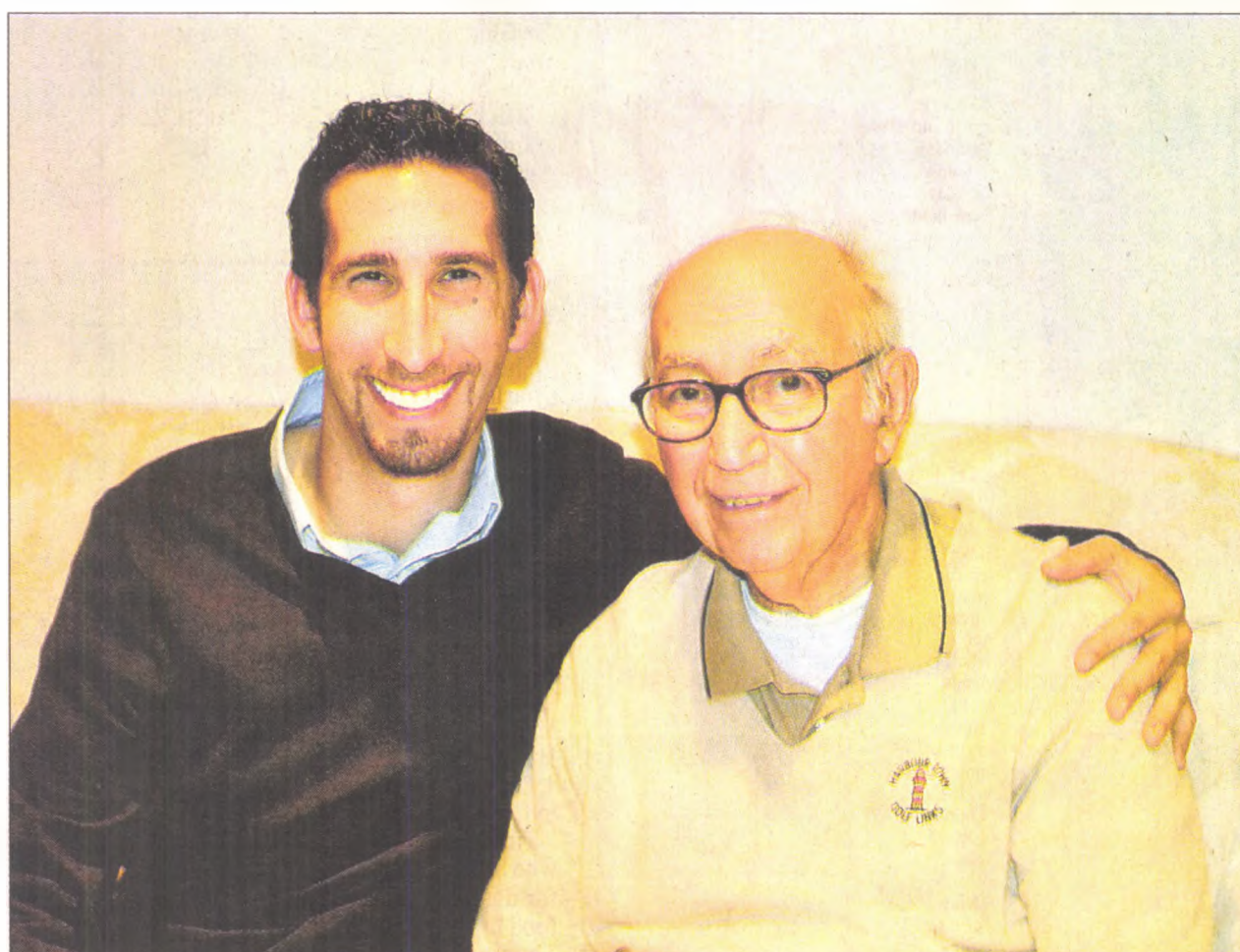
Grandson makes loved ones proud

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

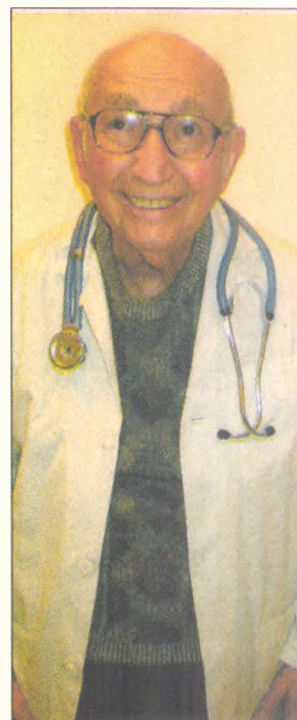
Jason Boschan plans to run a 26.2-mile marathon at the Great Wall of China next May in honor of his grandfather, Dr. Louis Heyman, an M.D. and pediatrician who practiced in Livonia for more than 50 years.

His mom, Shelley Boschan, wants to get the word out to former patients that Heyman was diagnosed with a brain disease, primary progressive aphasia (PPA), two years ago. Through a fundraising event at her Bloomfield Hills home next weekend, Boschan also hopes to raise awareness of the disease and money for her son's \$20,000 marathon goal. All proceeds from his run will benefit the Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center (CNADC) at Northwestern University, a prominent research facility for PPA.

The open house event will run 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. To attend, register with Boschan at shelley@run4papa.com or call (248) 225-1700. "Jason ran the New York Marathon last year and saw all these people running for causes and got really motivated," Boschan said.



Jason Boschan (left) will run in the Great Wall of China Marathon next year to raise awareness of primary progressive aphasia and money for research. He runs in honor of his grandfather, Louis "Papa" Heyman, a retired physician who practiced pediatrics in Livonia and Detroit for many years.



Heyman

read and write, but can't speak well," Boschan said, describing her dad. "He's not well enough to use the computer very well. Here's a man who gave his life to people 24/7. Now he has a communication illness. It's devastating."

Heyman taught at Wayne State University Medical School for more than 30 years and was affiliated with seven hospitals. His Livonia office was located on Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Seven Mile. His practice peaked at 18,000 patients, Boschan said.

After he retired from private practice, he served as a visiting physician for a few years.

For more about Jason Boschan's run, visit www.run4papa.com. For more on PPA, visit www.brain.northwestern.edu.

In a letter to friends and family, the North Carolina resident said he realized that athletic events, such as marathon runs, can benefit critical medical causes.

Making a difference

"My goal now has become two-fold. First, to raise money for and awareness of this devastating illness, and second, to challenge myself physically in a venue that matches the fight my grandfather is facing," he wrote.

His mother is focused

on the upcoming fundraiser at her home. She plans a live video chat and Powerpoint presentation about PPA.

"We really want to share what Jason is doing and help other families," Boschan said. "I'm trying to reach out to people who knew him (Heyman). Because of HIPPA (privacy rules) I don't feel comfortable going through his patient list."

Her father, who lives in West Bloomfield, was diagnosed six years ago with a frontal lobe illness. Two years ago it was labeled PPA.

No cure

According to the Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, PPA is a form of dementia caused by brain cell degeneration that affects the ability to use language in speaking, understanding, writing and reading. Individuals at first experience difficulty thinking of common words while speaking or writing. As the disease progresses, verbal communication becomes difficult and eventually the ability to read declines. Unlike Alzheimer's Disease, PPA doesn't affect mem-

ory in its initial stages. It's also less common than Alzheimer's Disease and affects individuals at a younger age. No medical treatment has been shown to reverse PPA. Drugs, like Aricept or Razadyne, that are given to patients with Alzheimer's Disease, don't help PPA patients. Treatment generally consists of working on communication skills and strategies. Individuals with PPA can remain physically and mentally active, while learning to cope with diminishing language skills.

"Right now he can still

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Dr. Greg Kramer, DC is holding a
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Wednesday, Aug. 24th at 6 pm

Topic To Be Discussed: Dr. Kramer's
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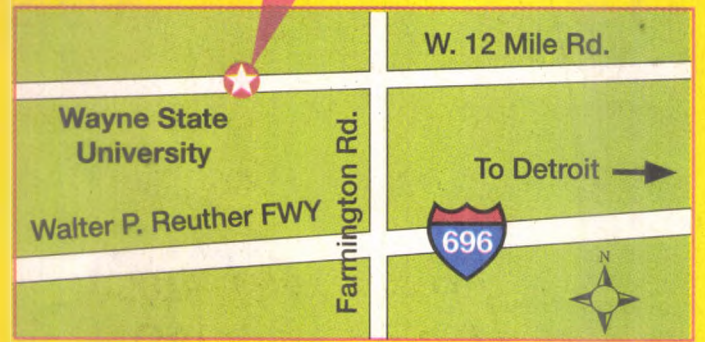


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3 Words That Will Kill Your Job Search

By: Beth Braccio Hering,
CareerBuilder

It's not unusual for job seekers to reach a point in their searches when they stop hoping to land a coveted job and resign themselves to considering any position. In theory, this "I'll take anything" attitude sounds promising: Less selectivity means greater possibilities, right?

Not so fast. Before spending precious time applying to jobs for which you're not qualified, consider these ways that a cast-your-net-everywhere tactic can backfire:

1. Employers don't care if you're desperate.

"Hiring managers are looking for one thing: a good match between the job and the applicant," says Catherine Jewell, author of "New Resume New Career." "Employers want to know that you will fit in and feel comfortable with their culture. The more you sound like them the better."

So just because you're willing to settle for anything, don't assume your value has increased. If you aren't well-versed in the field, your inexperience is bound to be noticed either on paper or in conversation. Conversely, shooting too low in a job search reeks of neediness -- never an attractive quality -- and raises red flags as to whether you'd be happy in the position or are simply buying time until you can bolt to a more suitable job.

2. Untargeted applications aren't going to be noticed.

When quantity starts taking precedence over quality, the product is going to suffer. A general résumé that could fit any position at any company is simply not going to make a hiring manager choose to

interview you over countless others.

"The targeted application helps you stand out from the talented pool of applicants," says Joel Garfinkle, founder of DreamJobCoaching.com. "You can highlight specific experiences that relate to what is outlined in the job description, and the employer can easily see how your qualifications fit what he desires." Garfinkle also recommends learning as much as possible about the company before submitting an application in order to tailor your application to its needs.

3. Busy work takes away from profitable actions.

Most candidates have a certain amount of time and energy they can devote to job searching. If

they waste it on generic mass mailings, less is left for activities that could generate good leads.

"Focus on the positions you really want instead of applying for something you don't want," says Richard Deems, co-author of "Make Job Loss Work for You." "Use the same amount of time to network for introductions into organizations that hire people who do what you want to do. Research companies of interest. Find out their unmet needs, think of how you can meet those unmet needs and then present yourself."

4. People may see you as wishy-washy.

Networking means reaching out to others and letting them know what you have to offer. An elevator pitch of "Help! I need a

job" is unlikely to convince anyone that your skills are worth remembering. Likewise, contacts may be less inclined to think of you or to offer a recommendation if they are unsure what type of job you actually want.

While you may view yourself as flexible by trying to get a foot in any door at places you'd like to work, others may think differently. "If you apply for just 'anything,' you are wearing out your welcome with that employer," Jewell cautions. "It's tricky to present one image -- say, marketing -- one day, then turn around and present yourself for another opportunity -- such as customer service -- the next week. It leaves the impression that you don't know who you are and what you are about."

5. The strategy can create deceptive hope.

Finally, be aware that churning out applications can do a number on your mind. Initially, the boost in productivity may make you feel as if you're gaining more chances in the job-hunt lottery, but if most of what you've sent out is destined for somebody's wastebasket because it lacks the qualities needed for genuine consideration, your odds of success have not improved.

Garfinkle notes that constantly applying for a job may make you look impressive on the surface. "At the end of the day, your spouse will ask you, 'How's the job search?' and you can respond, 'I sent out 10 resumés today,'" Garfinkle says. "This provides a false sense of feeling good about yourself and the progress you are making on this job search."

Worse yet, the corresponding rejection can damage your self-worth. As Deems warns, "For every 100 you send, you'll only hear from five to seven of them, if that many. And for every one you send that you don't hear from, you'll get a bit more depressed."

So look for opportunities that offer real hope and put in the effort needed to be a viable candidate. True satisfaction comes from landing a job -- not counting the number of attempts you made.

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



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- 4 Roman sculpture
- 8 Bullfight topic
- 13 Hairly twin
- 14 Sioux City site
- 15 Biologist's eggs
- 16 Dental procedure (2 wds.)
- 18 Early anatomist
- 20 Cousins of "um"
- 21 Soft metal
- 24 Inbox filler (hyph.)
- 28 Take a stroll
- 31 Monastic title
- 33 Comrade-in-arms
- 34 Khan of note
- 35 Jogged
- 36 Gentle bear
- 37 No future -
- 39 Que, neighbor
- 40 Part of PBA
- 41 Eye enhancer
- 43 Fuzzy fruit

DOWN

- 1 Hot rum mixture
- 2 Volcanic rock
- 3 Outback mineral
- 4 European capital
- 5 GI hangout
- 6 - Paulo
- 7 "Nutcracker" costume
- 8 Marsh vapor

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