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## State tackles trafficking problem

Heise teams with Shuette to combat issue locally

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Kurt Heise has two teenage daughters and he's pretty sure how he'd react if either of them got dragged into the slave trade.

So when the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking decided to get involved in try-



Heise



Kowall

ing to stop the burgeoning human trafficking trade in Michigan, Heise was only too happy to help.

Heise, who co-chairs the committee with Michigan At-

torney General Bill Schuette, said the Legislature is putting together a package of bills that will empower law enforcement agencies, educate the public and put criminals on notice that Michigan won't be a party to it much longer.

"(Schuette) is active with the National Association of Attorneys General and human trafficking is one of their major initiatives," said Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican who represents the 20th

House District. "I thought, 'Let's make this our major focus for the next two years.'"

A major FBI raid in Detroit earlier this year brought the issue to the forefront and Heise said the Detroit area is a prime target for traffickers because of events like the North American International Auto Show where, he said, traffickers bring prostitutes in to "work the show," putting the word out for prospective clients via the Internet.

### Hot spot

Heise said there were at least 300 incidents of human trafficking in Michigan last year and pointed out Detroit was ranked No. 1 nationally in pimp arrests and second nationally in girls rescued.

"Unfortunately, southeast Michigan is a very active area in human trafficking and that FBI raid earlier this year

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## Colbeck ponders top job in Senate

Will seek majority leader position if re-elected

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A year before voters will decide whether to send him back to the Michigan Senate, Patrick Colbeck has set his sights on the top leadership role there.

Colbeck, a freshman Republican from Canton Township who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, confirmed Friday he plans to seek the job of Senate majority leader if he is re-elected in 2014. Current majority leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, cannot seek re-election next year because of term limits.

Colbeck said he is already a part of Senate leadership and has shown bipartisanship in co-founding, with Rep. Jim Townsend, D-Royal Oak, a caucus of southeast Michigan legislators from both parties.

"I've got a lot of experience cooperating with folks of all kinds of ideas and persuasions," Colbeck said in a phone interview.

### Tea Party backing

The senator, elected in 2010 with strong support from Tea Party activists, will have to convince Senate colleagues he should be chosen as their leader. Colbeck has been a voice for Tea Party ideas of limited government. He recently led the Senate opposition to Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's bid to expand Medicaid to cover more uninsured people through the federal Affordable Care Act and came up with an alternative proposal.

The Senate eventually voted with Snyder, 20-18, Aug. 27 after Colbeck sat out the first vote, which prevented Lt. Gov. Brian Calley from casting a tie-breaking vote.

"I think people are looking for principled leadership, folks who say what they are doing to do and do what they say they are going to do," Colbeck said.

He said he will continue to focus on representing his district and on re-election efforts and that his work should speak for itself when it comes to making his case to fellow senators next year.

"They all know I'm a man of principle and a man who's led inside our caucus," he said.

### Draft movement

Others reportedly consider-

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## Fall Festival revs up in Plymouth



Kielbasa is on the boil, watched by volunteers Veronica Fradette and Lauren Carwan of the Polish National Alliance Dancers. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Annual community fundraiser promises to be 'a great weekend'

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Sunny skies foretold a good Plymouth Community Fall Festival, despite its somewhat relaxed start Friday afternoon.

That was festival committee president Eric Joy's view from the ticket booth at Main and Penniman around 5 p.m. Friday as the Kellogg Park stage was being rigged for concerts, community groups got busy with fundraisers on Main and the carnival rides on Ann Arbor Trail revved up. With people just getting home

from school and work, Joy said, crowds should grow.

"It's going to be a great weekend, it really is," said Joy, a longtime board member who is running his first festival as president.

The festival, which started in the 1950s, offers three days of live entertainment, a carnival, vendors' booths and fundraising events by local service clubs and community groups, plus Sunday's Rotary Club of Plymouth chicken barbecue, the festival's signature event.

Cheryl Van Vliet, president of the

Plymouth Canton Civitan Club, is another festival veteran. The club has run a photography booth (putting photos on buttons, key chains, magnets and ornaments) every year since 1972.

"They will bring old ones (photographs) to show us," Van Vliet said of longtime customers who return to the booth. "Now they're bringing the grandchildren."

The Civitans, whose many service projects have a distinct focus on young

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## Central issue moves front-and-center

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has hired an architect to design its new middle school, and already had brought in the construction manager who will oversee its building.

Now, the board and the district's administration are turning their attention fully to the next task: Deciding what to do with the building it will replace.

Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, has laid out a timeline for tasks as the district tries to determine



The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education hopes to have a decision on the fate of the Central Middle School property by January.

what to do with Central Middle School after it closes following the 2013/14 school year. The new, as-yet-unnamed middle school will be built on district-owned property at Cherry Hill and Canton Cen-

ter in Canton.

The disposal of Central Middle School, located in the heart of downtown Plymouth, is now one of the biggest issues being addressed.

"The community has been

served very well for more than 100 years by that site for educational purposes," Meissen said. "It's important to make a good decision that hopefully would serve the community for that many years into the future. From that standpoint, it's a very big decision."

### Waiting on data

Meissen said the board's subcommittee on finance and operations is in the process of collecting a variety of data, including outstanding leases connected to the property,

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## FESTIVAL

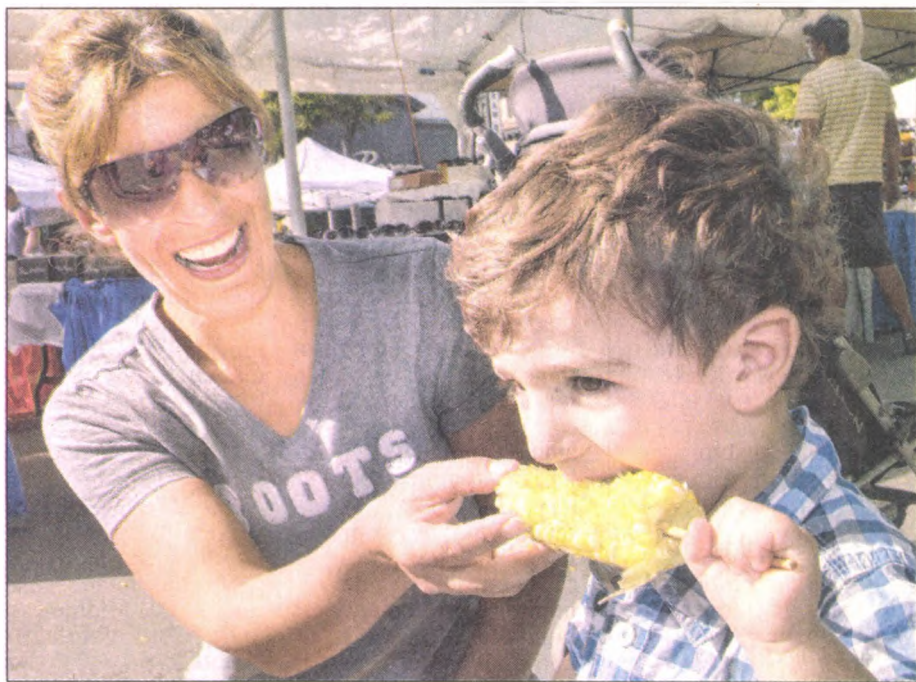
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people and the handi-capped, have found the booth to be a good fundraiser, Van Vliet said. This year, the group has also taken over running Taste Fest, which offers samples from area food businesses, outside the Station 885 restaurant.

The group is partial to the concerts in Kellogg Park, she said.

"We love the music," Van Vliet said. "We'll have the (tent) sides down and we'll be dancing while we work. Of course, we'll all eat more than we need to this weekend."

"Definitely a lot of fun to live in Plymouth," said another festival veteran, Bridgette Rowe, drum major of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. Rowe was hawking chocolate-covered almonds at the Corps' traditional fundraising event; the money goes toward the band's



Ethan James is almost 2 years old and this is his first taste of sweet corn. Ethan, his mom Rose James and dad Neil James live in the United Kingdom. They are visiting relatives in Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

uniforms and instruments.

The festival continues through Sunday, when hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit [plymouthfallfestival.org](http://plymouthfallfestival.org) for more information.



Grace Violet Hyland is in disguise at the Fall Festival. She is 3 years old. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Plymouth dissolves youth commission

Group ends following 11-year run

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission, begun as a way to engage young people in constructive dialogue about their hometown and harness their energies for volunteer projects, is folding after an 11-year run.

The Plymouth City Commission, after a brief discussion Monday, agreed informally to disband the PCYAC, largely because of the difficulty of finding times when all members could meet and the sense that the group had perhaps outlasted its mission. Mayor Dan Dwyer said no formal action was necessary.

"They're the busiest of the busy," said Commissioner Ed Hingelberg, the city commission's liaison to the PCYAC. The group, which was for students in the seventh through 11th grades, met monthly and attracted top students, Hingelberg said, who were also busy with studying, athletics and other extracurricular activities like drama and student council.

"There are more opportunities, which is fabulous," Hingelberg said. "How can I say, 'Choose your priorities' ... when they have the lead role in the spring play?"

### Talk — and action

Since it was launched in fall 2002, the PCYAC had discussions with city officials about interactions between police and young people, weighed in on the debate about the city's master

recreation plan, worked with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials and headed up an annual Christmas gift-buying program for children from military families facing hardships. Last year, the seven PCYAC members raised more than \$1,500 to buy gifts for Christmas 2012.

"I'm very, very happy with what they've done," Hingelberg said.

"They did a lot of good work in the Plymouth community," Dwyer said.

### New direction

Dwyer and Hingelberg recently met with PCYAC members to talk about their future and agreed the group could be reconstituted for a specific service project. "I could very easily see something like that," Hingelberg said.

"It kind of got to the point there we had an answer looking for a problem," Dwyer said.

Should the need for such an advisory commission again arise, the mayor said, the city already has an operating model for it.

The PCYAC was formally launched in 2002 and was the idea of Michele Potter, a city commission member at the time who saw a need to involve young people.

Potter was the city commission's first liaison to the PCYAC; Hingelberg took over as liaison when she left the commission.

"I'm really confident that Ed has given it everything," Dwyer said.

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# Cops bust 'career criminal' for stealing credit cards

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

Northville Township Police are confident the "career criminal" they have behind bars is the man responsible for a string of credit card thefts from the locker rooms of area golf courses.

Northville Township detectives arrested 53-year-old Matthew Ward Phelan, of Plymouth Township, Aug. 29 as he was exiting the clubhouse at the Spring Meadow Country Club in Linden, located in Genesee County. Phelan had been under surveillance for two days after police received an anonymous tip about his identity.

Police say Phelan stole credit cards from locker rooms at area golf courses and athletic clubs, then used the cards to make transactions at local stores including Meijer, Kroger and Mobil gas stations. They released surveillance photos taken from those stores and enlisted the public's help in identifying the suspect. In most of the photos, the suspect is seen wearing a white golf hat with the logo from "Pine Lake Country Club" on the front. The suspect also wears various golf shirts and pants.

According to Lt. Michael Wildt of the NTPD, Phelan has an extensive criminal history that includes numerous cases of credit card fraud.



Northville Township Police released several surveillance photos from area stores of the suspect accused of using stolen credit cards, including this one at Meijer in Northville.

From 1992-98, he stole credit cards from lockers at fitness centers and country clubs in 16 states



Phelan

and with them purchased more than \$782,000 in merchandise, which he would then sell to people for cash. In 1999, he pleaded guilty to the crimes in federal court and ended up serving nearly four years in federal prison. Phelan paid about \$300,000 in restitution and still owes more than \$400,000.

Phelan was not out of prison a year before he was at it again, stealing several credit cards from a YMCA in Bethlehem, Pa. He ended up spending six years in federal prison before being paroled in October.

Wildt said Phelan moved to Michigan earlier this year after marrying a Plymouth woman.

Northville detectives interviewed her after Phelan's arrest.

"She said she had no idea he was doing this again," Wildt said.

Several media outlets, including the *Northville Record*, ran the surveillance photos released by Northville Township.

"We got a tip from a Channel 4 news viewer, who said they thought they knew who it was. Our department followed up on the info. Once we looked into his (Phelan) background, we knew he fit our guy to a tee," Wildt said.

Wildt said almost every member of the NTPD worked on the case. Detectives had Phelan under surveillance for two days. On Aug. 29, they followed him to a Midland country club and then to the Spring Meadow Country Club in Linden, where they watched him enter the clubhouse.

Phelan was arraigned in the 3rd Circuit Court of Wayne County on four counts of identity theft, a felony, which could send him to prison for five years if he is found guilty.

Phelan has also been charged with seven counts of illegal use of financial transaction device, which is a four-year felony. He is currently being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

Phelan is scheduled to have a preliminary examination Sept. 13 in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

## COLBECK

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ing bids to succeed Richardville are Sens. Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, the majority floor leader; Mike Kowall, R-White Lake Township; and John

Proos, R-St. Joseph.

Colbeck brushed off the movement among some Tea Party activists, pleased with his opposition to expanding Medicaid, to draft him to challenge Snyder next year. A bid for governor, he said, would take more resources than he could

muster and "is not in my wheelhouse" for 2014, he said.

"I can't imagine doing that at this point in the game," Colbeck said.

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## CENTRAL

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revenue sources from current users of the property, any bond money impacts and other legalities before the property can be sold.

The administration plans on providing a report in mid-October to the subcommittee, and he said the full board hopes to make a decision by January.

Through the process, he said, the board intends to be "very open, very transparent" with the community, and intends to seek plenty of input from residents and stakeholders.

"The board respects what the community thinks," Meissen said. "The idea is to be very open, very transparent, and follow a decision-making model where the board has an opportunity to do their homework, develop some ideas and then talk with the public about it."

The public is bound to have a variety of opinions. Many of them have already voiced those opinions at board meetings since the announcement of the closing of Central. Groups like the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, who use the pool at Central, and the Miracle League of Plymouth, which built a baseball field for special-needs kids adjacent to Central, obviously both have a stake in what the board decides.

### Affecting families

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers football program, for instance, uses the Central Middle School football field for practice (they play their home games on the varsity field). According to Steelers vice president Christophe Voss, the Steelers have often paid for improvements to the field, including spending some \$60,000 in cash and trade one year for projects such as installation of a sidewalk.

Between football

players and cheerleaders, the Steelers serve some 180 families and act as a feeder program to both the high school football and cheer programs.

"If you get rid (of Central), you're going to take it away from 180 families," Voss told the school board recently. "I don't know where we would go. That would be a shame."

Board vice president Judy Mardigian has heard those pleas before, and she agrees the board values the public's input. But she echoed Meissen's contention that legal issues and other incumbrances on the land and building have to be sorted out before any decision can be made.

"I think (Meissen's) timeline is aggressive but reachable ... it's a good one," Mardigian said. "It will include community input. We have a good plan, but we just have to work through it and see how it all shakes out."

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## LOCAL BOY SCOUT EXPERIENCES BIG THRILLS AT NATIONAL JAMBOREE

By Taylor Ufford  
 Correspondent

A lot of kids complain about being bored over the summer but, for two weeks this summer, I had no problem with that.

All together, there were approximately 350 Scouts from the Great Lakes Council, with a final destination of the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree. Held once every four years, the national jamboree is a chance to camp out with old friends, meet new friends, try high-adventure activities, learn new skills and enjoy the outdoors.

Along the way, we spent a few days touring Washington, D.C., and the national landmarks that surround it. We slept on the gym floor at Andrews Air Force Base. My troop had decided to tour a Smithsonian Museum before lunch and then go on our scheduled tour of the Capitol Building shortly after. On our tour, we saw both of the statues dedicated to Michigan: one of President Gerald R. Ford and the other of Lewis Cass.

The big day was finally here. Our year of preparation for Jamboree was going to pay off. It was the day for 40,000 Scouts to arrive at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and set up their troop campsites. It was hot, dusty and nearly unbearable waiting in line with hundreds of tour buses snaked around one pavilion. At our campsite, we found three pods that contained all of the tents, cots, pots, pans and grills that we would need over the next



Taylor Ufford tried mountain biking for the first time during the National Jamboree.

10 days. It was a long and arduous process setting up and staking 24 tents with only two mallets.

The next day, we set out for one of the most popular activities at Jamboree: patch trading. It may not sound like much, but the people you meet and things you can trade for are pretty exciting. Each local council designs a set of Jamboree patches. The Great Lakes Council patch set featured the designs of best-selling cars and trucks from each of the Big Three automakers. I got two sets before I left home — one to keep and one to trade.

When I was patch trading, I met scouts from Colorado, Texas, Hawaii, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Australia. Throughout the rest of

the day, my friends and I explored the Scott Summit Center and headed back to camp for dinner. My patrol's job was cleanup, which made the carbon-seasoned beef stew that much worse. Somehow, I found the necessary sustenance (just ate dessert).

The next morning, I had to leave camp at 5 a.m., an hour earlier than most of my troop, because my scheduled activity was over three miles away at the mountain biking course. When I got there, at least 100 Scouts and leaders were already lined up in front of me.

Shortly after they opened the gates, we all rushed through, only to be quickly halted to receive our mandatory safety briefing. Since I

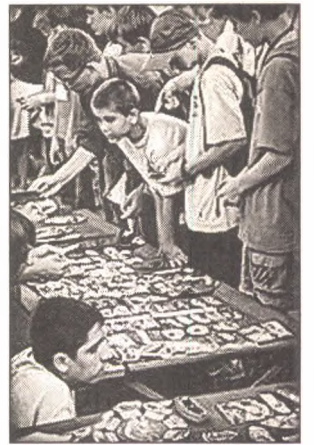
had no experience in the sport of downhill mountain biking, I decided to give it a try. I got suited up with a full face helmet, elbow pads, knee pads and gloves. I quickly passed the qualifying tests and gained access to conquer Mayhem Mountain and its 47 miles

of wild trails.

After more than an hour of pedaling and sweating in 90-degree temperatures to get to the top of the mountain, the real fun began: 15 minutes downhill at break-neck speed. What took me an hour to climb took only 15 minutes to descend.

Other days were filled with hiking, shooting at the range and more mountain biking. There's not enough time to describe all of the fun adventures. Over 10 days, there were exhibits, stadium shows with entertainment (Mike Rowe from *Dirty Jobs* came to talk with us), opportunities to work on merit badges, whitewater rafting, climbing, zip lines, SCUBA diving and much, much more — there was something for everybody.

Some 40,000 Scouts, volunteers and staff from all over the country gathered together for one big celebration of Scouting. Held once every four years, the National Jamboree is a chance to camp out with friends, meet new

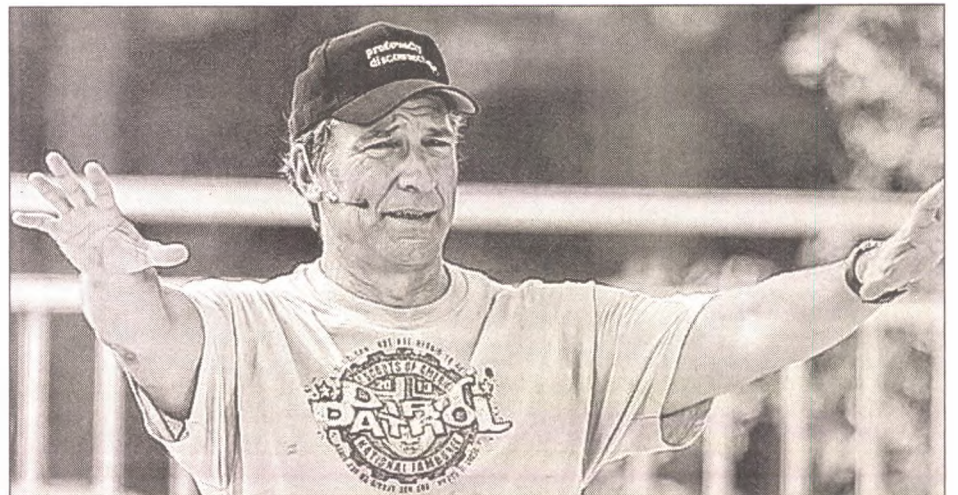


During patch trading, Taylor Ufford said he met Scouts from places like Colorado, Texas, Hawaii, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Australia.

friends, try high-adventure activities, learn new skills and enjoy the outdoors.

There's a World Jamboree in Japan coming in 2015. If World Jamboree is even half the fun of National Jamboree, I'm really hoping I can go.

Taylor Ufford is an eighth-grader at East Middle School. The Plymouth resident is a member of Troop 1537 at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.



Mike Rowe of the television show "Dirty Jobs" was a guest speaker during Jamboree.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**WSDP euchre tournament**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 28, 6-10 p.m.

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

**Details:** WSDP Alumni and 88.1 The Park will host the second annual 88.1 The Park Euchre Classic, with registration at 6 p.m. and the first deal at 7 p.m. The tournament is a fundraiser for WSDP, the student radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. There will be cash prizes for the top 10 percent of the field. Registration is \$20 prior to Sept. 23 and \$25 at the door. There will also be pizza, snacks and a cash bar. A \$100 Speedway gas card will be used as a door prize. The tournament is open to anyone 21 and older.

**Contact:** More information is available at 248-973-7382 or wsdpuchre@gmail.com.

**Chieftette variety show**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

**Location:** Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School

**Details:** The annual Canton Chieftette Variety Show celebrates 40 years of pom history at Canton High School with "A Black Tie Affair." The variety show features the Canton varsity and JV award-winning pom teams, as well as musical and dance acts from the community at large. It's a fun show for the whole family. In celebration of the 40th anniversary, all Canton Chieftette alumnae and coaches are invited to be honored at the event. Admission is \$10 per person; tickets are available from any Chieftette on the Chieftette website (www.cantonchieftettes.com).

**Contact:** Visit www.cantonchieftettes.com for more information.

**Heise hours**

**Date/Times/Locations:** Monday, Sept. 9, 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or email kurt-heise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

**Blood drives**

**Dates/Times/Locations:**

» Monday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., City Hall, 201 S. Main in Plymouth

» Tuesday, Sept. 10, noon to 4:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton

» Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth

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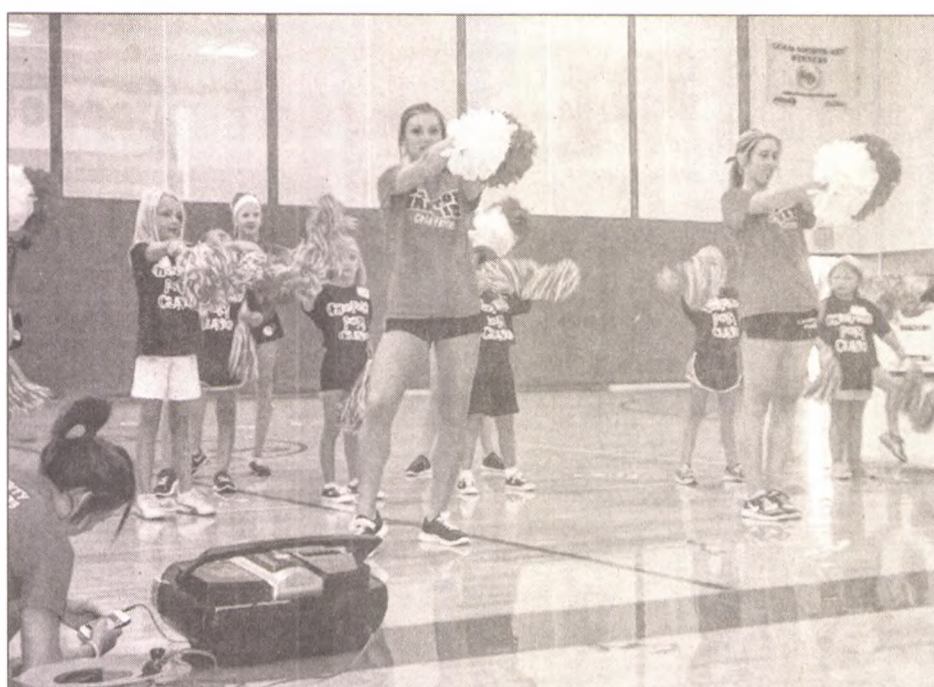
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**Contact:** Contact Diane Risko to make an appointment at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or call 313-549-7052.

**Price hours**

**Dates/Times:** Monday, Sept. 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Plymouth District Library) and 1:30-3 p.m. (Canton Public Library).

**Locations:** Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main; the Canton Public Library is



**Pom clinic**

The Canton Chieftettes are hosting a Pom Pon Clinic Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9-11:30 a.m., at Canton High School's North Building (Phase 3). Campers will work with the Canton varsity pom team and learn pom techniques and a short dance routine. Campers get a chance to showcase their new talent at a parent performance at the end of the clinic and also a football game half-time show. The clinic is open to children ages 5 to 14 years. Cost is \$35 per participant and includes T-shirt, poms, snack, drink and performance in football game half-time show. Registration forms and further information at www.cantonchieftettes.com. Register by Saturday, September 21 to get \$5 off. Family discounts are also available.

located at 1200 S. Canton Center.

**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-District 10, has announced his district office hours to be conducted from now through the end of the year. In addition to Monday's meetings, Price will be at the Plymouth library Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9; he'll be at the Canton library Nov. 11. "All of these meetings possess a wonderful opportunity to meet with my constituents and listen to their concerns," Price said. "I have been honored to conduct these sessions previously and look forward to listening to

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**Contact:** For more information, contact Michael Mitchell, staff aide to Price, at 313-224-0882.

**Calling all crafters**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

**Contact:** Call or email Debbie at 734-451-1525 or 734-740-1648 or email debcortellini@comast.net

**Medicare/Medicaid counseling**

**Date/Time:** Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center

Road, Suite 250, Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help clients understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.

**Contact:** Call 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

**Vendors wanted**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 9

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Northville.

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**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

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**Bipolar support**

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.

**Details:** The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

**Contact:** Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

**Hospice support**

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates stage journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email [achristensen@cchnet.net](mailto:achristensen@cchnet.net).

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# TRAFFICKING

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proves the point," Heise said. "It was an incident that really drove home the seriousness of the problem in our area. It encouraged us to double our efforts."

State Rep. Eileen Kowall, R-White Lake, said she "felt compelled" to get involved when she realized "the magnitude" of the problem.

She said statistics about show a high-percentage increase in such activity around events like the Super Bowl and the auto show.

In fact, according to the National Human Trafficking Resource

Center, some 63 percent of human trafficking incidents involve the sex trade, another 23 percent involve labor and 3 percent involve both.

"When confronted with this issue, you're in kind of disbelief," Kowall said. "When you realize it really is going on, you want to help people being victimized. The more you read about it, you realize it's not in some other country. You start to learn about the fact anybody can be snatched up. In many cases, runaway children within 48-72 hours are involved in the sex trade."

## Approaching stakeholders

The legislative committee, Heise said, is

taking a holistic approach to the problem, involving law enforcement, the Department of Human Services, corrections officials, the Michigan State Police and the FBI. Eventually, the committee will have to involve other stakeholders, such as faith-based organizations and churches.

"We don't have the money to spend huge dollars on this," Heise said. "We're going to have to partner with third-party groups."

When the package of bills — some 15-18 of them, according to Heise — is put together, it's going to include a variety of measures. Among them are things as simple as making it manda-

## TACKLING TRAFFICKING

**What:** League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County meeting

**When:** 7-8:45 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12

**Where:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile

**Details:** Deena Policicchio, director of the Outreach and Education Services Department at Alternatives for Girls, a women's shelter in Detroit, will address the problem of human trafficking and the local impact of this growing business.

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tory to post a toll-free help line number in places like rest rooms, truck stops and massage parlors and as complicated and controversial as authorizing wiretaps in human trafficking cases.

The legislation, he said, will also expand the definition of sex crimes and prostitution.

"Some of our laws haven't been updated since the 1930s ... They're anachronistic and gender-biased," Heise said. "We're not going to be able to address every nuance of the problem. But at the end of the day, I want (Schuette) and law enforcement to have more tools to deal with the problem."

The Michigan Advisory Commission on Human Trafficking is due to issue a report in October; in the meantime, the committee is collecting as much data as it can, talking to various committees, putting out public information and gathering as many facts as it can.

## Tough to tell

"We're attacking it on multiple fronts," Kowall said. "The first one was public awareness and professional training for law enforcement, the medical community, etc.

*"Unfortunately, southeast Michigan is a very active area in human trafficking ..."*

**REP. KURT HEISE**  
R-Plymouth Township

We are also trying to collect as much data as possible. It's been very hard to nail down, because it's often not recognized for what it is."

That's because, as Deena Policicchio, director of the Outreach and Education Services Department at Alternatives for Girls, a women's shelter in Detroit, points out, trafficking "never looks the same."

It can be, she said, someone being forced into it by a family member or a dancer who is forced to also prostitute herself.

"It's never going to look the same way twice," said Policicchio, whose center serves some 20-50 people a year who in one way or another identify with some level of sex trafficking. "The consistent thread for all trafficking is vulnerability and the trauma that happens during it.

This is not something we as a society should want going on in our lives."

Policicchio said Alternatives for Girls served some 875 women last year who were in the sex industry. She said that industry has at its core an exploitative essence, one girls often can't escape once they're in it.

She also said statistics are hard to come by, because women involved in trafficking often don't reveal that fact until they're out of it.

"Unfortunately, there are no real, consistent and traceable statistics," Policicchio said. "Someone can be trafficked for several years and not appear in any system. There's no number that can be given."

## More education

Part of the commission's plan is to help educate people such as hotel owners to better identify people who may be being transported against their will. Another part of the plan is to prosecute people like hotel owners who allow it to go on.

The commission's October report, Heise said, could provide "a road map" the state can follow, possibly using it to leverage any federal money that might be available to help. Heise said he believes the state will come up with funding, once legislators understand the enormity of the problem.

"If we want to follow up, it's going to take money," Heise said. "I think (the state) will be very supportive of any efforts we make."

Heise said he need look no farther than his own family to know why attacking this problem is so important.

"My girls are 16 and 14 and that's the age of the girls being trafficked," Heise said. "I can't imagine my kids, or anyone else's kids, being forced into that environment."

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# W-W history teacher wins awards

Project involving World War II veterans honored by state

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

A lot has happened since May 2012 when Michele Anderson received a Michigan Humanities Council grant to fund a veterans oral history project at John Glenn High School.

Over the course of the 2012-13 school year, Anderson, a history teacher, and students in her U.S. History and American War classes interviewed 18 World War II veterans, defense workers and their families and capped off the project with a USO style dance.

In the process, Anderson was selected as the VFW District 4 Teacher of Year, and recently received the Gov. John B. Swainson Award from the Michigan Historical Commission for outstanding contributions to preserving Michigan's history.

"I've been asked why I did it and I tell people it needed to be done and it was fun," Anderson said. "I had students tell me they wanted to take their veterans home with them. I had students arguing over who had more pictures of themselves with the veterans. What a fantastic thing to have them argue about."

### Preserving history

Anderson was one of three people receiving the Swainson Award, established in 1996 to honor the governor, legislator and Supreme Court justice who headed the Michigan Historical Commission for many years. The award is given to state, county or municipal employees who have gone above and beyond their official job duties to help preserve Michigan's history.



Dottie Witt (right) strikes a pose with history teacher Michele Anderson at the USO dance in May. A Korean War veteran, Witt is already on the list to be interviewed for this year's oral history project.

In honoring her, the commission said Anderson recognized the importance of preserving the stories of World War II veterans and defense workers, and that those stories would have the greatest impact told in their own voices.

The commission noted that "the lessons she developed for her students went beyond traditional teaching methods and opened her students' eyes to the contributions and sacrifices made by the 'Greatest Generation.' In addition to the grant, Anderson spent many personal hours promoting the oral history project, conducting interviews and documenting the contents of the interviews."

"The lessons will not be limited to her students, however, since they will also be preserved in local museums and the Library of Congress," the commission noted.

"It was quite awesome," Anderson said. "As a teacher, I wasn't sure they would think what I did went outside my job description. I wasn't sure I met the guidelines. It's nice to know it was appreciated."

But the accolades don't end there. Next month, she will receive the 2013 Annette and Jim McConnell History Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching History from the Michigan Council for History Education.

"That one was a surprise," said Anderson who was nominated for the award by David Hales, who handles social studies for Wayne County RESA.

### A new project

Anderson isn't resting on her laurels. She's already preparing to do an oral history project and dance for Korean War veterans and defense workers this school year. If it goes well, she will do projects with Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

Because of the USO Dance in May, Anderson wasn't able to close out the grant in time to apply for a new one, so the Korean project "is on us."

"I had a feeling I would do a Korean project," she said. "This will be totally funded through donations."

Anderson already has a few veterans for her students to interview. At this year's dance, she had veterans sign in and indicate if they would be interested in being interviewed. But, as with last year, she's looking for more. Korean War veterans interested in being a part of the project can call John Glenn High School at 734-418-2300 and leave a message including their name and phone number for Anderson.

"If all goes well and the community continues to support the dance, I'll look at doing it another five years to talk to other veterans," she said. "This is probably the last generation that will be able to say I spoke to those veterans."

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# Senior center offers driver safety program

Area seniors are being encouraged to attend the Canton Senior Center's AARP Driver Safety Program, whose curriculum has been recognized as the nation's first and largest classroom refresher course for motorists age 50 and older.

This three-part series of classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 24-25, and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Participants must attend all three classes in order to receive course certificate.

The AARP Driver Safety Program was developed in 1979 and is a driver refresher course especially designed to meet the needs of older drivers. This program covers such issues as age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, defensive driving techniques, local driving problems, license renewal requirements, and much more. In addition, participants will receive an update on the current rules of the road and will discuss when it may be time to stop driving.

"This course benefits our entire community, not just the participating senior," said Senior Specialist Susan Doughty. "With more and more vehicles on Michigan roads each year, it helps even the most experienced driver to periodically refresh their driving habits to ensure the driver's own safety and that of others on the road."

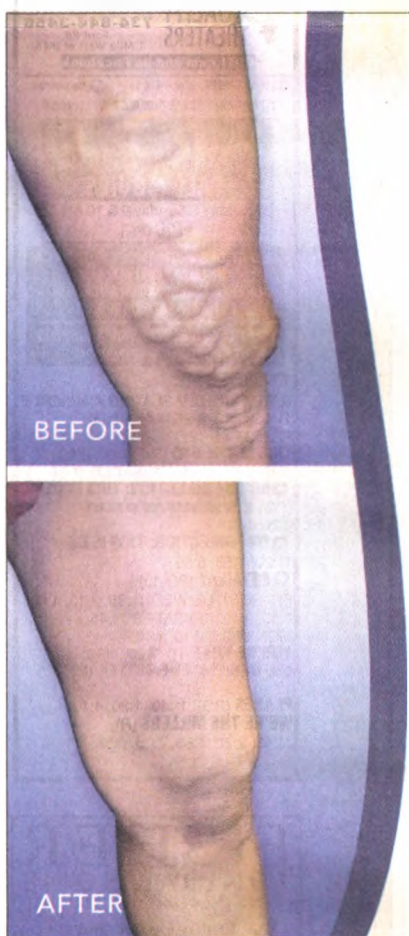
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## Driver faces two charges following hit-and-run crash

A woman was ticketed for leaving the scene of an injury accident and driving with a suspended license Thursday after a two-car crash at Main Street and Joy Road in Plymouth Township.

Both drivers in the crash, both women and Canton Township residents, suffered minor injuries, but didn't require hospitalization, police said. There were no passengers in either car.

Plymouth Township Lt. Cal Lauria said the crash occurred when a woman driving a new Ford Taurus south on Main failed to brake for a red light at Joy Road and rear-ended a Chevrolet

Malibu. The Malibu's driver was stopped and waiting for the light to change, Lauria said; the Taurus was traveling at an estimated 40 mph.

The Taurus headed south into Canton after the crash, a witness reported, and police found the Taurus on the side of Canton Center Road, just south of Joy, with the driver walking nearby.

"She had just walked away from the vehicle," Lauria said.

Though the Taurus had traveled a short distance south, neither vehicle was operable after the crash, Lauria said.

- By Matt Jachman

## W-W board seeks student achievement

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

A year ago, Wayne-Westland school officials were talking about a customer service plan, now they're talking about the implementation of that plan.

Getting the staff and administrators trained and implementing the program is one of two goals the school board has set for Superintendent Greg Baracy and getting that same training is one the board set for itself.

"If there's training to be had, shouldn't you be among the first group to take it," said Scott Morrell, a facilitator with the Michigan Association of School Boards. "Take the training and then write your engagement plan. Do what you expect everyone else to do. Set the bar and say this is what we're going to do."

The school board spent three hours coming up with goals for the 2013-2014 school year. In addition to implementation of the customer service plan, the board has set a goal of continuing to improve student achievement for Baracy.

"My goal is to bring a level of increased achievement to every

child," Baracy told the board. "A superintendent should produce categorical improvement in a majority of the areas. I want to do the very best I can to improve student achievement."

### Evaluation tool

The goals represent a portion of what the board will use in conducting Baracy's annual evaluation. Each goal has a numerical scale ranging from one point for ineffective to four points for highly effective.

They also agreed that growth would be measured by meeting at least 13 of 18 areas of the state's MEAP tests. It also stripped the word some out of the descriptions for each rating so that the emphasis is on growth not some growth.

Local and state data for elementary, upper elementary, middle and high schools will be used to determine indications of student growth and achievement.

"I don't know why we can't set the bar and reach for it," Trustee Sally Madison said. "Why is everyone afraid to say we're going to meet that standard? Let's set the bar and the expectations for our students. I don't see us as effective

if we're not meeting what we did last year."

### Customer service

Baracy also wants to implement the customer service plan he was charged with developing last year throughout the district by the end of the current school year. Training will be done in each building and a facilitator will work with the staffs to develop their own plans.

In being evaluated on the goal, he will have to show that the plan has been implemented and produce documentation of individual engagement plans. However, Morrell noted that the customer service plan may need a third year to reinforce what is rolled out this year.

The school board also agreed to finalize and adopt its succession plan policies and make changes to its procedures by Dec. 1. Baracy will be retiring in 2015, and the board has been working on policies and procedures to handle the hiring, whether due to retirement or an emergency.

"The selection of a new superintendent has to be a consensus, it can't be a 4-3 vote," Morrell said.

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# Botsford surgeon uses robotic technology for hysterectomy

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

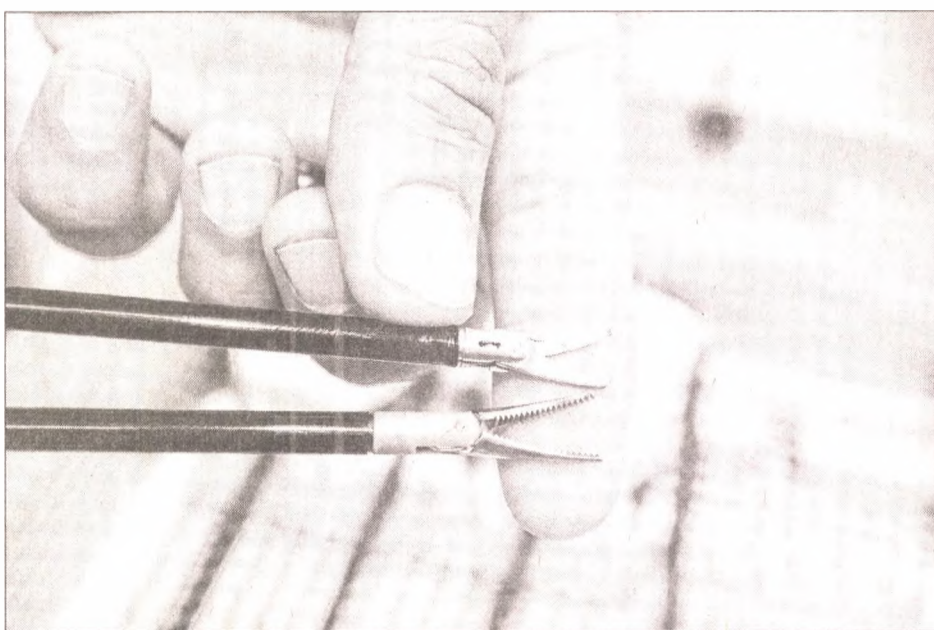
A Botsford Hospital physician recently became Michigan's first in his field of expertise to lead a surgical team in performing a hysterectomy using robotic technology and just one small incision in the naval — dramatically reducing blood loss during surgery, post-operative pain and recovery time.

Dr. Burton S. Brodsky, skilled in a variety of robotic-aided surgeries since 2007, began offering the single-site da Vinci hysterectomy a few weeks ago to patients with benign conditions that warrant removal of the uterus.

"Robotic-assisted surgery and single-incision surgery aren't new, but combining the two to remove the uterus is a safe and virtually scarless option for patients," Brodsky said.

### First in Michigan

While certain gynecological cancers have been treated with the single-site hysterectomy, Brodsky and his team were the first in the state to use the procedure for non-malignant conditions



As shown here, the da Vinci single-incision surgical instruments are shorter than the width of Dr. Burton Brodsky's index finger.

Christina Shollack, a registered nurse from Canton, was the first to undergo the procedure by Brodsky and his team. For years, she suffered from significant pelvic pain.

"I was in agony for 20 days every month," Shollack said.

Initially, Brodsky wasn't sure if Shollack was a candidate for the single-site robotic-aided surgery, due to three

prior C-sections, plus other abdominal surgeries to remove her gall bladder and appendix. Fortunately for her, Brodsky determined she could, indeed, undergo the new procedure.

"I got to go home within 24 hours of my surgery," Shollack said, adding that Brodsky and his team at Botsford "performed perfectly."

The surgical team included Botsford Hospital obstetrics-gynecology residents Drs. Rachel Kaplan and Sweta Mehta, as well as registered nurse Michelle Jasko-wicz and surgical tech-

nologists Janet Trobaugh and Patrick Mayowski.

A traditional hysterectomy typically requires a hospital stay of three to four days, Brodsky said. Yet with the single-site da Vinci procedure, 60-70 percent of patients go home the same day of surgery — and are back to full activity so much sooner than the six weeks they would otherwise need for recovery.

"That's the biggest thing for patients — to get back to normal activities as soon as possible," he said.

And average blood loss during surgery is

reduced by up to 90 percent, he added.

### Three-dimensional

The procedure calls for the specially trained surgeon to sit at a console, viewing a three-dimensional, high-definition image of the patient's anatomy. Controls below the viewer move the instrument arms and camera and, in real-time, the system translates the surgeon's hand, wrist and finger movements into more precise movements of the miniaturized instruments inside the patient. The uterus is removed through the navel.

For a surgeon, Brodsky said, the procedure offers "better visuals, better control, better accuracy and a smaller incision," leading to fewer complications and "a happier, more content patient."

"It just all makes sense," he said. Brodsky said he feels "beyond honored" to be trailblazing with the single-site "for being exceptionally well-trained and prepared for our first patient using this new surgical technology."

"This is a perfect example of the great strides Botsford has made in becoming a multidisciplinary robotic surgical center," he said.



Botsford Hospital obstetrician-gynecologist Dr. Burton Brodsky is pictured here with the da Vinci single-incision HD surgical robot.

*"Robotic-assisted surgery and single-incision surgery aren't new, but combining the two to remove the uterus is a safe and virtually scarless option for patients."*

DR. BURTON S. BRODSKY  
Botsford Hospital physician

### PUBLIC HEARING CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2014 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Purple Room. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis  
Library Director

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It is the responsibility of the doctor to take a history, perform an examination and take appropriate x-ray and laboratory studies and on the basis of the results of the total evaluation, provide a diagnosis. Commonly the cause is osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis, rarely it is gout.

However, there are conditions involving the hands' nerve endings that on first look are mistaken as arthritis. In these nerve ending conditions, the hands feel swollen, even though to an onlooker the fingers look fine. Hand pain is present day and night, often being worse in the early hours of the morning. The hand pain is not so much a pain as a burning, tingling sensation, or the fingers feel like a buzz is running through them. All the fingers are involved as are both hands.

The feature of having all fingers involved helps distinguish nerve ending pain from carpal tunnel syndrome in which only the thumb, 2nd and 3rd fingers are involved. Doctors can distinguish nerve ending pain from a pinched nerve in the neck, because a pinched nerve will give discomfort in a line from shoulder to finger.

Distinguishing nerve ending pain from arthritis is important as treatment for each condition is distinct. Nerve ending pain often responds to medications such as Lyrica or Neurontin. Arthritis needs anti-inflammatory medications such as aspirin or methotrexate.

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Farmington Hills Department of Public Works employee Rachelle Shiveley served as a judge for one of the tests. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

# Drivers battle it out in 'SNOW PLOW ROADEO'

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Imagine driving a 60,000-pound snowplow truck just close enough to clear the roads without nicking cars parked on that road. Or how about driving one of the five-yard snowplow trucks in reverse in a perfect figure eight?

If it sounds tough, it is. But there's a group of men and women in Oakland and Wayne counties who can back up those familiar large winter trucks to within six inches of a wall and drive them in narrow tracks to keep everyone safe.

Drivers — from area community departments of public works and road services — tested their expertise and their mettle in complicated courses at the Metro Detroit American Public Works Association's Snow Plow Roadeo Thursday morning at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Bloomfield Township provided the snow plow trucks for the competition.

## The winners

By the close of the competition, Rochester Hills took first prize with employees Vince Jesus and Jared Bauman.

Farmington Hills — Department of Public Works employees Don Droelle and Chris Patterson — came in second and third place was nabbed by Bloomfield Township with employees Jeff Krauskopf and Jon Grigsby.

Rochester Hills will now go to a statewide APWA competition Oct. 5 in Kentwood, near Grand Rapids. The state winner then heads to a national competition.

"They are tested on the accuracy in which they can drive through narrow areas," said Gary Mekjian, an APWA member and director of Farmington Hills Public Services. "From the cab, you can't see where the blade is down by the road."

The course in a parking lot at The Palace provided a number of tests. One of the tests was zig-zagging around

orange construction barrels — simulating autos parked on a street. The real zinger was not only avoiding the barrels, but driving close enough so the blade cleared the snow.

Another test was driving through narrow rows of tennis balls — without squishing the balls. The serpentine test required driving around barrels that forced a figure-eight course and the clincher was driving in reverse through the same course.

And finally drivers were put through a longer course that included driving a straight line through obstacles — orange cones — managing an outside curve and through a narrow passage to simulate an alley.

By mid-morning, only one of eight teams that had competed had a perfect score.

"With the inside curb course, they have to get the rear tire as close to the cone without touching the cone," Daren Collins of Farmington Hills said. "These people are the best of the best."

## Plenty of experience

Employees from the participating municipalities served as judges, including Rachelle Shiveley of the Farmington Hills DPW and DPW Superintendent Kevin McCarthy.

The teams arrived at the metro competition with plenty of experience. Typically, each department has its own

competition, with the winners chosen to participate in Thursday's competition in Auburn Hills, Mekjian said.

While 20 teams were scheduled to attend, several were unable to make it at the last minute, including Livonia, Farmington and Southfield. Michigan Department of Transportation, the road commissions from Wayne and Oakland counties and Novi also competed, among other communities and agencies.

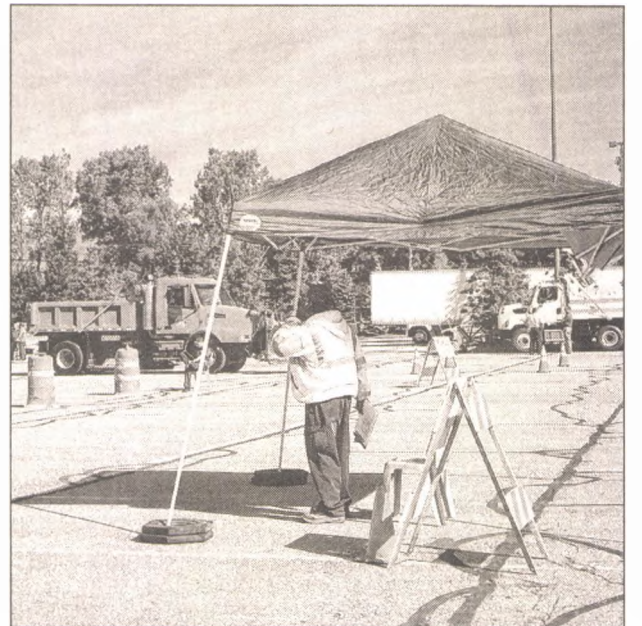
"The competition is good for the drivers," said Duane Poole, road foreman for Bloomfield Township. "It helps them get ready for winter. It is good for their morale."

The competition actually begins with a written test that addresses safety, for example. "That is part of the final score," Poole said.

In the past, Farmington Hills took first place in 2004 and 2011, while Southfield took the grand prize in 2005. Public services and public works departments all over the state have similar competitions leading up to the October state contest, said Jeannetta Miller of Auburn Hills, who organizes much of the metro competition.

"It's a lot of paperwork. But it is fun," she said. "The drivers have to be very skilled for their own safety and residents' safety."

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Municipal employees served as judges at Thursday's Snow Plow Roadeo. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI



If the snow plow trucks hit the construction cones on the course, teams lose points. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI



Oops. It's not easy to see from the cab of a snow plow truck. Municipal snow plow drivers competed Thursday in the Metro Detroit American Public Works Association's Snow Plow Roadeo. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

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# State news, college sports coverage added to lineup

If you are anything like me, you are probably a bit bleary-eyed this morning after staying up late to watch the University of Michigan take on Notre Dame last night.

This column was written before the game, so I have no idea who won, but I do want our readers to know that they can now find coverage of college football on our website, Hometownlife.com.

Local news is what we do, but it isn't all we offer online. Thanks to a new partnership, Gannett Michigan, we are pleased to announce that coverage of state news and college sports has been added to our online content.

Dedicated readers already turn to us for the best prep sports coverage in Michigan and adding college sports is a natural extension of what we already do. Readers can now find out everything they need to know before and after all the big games.



Larry Ruehlen

We also added a state news section so our readers can keep tabs on what is going on in Lansing. If there is an issue with statewide implications, you'll now be able to read about it on Hometownlife.com.

People are busier than ever these days. Between working extended hours, fighting traffic and running a household, there just isn't as much time to devote to staying current.

Some people devour news, while others nibble. While one reader may live and breathe local politics, the next may turn first to sports, features or public safety news.

That's why extending offerings into college sports and state news makes so much sense. So the next time you are

reading us online, scroll a bit lower down the site for college sports and news from around the state.

I'd also like to invite our readers to get more involved with O&E Media. If you know of an interesting person or new business in town, drop me a line and I'll share your story idea with our news team. If there is an issue brewing in your town, give me a call and I'll make sure it gets the attention it deserves. And last, but certainly not least, if you haven't already checked out our Facebook page, it is a great way to keep up with breaking news and win tickets to games and concerts. To join in the conversation on Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com/OEHometown](http://www.facebook.com/OEHometown).

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## Canton among DSO concert spots

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra announced its program schedule for the third season of its Neighborhood Concert Series.

Along with the addition of a new Canton location at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, every neighborhood subscription now includes free access to Neighborhood Chamber Recitals, announced throughout the season.

A general admission, four-concert subscription to each neighborhood venue is \$100 and can be purchased in-person at the Max M. Fisher Music Center Box Office (3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit) or by calling 313-576-5111. Some venues are nearly

sold out on subscription alone.

The season features repertoire from select Orchestra Hall concerts, as well as selections prepared especially for the neighborhoods. Neighborhood audiences will see both Music Director Leonard Slatkin and Assistant Conductor Teddy Abrams on the podium, new Principal Trumpet Hunter Eberly performing the Tele-mann Trumpet Concerto, and Concertmaster Yoonshin Song featured in Bach's Concerto for Two Violins.

Canton's DSO concert series takes place at 8 p.m. each Friday at the Village Theater at Cher-

ry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

The schedule:  
 » Jan. 17 - Mozart and Bach  
 » March 14 - Copland's Clarinet Concerto  
 » May 9 - Mozart and Haydn  
 » June 20 - Teddy Conducts! featuring conductor Teddy Abrams

Individual tickets will be \$25 and will go on sale Nov. 4. Performances are scheduled beginning Dec. 15, through July 19. A tax-deductible \$25 donation to the DSO's Annual Fund waives all fees. The Neighborhood Concert Series is supported by the William Davidson Foundation and WRCJ-FM (90.9).

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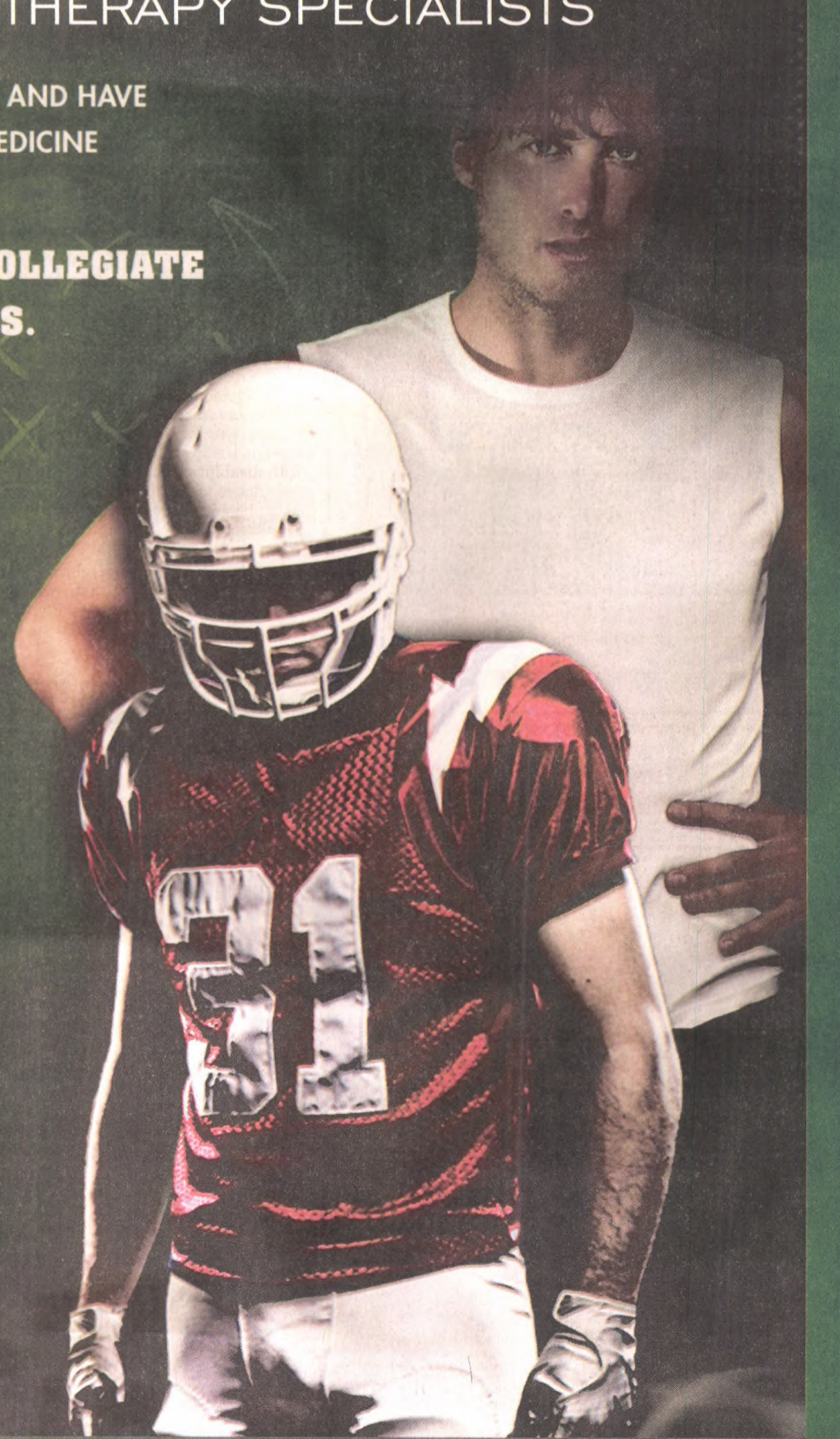
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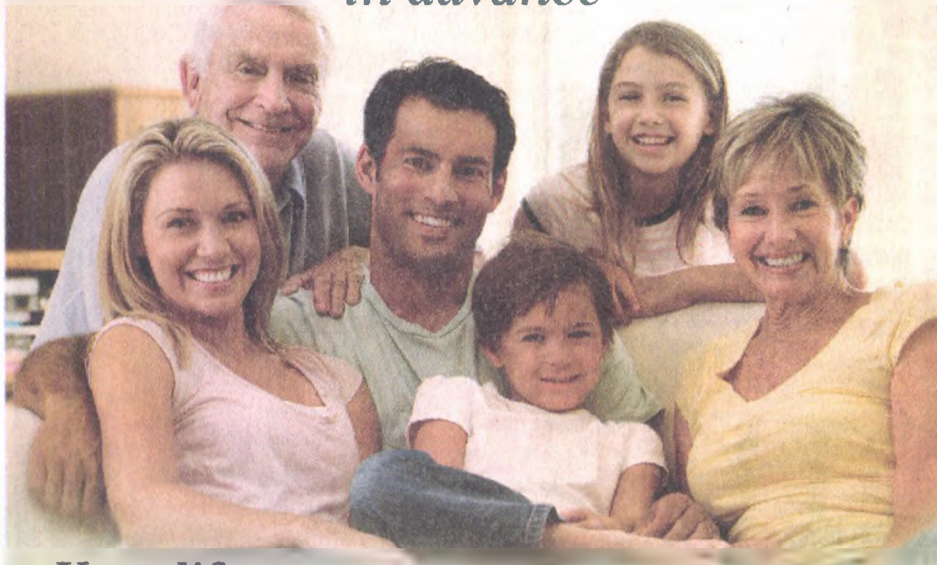
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The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half-marathon) through Oct. 3.

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## Divorced man needs own attorney

**Q: Dear Rick: Eight years ago, I got divorced. At the time, we were able to work out everything amicably and because of that I did not have my own attorney. The attorney for my wife handled everything. In the divorce settlement, in addition to some other things, she got the house, which was fine with me. The only caveat is that she was responsible for the mortgage. Last year, I received notice that the loan was in default and the property would be foreclosed. I ignored the notice because my ex-wife was responsible for the mortgage. Recently, I received notice that the bank has foreclosed on the property and it is holding me responsible for the mortgage. I notified the bank of my divorce and it doesn't seem to care. Is there any way that the bank can hold me responsible? Do I need an attorney?**

**A:** I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but unfortunately you do have responsibility. There are two separate transactions. The first is the mortgage, which was between you, your ex-wife and the bank. Under the terms of that agreement, you and your ex are each fully responsible for the mortgage. In case of foreclosure, the bank is free to go after either one of you or both



**Rick Bloom**  
 MONEY MATTERS

of you for the full amount of the default.

Your divorce did not alter the terms of that transaction. After all, even after the divorce, your name still appeared on the mortgage.

The other transaction is the divorce, which is between you and your ex. The bank is not a party to that agreement. The fact that the agreement calls for her to be responsible for the mortgage only affects you and her – it does not impact the bank's rights. Therefore, the bank is within its right to seek restitution from you.

Just because the bank is coming after you does not mean that you don't have a course of action. You do have an action against your ex-spouse. You can bring litigation against her seeking payment. After all, she is contractually obligated between the two of you to pay off the mortgage and she has liability to you. Of course, if she has no resources, there is very little that you can do.

Consult an attorney about bringing a course of action against your ex-spouse. The attorney also may be able to negotiate with the bank; not necessarily to relieve you of 100 percent of the

liability, but to potentially try to reduce what you owe. It makes sense for you to consult an attorney.

I recognize that in order to reduce the cost of divorce, it's not unusual for parties to use the same attorney. Unfortunately, in many situations, this is a mistake. Technically, attorneys don't represent both sides in a divorce; they only represent one side.

I believe because divorces by nature is adversarial, it does pay for each side to have his/her own attorney, to make sure that the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed.

In your situation, an attorney may have required your spouse to refinance or to seek an agreement to remove you from the mortgage.

I recognize that attorneys are expensive, however, in many situations they are needed. One sure sign that you should have your own attorney to represent your interest (and only your interest) is if the party on the other side of a transaction has an attorney representing them.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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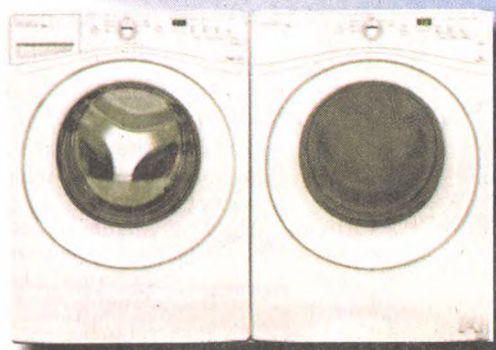
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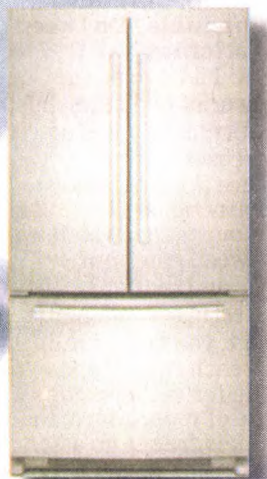
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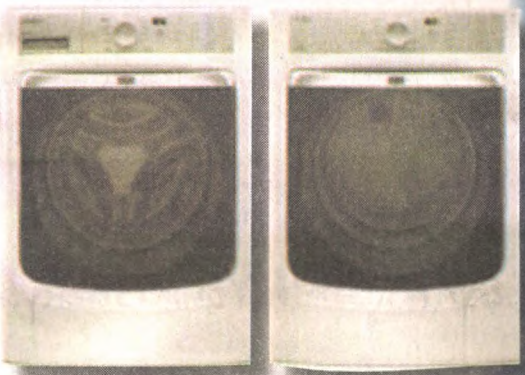
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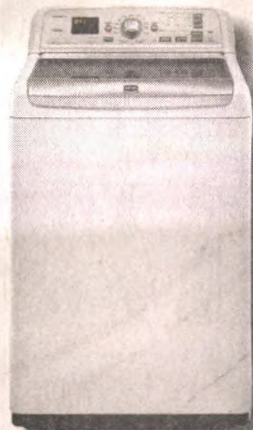
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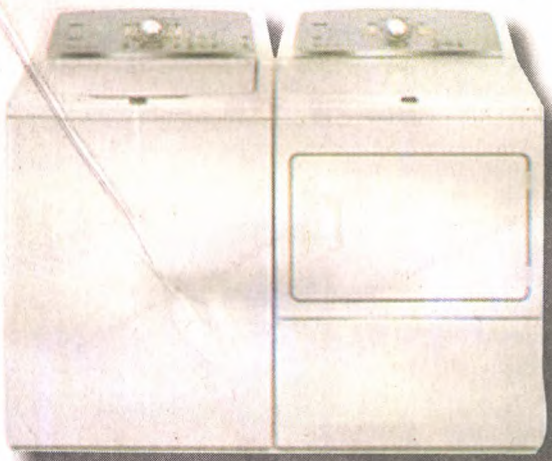


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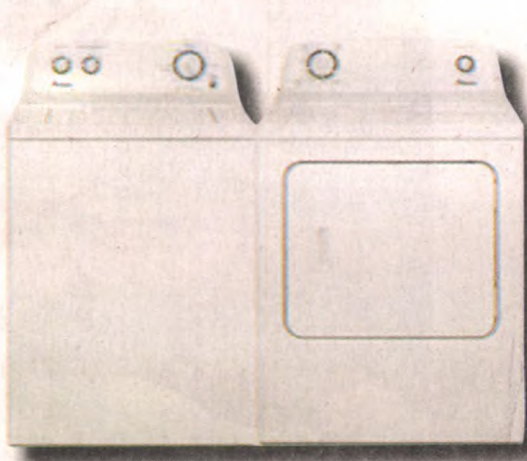


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WEEK 2 PREP FOOTBALL

# WLN's Burton puts hurt on Rocks

Salem's Hoover catches 4 TD passes

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

On a night when touchdowns were being scored at a breakneck pace, Salem's defense tried but could not ultimately chase down Walled Lake Northern quarterback Chase Burton.

The senior proved far too slippery for the Rocks, putting on quite a display as the Knights earned a wild-and-wooly 56-39 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Burton totaled 342 all-purpose yards, including 231 in 21 rushing attempts. He scored five TDs himself and threw for another to lift Northern (2-0) to the non-league win.

"He's definitely the real deal," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "Sloppy tackling at times. We weren't aggressive on the ends as much as I had hoped, because that was our goal, to put a hat on him every play. But he's a good ballplayer."

But the Rocks could not come all the way back from a 56-27 deficit, although they made it a bit of a nail-biter with two late

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Salem senior Andrew Hunt (No. 40) gets set for the next play. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

GIRLS GOLF



Canton and Plymouth girls golfers walk to the next tee Wednesday at Fox Hills, now the home course for both squads. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

# Welcome to the NEIGHBORHOOD

Chiefs make themselves at home at Fox Hills, defeat Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Move over, defending Division 1 state champion Plymouth. There's another potential contender in the "neighborhood" at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

On Wednesday, there was more proof of that as Canton defeated Plymouth 161-175 in a KLAAs South Division varsity girls golf matchup at Fox Hills.

It was the Chiefs' first home dual meet at the Plymouth Township course after moving from their previous home course, Hilltop Golf Course.

Medalist for Canton (1-0) was senior captain Kelsey McDougall, who scored an even-par 35 for the day. Chloe Luyet tallied a 38.

For always ultra-competitive Plymouth (0-1), junior Sydney Murphy led the lineup with a 39.

"Our team played as well today as we have so far this season," Canton coach Tom Alles said. "Kelsey and Chloe set the pace with their outstanding scores but I was also impressed with our overall team effort."

To that end, Alles noted having four golfers finish with scores of 45 or less. Rachel Pisano and Alyce Krumm chimed in with tallies of 43 and 45, respectively.

"Any time you can record four scores of 45 and under, you will be competitive in our divi-



Wednesday's medalist, Canton senior Kelsey McDougall, drives the ball toward the fairway.

sion," Alles said. "I sense that our team is playing with a lot of confidence after today's match."

In addition to Murphy, the Wildcats were sparked by Kayla Whatley's 43 and Katie Chip-

man's 44.

**Place to be**

Perhaps adding to Canton's growing confidence is the

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## Heroes on Hines races

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) if registering Sept. 6 through Oct. 3. Visit [www.heroesonhines.com](http://www.heroesonhines.com).

## Whalers to test hockey video game

The Plymouth Whalers play on the road Tuesday. But they won't be using sticks, skates or pucks.

The Whalers will be appearing 4-8 p.m. at Destiny Games in Canton (42134 Ford Road) as they put their video skills to work in the launch of EA Sports' NHL '14.

Call Destiny Games at 734-404-5548 for more information.

Meanwhile, hockey fans are invited to come out, meet the team and test their own skills on the new video game.

## Call in results

The fall high school sports season finally is in full swing and coaches of Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Plymouth Christian varsity teams are encouraged to share results with readers of the Observer.

Please email results to Canton-Plymouth Observer sports editor Tim Smith at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com) or call them in at 734-469-4128.

## Try Hockey for Free

Try Hockey for Free for ages 4-9 will be offered from 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 W. Eight Mile.

All equipment will be provided and skate rental is available. For more information, visit [mha.org/TryHockey.aspx](http://mha.org/TryHockey.aspx) or [fhahockey.org](http://fhahockey.org).

BOYS SOCCER

# Cole-lossal effort by twins sparks victory

Salem 4-1 winners over rival KLAAs foe Mustangs

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It's pretty tempting to say Salem's varsity boys soccer engine runs on Cole energy.

And yes, seniors Connor and Brady Cole each scored two goals Thursday to spark the host Rocks to an impressive 4-1 victory over KLAAs Central Division rival Northville.

Yet first-year Salem head coach Scott Duhl is quick to point out a number of other players who played essential roles in the victory, which upped the Rocks' record to 3-0-3 and 2-0-0 in the KLAAs Central.

Duhl pointed out senior midfielder Andriy Pelekh, for example.

"He might actually be our most talented player," Duhl said. "To me, I think I know what the Cole brothers are going to do. "Andriy, to me, is the wild card. If he is really good then I think we can win districts and make a run."

Spectators at the sun-drenched varsity soccer stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park didn't need to wait long to see some of that Cole creativity, however.

The match was only 81 seconds old when Connor Cole — listed in the roster as a midfielder but virtually everywhere on the pitch — ripped a shot past Northville starting goalkeeper Steven Jansen.

Sophomore midfielder Max Kummer sent a perfect crossing pass from the left wing to Cole,

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Salem senior Brady Cole sneaks the ball past Northville defender Ryan Tish, tallying his second goal. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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CANTON SOCCER

# Parks notches 3 goals in victory

PCA loses in overtime to Southfield Christian

Griffin Parks notched a hat trick Wednesday leading the Chiefs (6-0-1, 2-0) to the KLAAs South Division victory Wednesday at Livonia Franklin (2-3, 1-1).

Parks scored twice in the opening half and added a

goal in the final 40 minutes.

Chipping in single assists were Chris Dooley, Carter Schenk and Aidan Shennan.

Sharing goalkeeping duties for Canton were senior Brandon Pickert and junior Andrew Loehnis.

"Canton has good speed, they play it wide and through the middle," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We did not play bad,

but we were a step behind. Some of it could have to do with the night before (3-2 win over Livonia Churchill). We let up a little bit from last night's game."

**Tough loss for PCA**

Host Plymouth Christian Academy suffered a 2-1 overtime loss Thursday to MIAC rival Southfield Christian, giving up the

winning marker with 2:35 left in the second period of extra time.

PCA senior captain Jacob Bailey got the Eagles on the board early in the first half when his 25-yard drive caromed in off the top bar.

But Southfield made it 1-1 off of a free kick by Parker Brose, and both teams battled on equal terms beyond regulation.

Eagles' coach Josh Middleton said that, with junior center back Giuseppe Iacopelli on the bench due to injury, "We were forced to play senior captain Adam Powlus in that defensive role which left a big hole in our midfield. Adam's experience and leadership in the midfield brings us a lot of stability, so losing that really hurt us."

THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
PCA at Roper, 4:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
Dearborn at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Sfid Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 16**  
Garden City at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 17**  
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
Lakeland at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Baptist Pk., 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
Canton at Northville, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 20**  
Huron Valley at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 21**  
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
Canton at Plymouth (Military Tribute), 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.  
S'field Christ. at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
Salem at Novi, 6:30 p.m.  
Roper at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
Novi Tournament, 8:30 a.m.  
Milford Tournament, 9 a.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
Maverick Open at Milford, 9 a.m.

**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
Ladywood at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
Franklin vs. John Glenn at Nankin Mills, 4 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Plymouth, Wayne vs. Canton, Stevenson vs. Novi

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
South Lyon vs. Salem at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
MSU Invitational, TBA.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
Huron River Rat Invitational at Willow Metropark, TBA.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
Rocket Inv. at John Glenn, 3:35 p.m.  
Churchill at Farmington, 6 p.m.  
Garden City at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
Novi Invitational, 1:30 p.m.

**GIRLS GOLF**

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
Ladywood vs. Cranbrook at Stonycroft G.C., 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
Franklin vs. Canton at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
Stevenson vs. Novi at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fox Hill G.C., 3 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
Ladywood at Regina, 4 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 16**  
Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 17**  
Grosse Ile Invitational, 1:30 p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 16**  
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 17**  
RU at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
Payne Classic at Franklin, 8 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
Howell Invitational, 9 a.m.

**Friday, Sept. 20**  
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
Edsel Ford at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
Lourdes (Ohio) at Madonna, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
Friday, Sept. 13

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
Windsor at Madonna, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
Schoolcraft at Kirtland (Ohio), TBA.

**Monday, Sept. 16**  
Schoolcraft at Kirtland (Ohio), TBA.

**Tuesday, Sept. 17**  
Madonna at Ferris State, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
Ancilla (Ind.) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
Madonna at Taylor (Ind.), 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 20**  
Sunday, Sept. 21

**Saturday, Sept. 21**  
Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., 2 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 22**  
TBA - time to be announced.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

## Madonna spikers win Martin Classic opener

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team continued its early season roll with its 10th straight victory Friday at home in the opening round of the Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

Senior Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) finished with 11 kills as the Crusaders handed Roosevelt (Ill.)

University its first loss of the season, 25-14, 25-16, 25-11.

Kayla Vogel added eight kills, while setter Evia Prieditis added 11 assist-to-kills for the Crusaders, who improved to 10-0 overall.

Stacey Catalano and Amanda Obrycki combined for 19 digs, while Arielle Nausieda had 14 for Roosevelt (6-1).

On Wednesday, MU rolled to a 25-21, 25-8, 25-20 victory in the home opener over Rochester College.

The 6-foot-3 Freeman was the lone Crusader in double figures in kills with 11, while Obrycki and senior Evia Prieditis recorded 15 digs and 32 assists, respectively.

Brenna Pelloni recorded six kills for

Rochester (8-6).

The Crusaders, who improved to 9-0 overall, returned to action on Friday with a pair of matches at the 13th annual Julie Martin Memorial Classic at the MU Activities Center.

MU faced Illinois Tech in the second match of the Martin Classic on Friday night.



Trying to corral the ball for Northville is Jake Reitzloff (left), while Salem's Max Kummer (No. 17) closes in.



Racing for a 50/50 ball Thursday are Salem's Andriy Pelekh (left) and Northville's Nick Toupin.

SOCCER

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streaking into the 18-yard box. He made no mistake.

"Just in the right place at the right time," Connor Cole said, giving props to Kummer for the goal.

Just five minutes later, he scored his second of the night on a beautiful individual effort.

He stutter stepped his way through the Northville defense, worked his

way in front of Jansen and lifted a perfect shot into the top-right corner.

Before the intermission, it was Brady Cole's turn to strut his offensive stuff, scoring to give the Rocks a 3-0 halftime advantage.

With 9:11 remaining, he received an up-the-gut feed from Pelekh, and subsequently beat Jansen with a low shot for his third goal of the year.

Brady Cole scored again with 34:46 left in regulation against goalkeeper Peter Arton, who

started the second half.

Winning mix

With a proactive offense, strong play in the back by senior Josh Dillon and sophomore Jordan Salhani and spectacular-when-needed goalkeeping by senior Collin Hewett (who played the first 63 minutes), Salem frustrated Northville.

The Mustangs finally got on the board when senior forward Collin Watkins' spinning 20-yarder got past Salem junior goalkeeper Chad Wind (who made several

excellent saves after coming into the match).

"Collin was fantastic and we only took him out because Chad is a junior and you know, if we didn't have a quality goalkeeper like Collin, Chad would probably be a first string or starting goalkeeper for a lot of other schools," Duhl emphasized. "So we wanted to get Chad some valuable experience that he'll need in the future for us."

About Watkins' tally, the Salem coach stressed that there was "nothing he (Wind) could do. Our back line was poor in the moment, you got to defend better."

Connor Cole said the team talked about getting off to a quick start against a quality opponent, and that's exactly what happened.

"Northville's a really good team and you could see it and they had some really good moments," Duhl said. "I don't know if it was anything we said. We always talk about just finding a good rhythm in a game and connecting early to try to calm our nerves and whatnot."

"I think getting an early goal, that kind of rattled the Northville guys. But what we talked about at the end of the game is we expect them to be much different next time we see them."

The teams renew acquaintances on Sept. 24 at Northville.

**SALEM 9, SOUTH LYON EAST 1:** On Tuesday, Connor Cole scored three goals and assisted on another to spearhead the Rocks to this KLAAs Central Division road victory. Netting two goals each were Brady Cole, Luke Nolita and Andriy Pelekh while goalkeepers Collin Hewett and Chad Wind combined for the victory.

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VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISER

# Spikers to serve up tribute to 9/11

Plymouth and Canton teams dedicate games

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Plymouth and Canton square off in any sport, at any level, the competition often is fierce.

Yet the Wildcats and Chiefs can be allies who band together for a worthwhile cause, and that's the case with Wednesday's "Volleyball Battle for the Troops" at Plymouth High School.

On what will be the 12th anniversary of 9/11, the freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams from both high schools will play their regularly scheduled contests.

But they will dedicate the night "to those who lost their lives in the 9/11 incident" and honor the men and women "who serve, have served and have lost their lives in each branch of the military," according to a flier announcing the event.

Instrumental in putting the evening together was Plymouth freshman volleyball coach Lindsay Jewett — whose fiancé (28-year-old U.S. Marine

## BATTLE FOR THE TROOPS

**When/Where:** 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth High School gymnasium.  
**What:** The Plymouth and Canton freshman, junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams are teaming up for a special night to pay tribute to the U.S. Military on the anniversary of 9/11.

**Who:** Organizing the event is Plymouth freshman coach Lindsay Jewett, a 2008 PHS grad and former Wildcats' student-athlete; her fiancé (Sean Downham) is in the U.S. Marines and is scheduled to be deployed Sept. 19 to Afghanistan.

**Care packages:** Those who come out to any of the games (the freshman and JV games start simultaneously at 5 p.m.; the varsity game begins at 6:30 p.m.) are invited to bring toiletries, food items, cards/handwritten letters, paper products/stationary and money donations to be put toward care packages for soldiers.

**Also:** A bake sale will be set up in front of the Plymouth gym with all proceeds earmarked toward shipping care packages overseas.

**Info:** Jewett said those with questions or concerns can e-mail her at [lmjewett@yahoo.com](mailto:lmjewett@yahoo.com). Meanwhile, for further information about suggestions for care package, go to: [http://www.thesoldiersfamily.com/Care\\_Package\\_Ideas.html](http://www.thesoldiersfamily.com/Care_Package_Ideas.html).

Sean Downham) is to be deployed Sept. 19 to Afghanistan.

"It's kind of a nice thing having Canton and Plymouth join forces, so to speak, and support the troops," said Lindsay's mom, Debbie Jewett of Plymouth. "Lindsay has always kind of quietly collected things to send out and she just wants to be able to do some things."

"Being with Sean, she's realizing what the guys are going through, what they're missing out on and what it takes."

Spectators will be encouraged to bring items for care packages along with their patriotic spirit.

"We are looking for anyone in the community to write letters to soldiers who are overseas, as well as for small donations of toiletries, snack items, puzzle books and entertainment," noted Lindsay Jewett, who played varsity volleyball and soccer at Plymouth before graduating in 2008. "... I want to do anything I can to make a difference in their



Plymouth freshman volleyball coach Lindsay Jewett (left) and her fiancé, U.S. Marine Sean Downham.

## WHAT CAN YOU BRING?

**Toiletries:** Cough drops, eye drops, nasal spray, mouthwash, deodorant (travel size), antacids, lip balm, etc.  
**Food items:** Beef jerky, individual boxes of cereal, crackers/pretzels/chips, protein bars, microwave food, condiments, popcorn, instant coffee, oatmeal, dried fruit, etc.  
**Other:** Crossword books, DVDs, playing cards, homemade gifts, magazines, envelopes, stamps, hand warmers, air fresheners, travel size pillows, small throw blankets, etc.

certain amount of money. She's just looking to raise awareness," Debbie Jewett added. "Again, the premise of the whole thing is, she said, they've been rivals with Canton but they're trying to join forces in support and remembrance of (the troops)."

"She doesn't want to take sole credit for it. She's doing it in addition with Canton, they (also) sent out fliers. But she's a pretty humble kid. She makes a difference, for sure."

If Wednesday goes well, so will Plymouth's and Canton's volleyball teams and their fans.

lives because they are making endless sacrifices to protect our country."

There also will be a bake sale taking place throughout the evening, to help raise money to help ship the care packages overseas to the troops.

Downham, who spent some of his childhood years in the Plymouth-Canton area and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., will be deployed to Afghanistan on Lindsay's 23rd birthday.

"She's not looking for a

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WEEK 2 PREP FOOTBALL

# Plymouth hangs on for hard-fought 28-27 win

By Jeff Theisen  
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Plymouth trailed 27-14 with 8:09 to play in the third quarter.

But the Wildcats got a blocked extra point from senior Jake Gage to keep the score at 13-point deficit.

The play wound up being huge as Plymouth scored the final 14 points and escaped Milford on Friday night with a 28-27 victory.

"There's a pretty good coach over there," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk.

"Offensively, he did some things that we didn't see on film and he outcoached me there a little bit," Sawchuk said. "We had to make some adjustments, and our kids just played hard and persevered. They didn't hang their heads when they were down."

Plymouth senior quarterback AJ Convertino completed four passes in the second half for 175 yards and a pair of scores.

The first of which came when Sal Salamey broke open over the middle and outraced the Milford defenders for a 71-yard score with 1:08 to play in the third.

Following a Milford punt, Convertino hooked up with Matt Busch on third and 15 for an 18-yard pass play to keep the drive going.

On the next play, Convertino hauled in a deep pass, tip-toed the sideline and went in for a 65-yard touchdown to put the Wildcats in front with 9:11 to play in the game.

Milford would take the ensuing drive to the Plymouth 40 before stalling out and punting.

Plymouth took over at its own 10 with 7:23 remaining and never gave the ball back.

DJ Rossell ran 12 times in a 14-play drive that moved all the way to the Milford 6 when time ran out. Convertino hit Salamey for a 21-yard pass play on third and eight early in the drive.

Plymouth took the opening drive of the game 62 yards on 10 plays, finished off by a 1-yard sneak by Convertino.

Milford answered right back with an 80-yard drive in seven plays. Big back Danny Wallace cashed in the drive from the three.

Milford went in front with a Danny Onofrio to Keegan Mathews for a nine-yard hookup midway through the second.

Plymouth recovered a botched punt return and on the next play Convertino hit Busch with a 15-yard TD for the final points of the half.

The Mavs took the opening drive of



Plymouth back DJ Rossell (No. 1, from last week) just missed reaching 100 yards against Milford. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

the second half 80 yards on just four plays. Tyler Carrier ran it in from 15 yards out.

Following a Plymouth turnover, Carrier put the Mavs up 27-13 with a 17-yard catch, but the extra point block proved huge in the end.

Salamey finished with three catches for 115 yards and a score. Busch had four catches for 106 yards and a pair of scores.

Rossell was held in check throughout, finishing with 29 carries for 97 yards. His longest run of the night — 17 yards — came on the clock-killing final drive.

"For our offense at the end ... to grind the clock and win the game, shows a lot of heart," said Sawchuk. "I'm very, very, very proud of the coaches and the kids."

## Chiefs blank Brighton

Weston Price scored three rushing touchdowns and tallied 130 yards in nine carries Friday night to spark visiting Canton's 35-8 win over Brighton.

Parlaying a wide disparity in rushing yardage (323-147) to good advantage, the Chiefs (2-0) got the ball rolling in the KLAAs crossover matchup when Weston Price scored on a nine-yard run just four minutes into the tilt.

Price followed that up with a 67-yard dash with 6:34 to play in the first and added his third TD of the night on a five-yard run with 1:23 until halftime.

For good measure, Price (10 carries, 142 yards) tacked on a two-point conversion run.

Also scoring in the first half for Canton was running back Charles Turfe (11-80), taking it in from the 1-yard line.

The Chiefs upped the lead to 35-0 with 8:15 left in the third when Joe Grinage scored on a 1-yard run, followed by the fourth extra point of the game by Andrew Loehnis.

Brighton (1-1) finally got on the scoreboard with 3:28 to go in the fourth.

## FOOTBALL

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TDs.

Salem sophomore quarterback Alex Nicholson (10-of-24 passing, 309 yards, five TDs) threw scores of 4 yards to senior wide receiver Michael Hoover and 55 yards on a screen pass to senior running back Drake Jordan, the latter with 2:06 left.

The Rocks (0-2) then fielded an onside kick and had a few cracks at the end zone, but were eventually done in by penalties.

"We told them last week when we were down 17 (against Plymouth), then we tied it and then we were down again, that no matter what, we're too young to give up and say 'OK, this game's over,'" Britnell said. "So the philosophy is let's get as many plays as we can, let's keep fighting, let's get that mentality."

"And I told them tonight, down the road this will pay off down the road. These two losses will pay off down the road. Two good football teams we've played, and we can't make the mistakes that we made and get away with it."

Salem also had a prolific offensive player having quite a night, namely 6-4 senior wide receiver Hoover who reeled in four touch-

down passes and caught five altogether for a career-best 204 yards.

"I'm really comfortable with him (Nicholson)," Hoover said. "We've been bonding a lot. I'm a close friend with him at school, I hang out with him at school and he's my quarterback."

## Getting started

After the Knights took an early 7-0 lead on Burton's 8-yard run through the line, the Nicholson-to-Hoover connection started to heat up.

Nicholson fired the ball over the middle to Hoover, who reached back to grab the football and ran it the rest of the way for a 67-yard score with 2:31 left in the first.

Following an interception by Salem sophomore Shaw Lyall, they hooked up again for a 65-yard score with just 1:08 left, putting the home team up 14-7 (following the second of three extra points by Alex Kenrick).

This one was a perfect spiral to Hoover at the front-right corner of the end zone.

Yet all it took was 45 seconds for the Knights to respond.

Burton's over-the-middle toss to junior receiver Chris Cliff resulted in a 66-yard TD to make it 14-14.

A 60-yard kickoff return by Jordan led to Salem's next touchdown.

Jordan finished what he started, scoring on a 4-yard plunge with 9:13 left in the first half, making it 21-14.

On Northern's next offensive play, however, Cliff burst free for an 80-yard run and, just like that, the game was deadlocked again.

Before halftime, Burton scored on a 3-yard run to put the Knights up 28-21 at the break.

The see-saw scoring continued in the third. Shortly after Northern scored to go up by 14, the Rocks responded with another Nicholson-Hoover scoring play (an 80-yarder).

After Kenrick's extra point was blocked, the Knights scored 21 unanswered points to really seal the deal, regardless of Salem's late comeback bid.

"We played until the last horn, with onside kicks and everything trying to score as much as we could," Hoover said. "We just don't give up, that's how we are. That's how we're taught to be."

Despite the defeat, Britnell liked the flashes of brilliance from Nicholson.

"He's just going to get better and we probably left three scores out there on offense that eventually he'll connect on," Britnell said. "He's going to be a good one."

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COLLEGE SOCCER

# Lady Ocelots boot Owens

Schoolcraft men prevail in OT

Kelly McKay scored in spectacular fashion, tallying a pair of unassisted goals Wednesday, her second and third of the season, as host Schoolcraft College earned a 3-1 NJCAA Region XII women's soccer win over Owens Community College (Ohio).

McKay scored in the

16th and 65 minutes, while Jessica Parry added a goal in the 57th minute as the Lady Ocelots built a 3-0 advantage.

Tara Gessler, who made four saves, played the first 81 minutes in goal before giving way to Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin).

Owens' Kendyl Christian spoiled the shutout bid with her second goal of the season in the 73rd minute off an assist

from Tara Preble.

"This is a big win for us because Owens has very fast and skilled players, and our players played for each other today," said Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman, whose team improved to 3-0 overall and 3-0 in the Region XII. "As wonderful as the goals are, it doesn't really reflect enough on the hard work that our defenders and midfielders put in today."

## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1**  
**SINGLES:** Jordan Lu (P) defeated Jacob Liberati, 6-0, 6-2; Matt Decker (P) def. Nick Munro, 6-2, 6-2; Charlie Hou (P) def. Joe Vedula, 6-3, 6-1; Jon Conn (P) def. Chris Sitarski, 6-1, 6-4.  
**DOUBLES:** Jared Hopf-Kevin Hou (P) def. Adam Munro-Tyler Turdan, 6-2, 6-2; Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mohanraj (P) def. Dylan Smith-Lukas Pekorias, 6-2, 6-4; Devin Patel-Justin Kapke (P) def. Dylan Bowling-Jordan Stasser, 6-4, 6-0; Lucas Willard-Josh Talerek (F) def. Matt McDonald-Ramana Ramanathan, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; Alex Tskoff-Charlie Anderson (P) def. Jon Monti-Justin Crawford, 6-4, 6-2.  
Plymouth record, 3-1 overall, 2-0 (KLAAs South).

**FARMINGTON 6 DEAR, EDELS FORD 2**  
**SINGLES:** Evan Siemasz (EF) defeated Farris Ajjuni, 6-1, 6-1; Eric Morse (EF) d. Josh Miller, 6-2, 6-3; Griffin McCormick (F) d. Jack Davies, 6-4, 6-3; Yaswanth Kamety (F) d. Nick Knott, 7-5, 6-2.  
**DOUBLES:** Tyler Szymkowski-Ryan Gandy (F) d. Hussein Atiehn-Romio Harb,

6-0, 6-2; Riley Balk-Thejas Raghava (F) d. Justin Orsette-Michael Santioni, 6-4, 6-1; Josh Hedgecock-Vini Bhatia (F) d. Adrian Ljaljevic-Greg Wyndebort, 6-0, 6-2; Jacob Baxter-Dan Diaz (F) d. Silas Abdullah-Sylan Murray, 6-0, 6-1.  
Farmington record, 2-1-1; Edsel Ford, 0-2.

**FARMINGTON 6 GARDEN CITY 3**  
**SINGLES:** Henri Medwed (F) defeated Joe Pummil, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; Zack Maszatics (GC) d. Thejas Raghava, 6-4, 6-3; Josh Miller (F) d. Jon Evans, 6-2, 6-0; Griffin McCormick (F) d. Zack Quartz, 6-4, 6-0.  
**DOUBLES:** Travis Kidd-Robby Moyers (GC) d. Tyler Szymkowski-Ryan Gandy, 7-6(7), 5-7; Brian Widmer-Tyler Kelly (GC) d. Riley Balk-Yaswanth Kamety, 7-6(7), 2-6, 6-4; Josh Hedgecock-Vini Bhatia (F) d. Nick Bennett-Trent Wallace, 6-2, 6-0; Jacob Baxter-Dan Diaz (F) d. Jake Jacobs-Jassen Matuseak, 6-0, 6-2; Ragav Subramanian-Shrihari Bhaskaramurthi (F) d. Tim Tapper-Justin Perrin, 6-1, 6-2.

**LIV. CHURCHILL 7 FARMINGTON 2**  
**SINGLES:** Jonathan Martin (C) d. Henri Medwed, 6-0, 6-0; Sean Mulka (C) d. Thejas

Raghava, 6-3, 6-0; Rishabh Arvkar (C) d. Josh Miller, 6-3, 6-2; Riley Prince (C) d. Josh Hedgecock, 6-1, 6-0.  
**DOUBLES:** Mark Denstaedt-Steven VanWormer (C) d. Tyler Szymkowski-Ryan Gandy, 6-4, 6-2; Riley Balk-Yaswanth Kamety (F) d. Aditya Vemulopati-Raymond Peters, 6-3, 6-4; Jacob Baxter-Dan Diaz (F) d. Mit Patel-Shantam Ravan, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(7); Cooper King-Tim Ohtake (C) d. Navjit Girjala-Ragav Subramanian, 7-5, 6-4; Joe Healy-Drew Lang (C) d. Farris Ajjuni-Chirag Adapa, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

**FARMINGTON 4 HARRISON 4**  
**SINGLES:** Henri Medwed (F) d. Dylan Collins, 6-3, 4-3 (withdrew); Ketan Konanur (H) d. Thejas Raghava, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; Scott Keyser (H) d. Riley Balk, 6-2, 6-1; Josh Miller (F) d. Thomas Smith 6-1, 6-0.  
**DOUBLES:** Griffin McCormick-Josh Hedgecock (F) d. Scott Butts-Aaron Gandy, 6-4, 6-3; Tyler Szymkowski-Ryan Gandy (F) d. Kyle Trautmann-Mark Payton, 7-5, 6-4; Steve Flalka-Jon-Luc Kralovich (H) d. Jacob Baxter-Dan Diaz, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6(7); Parth Jain-Ashirvad Varma (H) d. Ragav Subramanian-Shrihari Bhaskaramurthi, 6-3, 6-2.

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Nancy Conzelman  
Township Clerk

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GIRLS SWIMMING PREVIEW - PART 2

# Talent, depth abound for Salem girls tankers

Rocks should qualify many swimmers for state meet

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The dean of high school swimming knows a good team when he sees it. Veteran Salem varsity girls coach Chuck Olson, in fact, is ready to put that kind of a label on the 2013 squad as it launches another season. On Tuesday, the Rocks were outstanding in a 123-57 victory over Livonia Churchill to get the dual meet season started. Just like last season, when Salem finished 2-2 in the ultra-tough KLA Central Division, the Rocks have outstanding talent and as deep a roster as is to be found. That means plenty of events where the team picks up valuable points even when not finishing in first. "With lots of experience and

many solid underclassmen, (that) makes for an exciting year" in the Central division, Kensington conference and Division 1 state meet, Olson noted. Senior captains Claire Amin, Claire Cousino, Julia Suriano and Vinny Zaia lead a roster of 59 swimmers and divers. Suriano was a state meet finalist in the 200-yard medley relay and a state qualifier in the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Twins Linda and Lisa Zhang took the KLAA and state competition by storm as ninth-graders and they are poised to enjoy encore performances as sophomores. Both Linda (200 medley relay, 200 individual medley, 200 breaststroke) and Lisa (200 medley relay, 200 IM, 100 butterfly) were state meet finalists and are outstanding multi-event swimmers. Another returning state



Salem sophomore twins Lisa and Linda Zhang, shown last season, will look to pick up where they left off. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

qualifier is junior Stephanie Solterman, who qualified in the 100 backstroke and 400-free relay. Olson already likes what the

team is receiving from others, such as juniors Mckenzie Maurice, Hannah Pollard and Hannah Tardiff; sophomores Patricia Freitag, Annie Patterson

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**SALEM 123**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 57**  
Sept. 3 at Churchill  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Julia Suriano, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Stephanie Solterman), 1:54.92; 2. Salem (Claire Cousino, Hannah Pollard, Hannah Tardiff, Mckenzie Maurice), 2:10.62.  
**200 freestyle:** 2. Annie Patterson (S), 2:08.16; 3. Molly Rowe (S), 2:09.11; 4. Cassidy Sargent (S), 2:17.45.  
**200 IM:** 1. Linda Zhang (S), 2:14.84; 2. Claire Amin (S), 2:33.06; 3. Vincenza Zaia (S), 2:33.07.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Suriano (S), 26.65; 3. Solterman (S), 27.56; 4. Mckenzie (S), 29.05.  
**100 butterfly:** 2. Zaia (S), 1:09.19; 3. Amin (S), 1:09.74; 4. Tardiff (S), 1:11.02.  
**100 freestyle:** 2. Lisa Zhang (S), 55.98; 3. Rowe (S), 59.34; 4. Sargent (S), 1:03.16.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Patterson (S), 5:40.79; 2. Patricia Freitag (S), 5:45.16; 4. Sarah Budnick (S), 6:31.71.  
**200-free relay:** 1. Salem (Solterman, Sargent, Rowe, Zaia), 1:50.43; 3. Salem (Amin, Mckenzie, Tardiff, Patterson).  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Suriano (S), 1:02.28; 2. C. Cousino (S), 1:14.77; 3. Kate Cousino (S), 1:15.38.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Jessica Zhang (S), 1:21.13; 2. Pollard (S), 1:22.76; 3. Rachel Godfrey (S), 1:23.45.  
**400-free relay:** 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Solterman, Suriano), 3:49.92; 2. Salem (Patterson, Tardiff, Sargent, Rowe), 4:06.13.  
**Salem dual meet record:** 1-0 overall.

and Cassidy Sargent; and freshmen Maddy Bowen, Sarah Budnick, Kate Cousino, Molly Rowe, Katie Xu and Jessica Zhang.

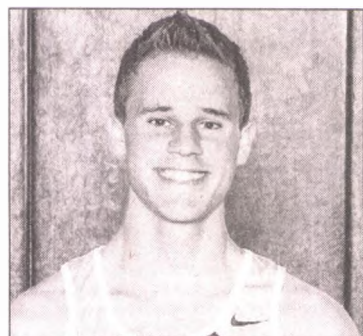
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW - PART 1

# Stellar senior cast returns to lead Plymouth squad

Wildcats should challenge again for KLA South title

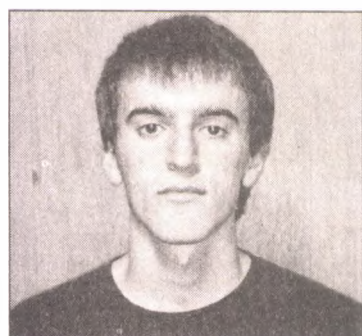
By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Veteran Plymouth varsity boys cross country coach Jon Mikosz is optimistic that a key cast of returnees will help the Wildcats make noise this fall in the KLA South Division. Plymouth, second in the division last year with a 4-1 mark, again will be led by returning varsity stalwarts Liam Cardenas, Max Rogowski, Zane Berlanga (all senior co-captains), plus juniors Matthew Pahl and Jonny Dalton. "Four of them have run in the 16s," Mikosz said. "Zane, Liam and Matt put in a ton of



Jonny Dalton

miles over the off-season and it shows." The fourth co-captain is senior Daniel Ahearn. Mikosz also sees a kind of X-factor in the arrival of two outstanding track athletes who never ran cross country. Those would be senior Blerim Mema



Blerim Mema

and freshman Mayur Patil. "If they can figure it out earlier on in the season they could have a big impact to the team," Mikosz said. "Nolan is a freshman that has showed a lot of promise in practice." Another promising new-



Max Rogowski

comer to the scene is senior Nolan Quелlette. Rounding out the roster are juniors Erik Liubakka and Joey Maciag. "We have the potential to have a very good team this year," Mikosz added. After the team's participa-

tion in Saturday's Running Fit Detroit Titan Invitational at Cass Benton Park, the Wildcats take on Livonia Churchill 3:30 p.m. Tuesday (also at Cass Benton).

**Plymouth Christian**  
Having lost seven runners to graduation, Plymouth Christian Academy coach Jennifer Lemieux continues to put the pieces together on her 2013 cross country squad. The Eagles do have some talent in the fold, namely sophomore Gareth Matson (who ran at the state finals last year) and Paul Chamberlain, who moves over from track and field. "Hopefully, all the pieces will fall into place by the end of the season," Lemieux noted.

GIRLS GOLF

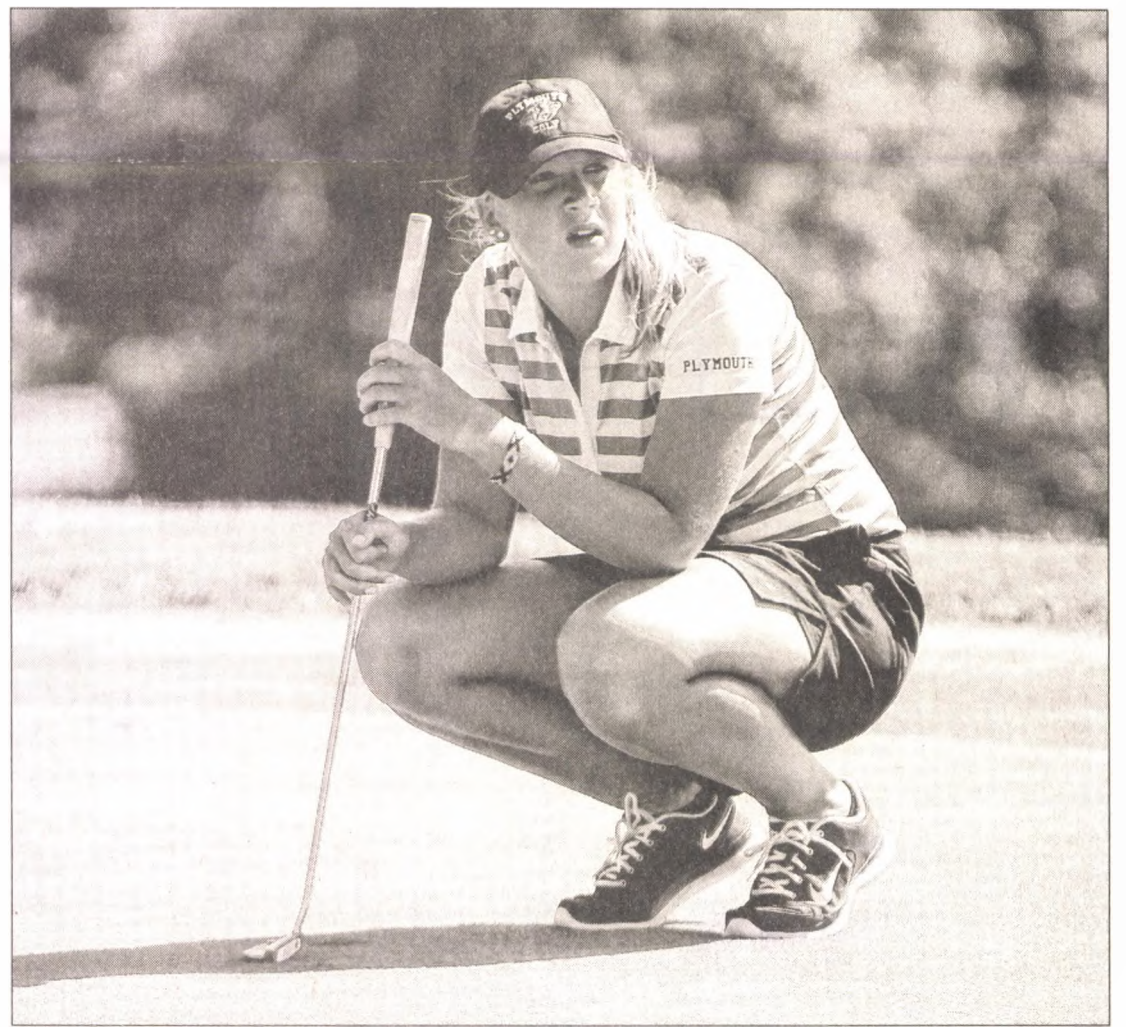
# Mercy off to winning start early in season

Marlins post two wins in Catholic League matches

The Farmington Hills Mercy High School golf team won a pair of Catholic League dual matches last week, defeating Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart on Tuesday, 184-222, and Warren Regina on Thursday, 170-201. Mercy's Kendyl Kirkland was the match medalist Tuesday at Stonycroft Hills Golf Club with a 43. Also for the visiting Marlins, Alysa Graf shot 44, Erica Heath 45, Olivia Asta 52 and Julia Shaw 52. Jess Geer paced the Thursday victory with a 40 score at Mercy's home course, Walnut Creek Country Club. Graf had a 42, Kristin Swad 43, Natalie Bozimowski 45 and Amy Vlachos 45. "We mixed the team up and gave every player a chance to compete in a Catholic League match," coach Vicky Kowalski said. "It was great to have nine of the 11 players contribute to the scoring. "Alysa Graf was the only golfer who played both days. She struggled with her game in Traverse City, but she worked hard last week and came back strong this week."

**Raiders third in girls race**  
North Farmington finished third in the six-team Saline

Early Bird Invite with 78 points Thursday in girls cross country. It was the first competition for the Raiders, who had four girls in the top 20 and eight who received medals, which went to the first 75 runners. Sophia Farquhar was ninth (20:50) on the Huron Meadows Metropark course, Shelby Abbott 13th (21:33), Tori Irwin 16th (21:55) and Erin Loch 20th (22:22). In the next tier, Priyanka Sankaran was 38th (23:33), Zosia Kolodziej 43rd (23:46), Carolyn Chow 64th (25:01) and Ioana Tobos 69th (25:23). "The returning runners ran better than they did here last year, so I was pleased with that," coach Bill Pinnell said. "I thought our top four really ran good races. Sophia is looking real good. She ran her best time on this course. "It's a good start to the season. Everybody has a race under their belt and we now have times. "We know where we're at and what we have to do to move forward." The other teams were Saline, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Grand Blanc, Dundee and Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy. North has its first OAA White Division race Tuesday at Royal Oak High School.



Surveying her next putt is Plymouth junior Sydney Murphy. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## GOLF

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team's recent move to Fox Hills. With that, all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams (including Salem) call the facility home. According to Alles and Wildcats' coach Dan Young, it's a perfect setup as golfers from all three squads are ensured plenty of practice on non-match days thanks to three courses and two driving ranges. "I think the amenities here at this course were an improvement over Hilltop (which does not have a driving range) and it just makes sense to have all three schools here," Alles said. "It will work out for all of us that we're all here in the same place. We can have maybe some competition even in practice sometimes." Concurring was Young, in his second season coaching Plymouth's girls golf program. "Working with Tom and (Salem coach) Ryan (Nimmerguth) has been great," Young said. "And the girls

(are) all working here together. There's plenty of room for everybody, so we're excited about it. It really helps. "It's great practice facilities and it's a big reason why we've been successful. The kids are here in the summer time, training in the summer. Fox Hills is the best. Hilltop's fine, but it's just that this has more. There's three nines here in the back that we can utilize. ... And it has two practice ranges. Hilltop doesn't even have a range, so it's a big plus." **Adds spice**  
Having all PCEP teams using the same home course just adds to the long-standing competitive rivalry, with Wednesday's contest the latest chapter. "It's the rivalry more than anything," Alles said. "They all know one another so that kind of takes care of itself." Young added that "this is always a great match, a big rivalry and they (Chiefs) are very good this season, as good as anybody." Stellar facilities do not guarantee winning results, of course.

Talent and work ethic help and both teams have plenty of those characteristics. Canton is paced by McDougall, an all-stater from last season and still an elite golfer. Plymouth's lineup is led by Murphy, Whatley and Chipman — who each moved up two spots in the lineup following the graduation of last year's top two (D1 individual champion Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson). Others are starting to climb the ladder. How it all plays out should be fun to watch. Already, there has been plenty of back-and-forth between the squads. On Aug. 26, Plymouth edged Canton by a few strokes at the preseason KLA tournament (which launched the new points system for overall conference standings) and on Aug. 29 at the Fortress in Frankenmuth it was Canton's turn to prevail. "It just depends on the day," Young said, smiling. "We're both very even and you know how golf is. Every day's a new day."

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## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**NORTHVILLE 179**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 201**  
Sept. 4 at Tanglewood  
**Northville scorers:** Katie Childers, 39 (medalist); Chloe Page, 44; Madison Berman, 47; Elizabeth McGowan and Alyse Clevenger, 49 each; Nicole Saez, 59.  
**Stevenson scorers:** Danielle Marzec, 49; Jess Crachiola, 50; Rachel Crachiola and Kristen Szabelski, 51 each; Mary Peltz, 53; Madison Maurier, 54.  
**Dual match records:** Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA Central.

**PLYMOUTH 158**  
**LIVONIA FRANLIN 229**  
Sept. 5 at Idyl Wyld  
**Plymouth scorers:** Sydney Murphy, 35 (medalist); Katie Chipman, 36; Kayla Whatley, 40; Alaina Strzaeka, 47; Ariana Strzalka 51; Maren Wisniewski, 53.  
**Franklin scorers:** Kendall Payne and Brenna Campau, 53 each; Jaime Whitney, 61; Jacquelyn Hansen, and Carly Cuip, 62 each; Katera Rincon, 67.  
**Dual match records:** Plymouth, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLA South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South.

# Extravaganza: Event serves everything, vegetarian to pub food

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Whether you say "tomA-to" or "tom-AH-to, chef Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's Restaurant in Novi hopes you'll get a chance to taste his fresh, heirloom varieties at this year's Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College.

"I grow a huge garden. I grow a lot of heirloom tomatoes. So I've got to imagine it's something that's going to be with heirloom tomatoes," said Allen, envisioning his menu for the event, an annual fundraiser for the college's culinary department and student scholarships.

"Last year, it was a pretty big success. I brought 300 pounds of beautiful colored tomatoes. We had a tomato frenzy. People were lined up out the door for just beautiful tomatoes (in) different vinaigrettes, different salads, sauces. I'd ask them what they'd like, I'd season it up."

Steve & Rocky's will be among approximately 50 food and beverage vendors that will serve tastings of their signature dishes, delectable desserts, fresh fare, wine and more, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$50, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. Order them at 734-462-4689 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation). For sponsor information, call 734-462-4518.

In addition to food and beverage sampling, Culinary Extravaganza will feature a silent auction and a raffle of cash and dinner gift certificates at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College.

Certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, and wine expert Lee



Chef Jeffrey Gabriel checks chicken consommé prepared by student Dawn Shock at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hershey will share their expertise in a joint session on wholesome, healthful food and wine pairings. In the past they've presented separate programs.

"We talked and said we should combine these," Gabriel said. "I have to give him a menu. I know I'm going to do a salmon dish and I'm probably going to do something vegetarian."

"I think people are more health-conscious in general.

Every culinary school is now cooking lighter. We're trying to limit the amount of fat and salt and we're trying to incorporate more vegetables."

#### Watch the Lions

But guests who prefer traditional football fare to lighter cuisine will find it at this year's Extravaganza. Marjorie Lynch, special events coordinator, said she hopes to attract a few restaurants that serve pub-style food. They'll be stationed

near a viewing area for the televised Detroit Lions-Washington Redskins game.

"We usually don't plan to turn the Lions game on the TV," Lynch said. "But people see the TV and ask if we can turn it on. Last year it was an exciting game that was tied until the end."

"This year we're planning for it. This year we're making it festive in one area that will highlight the game."

Lynch said Culinary Extrav-

aganza raises approximately \$60,000-\$65,000 every year. Some of the proceeds benefit the culinary arts program, funding its special projects, seminars by guest chefs and the culinary competition team. The rest of the money goes toward scholarships. It's not limited to culinary studies.

"It's a worthy cause," said Allen, a former Schoolcraft student. "Not everyone can meet the financial obligations to go to college."

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# Poet Lewis hopes to 'nourish soul' with words

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Jeffrey Lewis says he has always enjoyed writing poetry.

But like most "closet poets" the Farmington Hills man kept his work to himself.

"I'm on the op-ed page around the country (writing) on health policy and retirement policy all the time," said Lewis, 59, a former political adviser and now COO for Employee Health Insurance Management in Southfield.

"But for years I wrote poetry the way most people do. You write it but you might share it with just one person. This is the first time I decided to print it. It was something I decided to share."

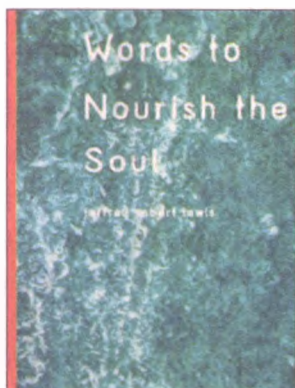
He'll share the \$10 per book profits, too. All monies earned by *Words To Nourish the Soul* will benefit the United Way of Greater Detroit. Use of the book as a fundrais-



Jeffrey Lewis of Farmington Hills has penned a book of poetry, the proceeds of which benefit United Way of Greater Detroit.

ing tool was just one reason why Lewis decided to go public with his

writing. He also wanted to give readers "a vehicle to look at the world and



Jeffrey Lewis' book of poetry was inspired by conversations overheard in airport cigar bars and restaurants.

see if it might help nurse their souls" and speak to their hearts.

"Inside, everyone will find a small part of themselves or in some cases, a larger part," he wrote in the book's forward.

The poems are based on conversations — some direct and some overheard — that took place in cigar bars, watering holes, and airport lounges as Lewis trav-

eled the country, as staff director for Republican Sen. John Heinz of Pennsylvania, and after Heinz died in an airplane crash, as president of the Heinz Family Philanthropies and currently COO for EHIM.

Lewis would forgo a drink at the airport bar and instead, soak up conversations with his fellow travelers.

"I've been fortunate because I have the ability to talk to people about their lives and they share."

### Poetic message

One of the poems, "My Largeness," was inspired by conversations Lewis has had with a woman "of size" that he met while traveling. His objective in writing the piece was to tell others "be comfortable with who you are, the rest of the world will figure it out."

The first poem in the book, "The Mask," came after listening to a tearful woman talk on her

cell phone about a relationship break-up.

"I felt bad for her. I was trying to figure out a way to capture it, to say to others that it happens to all of us."

Lewis is a native Detroit who holds a bachelor's degree in English and history and a master's degree in gerontology. His law degree is from Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law in Oregon, which is where he met his wife. They have two grown children.

Lewis is working on his second book of poetry, with the emphasis on children, based on conversations he's had with parents. Proceeds from that collection also will benefit a charity.

To get a copy of *Words To Nourish the Soul*, send \$10 to The United Way of Greater Detroit, c/o Otis Press, 5851 Upton Street, McLean, VA 22101. Or email Lewis at jeffreylewis@gmail.com.

## Tips: Get your writing on track at annual conference

Thinking about penning a screenplay or writing a novel?

Michael Dwyer, organizer and founder of the annual Rochester Writers' Conference, wants to help turn your dreams into action.

"Our goal is to motivate attendees to write and to do it right now," Dwyer said, in a press release. "Professional development gives attendees the push they may need to work on

their writing; and this conference includes the tools to market and sell it as well."

"Write Now!" is the theme for the sixth annual conference, set for Saturday, Oct. 5, at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

The keynote speaker, Stan Williams, from last year's event, will return this year to deliver a two-part lecture for novelists, screenwriters and directors. Part one will

discuss the 18 secrets to story structure and part two will cover characters, plots and subplots.

New this year is a Children's Literature Panel, featuring three authors with different paths to publication. Attendees will have a chance to ask questions of three Michigan authors.

Kelly Fordon will lead a workshop called Who's on First, about the use of first person vs. third

person in a story. Alice Speilburg and Dawne Prochilo will present a literary panel with the focus on book publishing. And Lev Raphael will tell writers how to do a "killer reading" from their books.

"We have presentations for all levels of authors. Whether you're just getting started, in the middle or just finished your book, there is workshop for you," Dwyer said.

Development sessions

will be held for nonfiction writers and journalists Presentations on the author's platform, engaging social media and using photo images online will help writers get their message to readers.

The Rochester Writers' Conference offers 12 presentations within four sessions. With three choices per session time, attendees may select the ones that best suits their needs. Fiction, nonfiction and business topics are presented in panel dis-

cussion, lecture or workshop style. All sessions, keynote speaker, lunch and refreshments are included in the registration fee.

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more information.

**Friends of the Rouge**

The group will sell native plants, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, Novi. The sale will be held during the Fall for Novi event. Call 313-892-9621 for more information.

**Garden design**

The Farmington Garden Club will hold a design workshop at its next meeting, Sept. 9 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in

Farmington Hills. The club meeting is at noon with the workshop to follow at 1 p.m.. Participants should bring flowers and a container. Jan Dolan, member of the Greater Detroit Flower Guild and National Council of Master Judge, will guide you in making fun and creative arrangements. For more information call 248-943-6026.

**English Gardens**

English Gardens stores in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

» Get tips for fall lawn care and learn how to keep it healthy through the winter, at 10 a.m.

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» Make a fall porch pot for \$79.99 at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, at all stores. Sign up online at [englishgardens.com](http://englishgardens.com).

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is \$5.

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Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

**Bible garden**

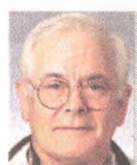
The Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden, is open sunrise to sunset from spring-fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth

Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education, and for social and community gatherings. It is available for group tours as well as for informal individual visitation. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week except Saturday. If interested in a group tour of the garden, along with a visit to the sanctuary with a Beth Ahm docent, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 248-851-6880, Ext. 17, or email [rav-steven@cbahm.org](mailto:rav-steven@cbahm.org). Garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. [www.wollbiblegarden.org](http://www.wollbiblegarden.org).

# Scrub your dishwasher clean with Tang drink

I have written about this subject in previous columns and bacteria keeps coming up over and over again in worldwide publications. A recent story on radio pointed out that you can use your dishwasher to wash items other than the dinner dishes for instance, baseball caps, toys, potatoes and I guess just about anything you want to put in there.

If for one don't think these are items suited for the dishwasher. The simple fact is that I don't like the hidden bacteria that come with the procedure. I know that there are enough bacteria on dirty dishes and I expect my dishwasher to eliminate it. I am not going to add an extra load to wash potatoes



**Joe Gagnon**  
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

which I can do in a sink full of water.

Recently published in the journal *Fungal Biology* is an article published by researchers at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. They sampled over 180 dishwashers from around the world and found black yeasts are growing on rubber door gaskets of more than half of the units sampled. They know that this yeast can pose a danger to humans with compromised immune systems but not to worry because it is rare for someone to die from this black yeast. This writer

happens to be an old guy whose immune system isn't what it used to be. I don't want to be an unwilling test patient for a problem I think can be serious. One of the last statements from these scientists is: "The yeasts can survive in the extreme environment of a dishwasher, where temperatures frequently top 158 degrees Fahrenheit, water can either be acidic or alkaline and salt is in high concentration. No other fungi have been found that could live in such a harsh habitat." The Slovenian researchers theorized that the yeasts found in dishwashers had evolved to live there, and may have the potential to be a greater threat to humans. Folks, I've written and read enough to scare

myself and I will continue to load the dishwasher and to be in charge of dishwasher cleanliness.

As my good friend Diane Armstrong would say, "There is no cleaner dish than the one you wash by hand." At one time in this world it was good character building to have families gather around the kitchen sink and select who washed and who dried. Today, time is precious in other ways. As you may know, there is currently a large class action suit filed against manufacturers of front load washing machines. Again, the subject of controversy is the mold growth so prevalent in some of these products. I will bet that when they get in front of a jury there will be some pretty well-known scientists testifying on the dangers to health from a washing machine.

Not long ago a man approached me and said, "Have you become the expert in appliances by just reading and writing and or have you ever really worked on these appliances?" The ques-

tion knocked me back on my heels and I came forward like a jet plane. "I spent many 80-hour weeks fixing and taking appliances apart and putting them back together. I used to wash my hands 25 times a day and sometimes my body was so sweaty I would change shirts three times a day. I brushed my fingernails until they bled and kicked dogs that thought I was a raw steak bent over behind the refrigerator. Yes sir, I also read a lot because I wanted to understand the workings of everything I took apart."

Now back to the dishwasher I mentioned earlier. I invented the best method of cleaning a dishwasher and it is using the Tang orange breakfast drink to give it a bath. I have the formula in print form and if you would like a copy, send me a note.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).

## Refresher class aimed at senior drivers

The Canton Senior Center will offer a three-part refresher driving course for area seniors, 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 24-25 and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26. All classes will be held at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The classroom refresher course is aimed at motorists, 50 and older.

The AARP Driver Safety Program was developed by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in 1979 and is a driver refresher course especially designed to meet the needs of older drivers.

This program covers such issues as: age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, defensive driving techniques, local driving problems, license renewal requirements, and more. In addition, participants will receive an update on the current rules of the road and will discuss when it may be time to stop driving.

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# Duo combines spiritual message, music and loads of humor

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The Rev. Joan Christoffers gets "a gazillion" calls every year from entertainers who want to bring their Christian-based show to her church.

She usually politely declines. But when the promoters of SpiriTed, a two-person variety, comedy, music show reached out to Christoffers, she couldn't say no.

"For some reason this touched me. I think it was God's action," said Christoffers, pastor of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City. "We're starting the fall and I wanted to build enthusiasm. The woman promoting it said you'll feel 10 years younger. I said I could use that."

"It's supposed to be uplifting. That's what we need right now. The more I hear, I'm very excited about it."

Janet Clazzy and Jonathan Cring will perform as SpiriTed, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 11-12, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road. There is no admission cost, although the duo accepts donations.

"How we can afford to do it is Jonathan, his wife, Dollie, and I tour continuously," Clazzy said, in a phone interview earlier this week. "We travel in a conversion van. We carry stage equipment, stage clothes and a few personal items."

"We've got a headquarter in Miami close to his home, but honestly it's not a permanent thing. It's something his son rents for us for a month."

## Combining talents

She and Cring met in 1981 while both were teaching in Shreveport, La., and

Clazzy also played oboe in the Shreveport Orchestra. Although Clazzy later moved to Tennessee, she reconnected with Cring in the late 1990s and the pair began touring a show that combined Clazzy's oboe performance and readings from Cring's novel about the life of Jesus Christ.

"He kept writing more books and they'd be funny. After four years we put together a different style of presentation. That is when we started calling it SpiriTed, a common sense, easy approach to the gospel. The point is Jesus didn't like religion and never came to start a religion. He came to communicate a lifestyle. Following Jesus is a lifestyle," Clazzy said.

Clazzy added a WX-5 Wind Machine to the act, enabling her to duplicate the sounds of 250 instruments, including Spanish guitar and violin.

"It looks like a horn. It was a game changer for us. It gave me the ability to do all these instrumental sounds," she said. "More than five years ago Jonathan started writing a daily blog. Now our presentation is more current."

SpiriTed now includes oboe, the Wind Machine and blog excerpts. Clazzy and Cring will perform different material at each of the Garden City appearances, in keeping with the theme "nobody is better than anyone else."

"We're not about hell and getting saved. We're about practical. We're trying to bring a message to middle America, those folks that are neither to the extreme right or left, which most of us are. Most of us are practical. We want our children to have opportunities and to grow up and be good people."

For more information about SpiriTed, visit [www.spirited2013.com](http://www.spirited2013.com) or call the church at 734-427-3660.



Jonathan Cring plays piano and Janet Clazzy performs on WX-5 Wind Machine and oboe.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning Sept. 26

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta leads a study of 1 and 2 Peter. Attendees should bring their own Bibles

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

BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 15

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

**Details:** All-you-can-eat breakfast includes French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10.

**Contact:** 734-425-4421

CATHOLICISM PROGRAM

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** An in-depth study of the program, "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" by the Rev. Robert Barron. Barron's series has been seen on many PBS stations. Registration for the program is required and study guide materials cost \$25

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 207, or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13

**Location:** Grace Christian Church, 33801 Van Dyke, just north of 14 Mile, Sterling Heights

**Details:** Martha Munizzi and the ARC Singers perform a benefit concert for The Salvation Army's Metro Detroit adult rehabilitation programs. Proceeds also will go toward installation of a children's playscape at the women's rehab Romulus facility. Tickets are \$20, available from www.itickets.com

**Contact:** www.salarmythrift.com; 313-965-7760

EUCHRE NIGHT

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Mass, followed by games, Saturday, Sept. 21

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** The church's singles group for ages 30-60 will attend Mass and play euchre. Board

games also will be available. Event organizers ask attendees to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. Participants may bring alcoholic beverages. The event will be held in the convent basement. RSVP by Sept. 18

**Contact:** catholicisngles@livoniastmichael.org

FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sept. 27

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

**Details:** "Thou Shalt Laugh," is a film about seven Christian comedians and their stand-up routines. Admission is free. A dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans will be offered for a free will donation. Call the church to reserve a dinner spot

**Contact:** 248-553-3380

FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13

**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** An inspirational film about a young athlete bound for Olympic gold will be shown. The film is rated PG-13. Children must be accompanied by an adult

**Contact:** 734-421-1760

GRIEF WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2 and 9

**Location:** St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

**Details:** "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.

**Contact:** Parish phone is 248-476-4700; email kay@saint-priscilla.org

GRIEF WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, from Sept. 26-Nov. 21, excluding Oct. 31

**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The eight-week workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," is free and open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Call the church for registration information

**Contact:** 734-427-1414

GRIEF SHARE

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 22-Jan. 5, 2014

**Location:** Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, south of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that

focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally-respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. Registration fee is \$15, which will include a workbook.

**Contact:** Pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

HOLY DAYS WORSHIP

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sept. 13, Yom Kippur; 10 a.m.-noon, Sept. 14, Kol Nidre; 5 p.m. Sept. 14, Neilah, closing service and potluck "break-fast"

**Location:** Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, Canton

**Contact:** 734-480-8880

MOM2MOM SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

**Location:** St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Admission \$1, strollers after 10 a.m.

**Contact:** sttimothypcusa.org

MOM2MOM SALE

**Time/Date:** 8:30am - noon, Saturday, Sept. 28

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

**Details:** \$2 early bird admission; \$1 after 9 a.m., strollers after 10 a.m. Tables available to rent.

**Contact:** betsy.everett@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

**Location:** New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, at Puritan, in Redford

**Details:** Bargains, including dishes, clothing, furniture, toys, seasonal, and miscellaneous. Baked goods will be available for purchase.

**Contact:** 313-255-6330

WORLD PRAYER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. prayer vigil, 7:30 p.m. worship service, Thursday, Sept. 12

**Location:** Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Celebrates World Day of Prayer, "Living Well: Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit"

**Contact:** 734-421-1760

YOUTH AND RELIGION

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19

**Location:** St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** The Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office presents a program on youth and faith for anyone interested in the religious lives of youth. The session will consider the role parents and family play in raising youths

in the Catholic faith; what can be done to nurture faith; and what the National Study on Youth and Religion says about Catholic youths. RSVP to the church

**Contact:** 734-425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

OCTOBER ROSARY RALLY

**Time/Date:** Noon-1 p.m. Oct. 12

**Location:** Madonna University, located at Levan and I-96, in Livonia

**Details:** The Rev. Bernard Luedtke will lead the praying of the rosary. The event is held in conjunction with America Needs Fatima, a group that promotes rosary prayer.

**Contact:** 734-591-0360

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 11 and 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 12

**Location:** The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, on the south side of the street, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The sale will include a specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only. Items will be marked up 20 percent on opening day. A bag sale will be held on Saturday

**Contact:** 248-477-1410

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

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

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

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

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

**Details:** Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation.

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

Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children.

**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at 248-478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Meet with other women for companionship and support.

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

nondenominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs.

**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

**Contact:** 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

**Location:** 7000 Sheldon, Canton

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333

SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach**

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

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

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

First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays.

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

Song Circle

**Congregation Beth Ahm**

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

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

**Apostolic Christian Church**

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

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

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

**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

## Eat your veggies to help prevent diabetes worries

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is observing Fruit and Veggies More Matters Month by promoting the importance of eating foods that can help manage and prevent diabetes.

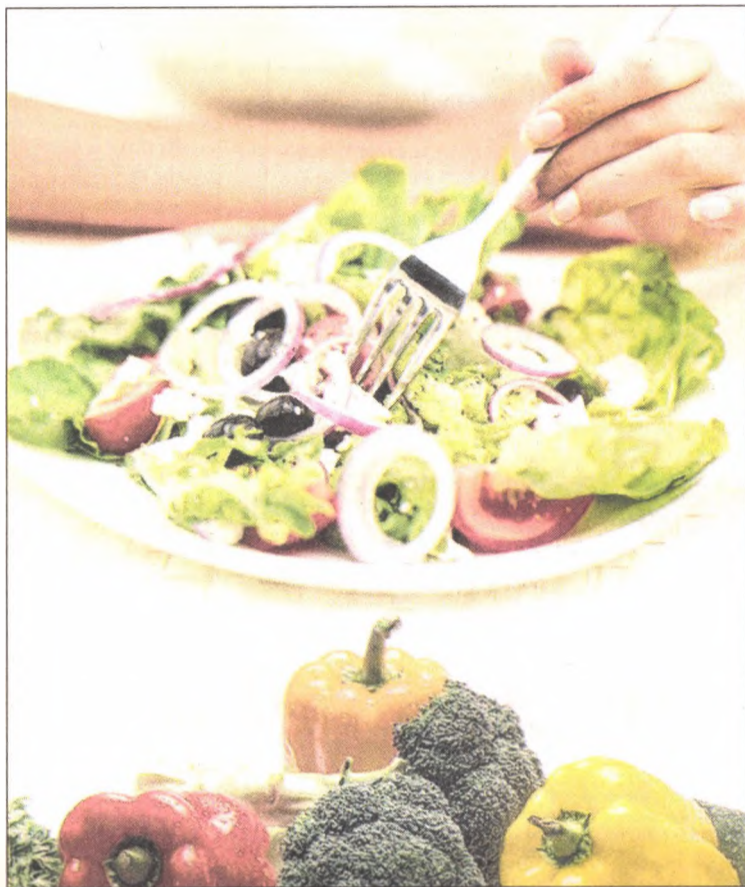
According to the foundation, diabetes causes more than 40 percent of all kidney failure cases. In Michigan, an estimated 10 percent of adults have diagnosed diabetes — about 758,300 individuals. An additional 250,200 Michigan adults are suspected of having diabetes but have not been diagnosed. When diabetes is not managed properly, it can lead to kidney failure as well as heart disease, blindness, lower-extremity amputations, and other health complications. However, many cases of type 2 diabetes can be prevented, delayed and controlled through a healthy lifestyle.

The foundation recommends that individuals who are at risk for type 2 diabetes prevent or delay the onset of the disease by losing 5 to 7 percent of their body weight. That's 10-14 pounds for someone weighing 200 pounds, for example. For those who have type 2 diabetes, losing weight can be helpful in controlling diabetes. To lose weight safely, make healthy food choices and be physically active for 30 minutes a day, five days a week. The National Diabetes Education Program recommends these ideas for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption to aid in weight loss and lowered diabetes risk:

» Visit an ethnic food store or farmers market to try a new fruit or vegetable each week.

» Substitute spinach, onions, or mushrooms for one of the eggs or half of the cheese in omelets.

» Buy produce in season and freeze some to use later, or buy frozen, dried, or low-sodium canned vegetables and fruits.



The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan says that consuming more vegetables and fruits helps control and prevent diabetes, one of the major contributors to kidney disease. GETTY IMAGES

Choose fruit without added sugar or syrups and vegetables without added salt, butter, or sauces.

» Add strawberries, peaches, blueberries, or bananas to your waffles, pancakes, cereal, oatmeal, or toast.

» Add broccoli, carrots, zucchini, or eggplant between the layers of your favorite lasagna recipe.

» Combine different fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, mangoes, onions, and peppers with lime juice and cilantro to make salsa.

» Try steaming your vegetables or using low-salt spices and lemon juice to add flavor.

» Choose pineapples, pep-

pers, mushrooms, or tomatoes as pizza toppings.

» Add lettuce, tomato, onion, and cucumber to sandwiches, wraps, and burritos.

Eating more fruits and vegetables also supplies essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber that may help protect against chronic diseases.

For more information on how to manage and prevent diabetes, visit [www.YourDiabetesInfo.org](http://www.YourDiabetesInfo.org). Find out about prevention programs, disease management classes, and more offered by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan by visiting [www.nkfm.org](http://www.nkfm.org) or by calling 800-482-1455.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### SEPTEMBER ADDICTION CLASSES

Dawn Farm offers two classes about chemical dependency, starting with "Addiction 101" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. James Balmer, president, Dawn Farm, will examine the dynamics of alcohol and other drug use, review addiction as a brain disease and provide an overview of the process of recovery from addiction. Participants will learn how individuals experience initial and continuing alcohol and other drug use, gain an understanding of the basic process and diagnosis of addiction, gain a basic understanding of how the brain functions in a person with alcohol/other drug addiction, and become familiar with tools used to treat addiction. Charles Gehrke, M.D., will present "How To Support Recovery and Not Support Addiction" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24. The session is designed to help participants find effective methods to support another person's recovery while maintaining their own health. Both sessions are free and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti; 734-485-8725, [www.dawnfarm.org](http://www.dawnfarm.org)

### CANCER SURVIVOR SUPPORT

Transitions, a new support group, meets from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the second floor conference room at Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. The group is aimed at individuals that have finished cancer treatment and want to connect with other survivors. The support group will continue to meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month. Questions? Call Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466.

### JAMBOREE

Dawn Farm will hold its 40th Anniversary Jamboree, a celebration of recovery from chemical dependency, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Admission to the family-friendly event is free. It will include live music by Noteworthy, hayrides, pony rides, a children's tent and midway, live and silent auctions, food and beverages, and farm animals. Dawn Farm's gift shop will be open.

### SENIOR WELLNESS

The City of Farmington Hills presents a free wellness fair for adults, 50 and older, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills. The event will include health screenings, demonstrations, health vendor exhibits, door prizes and a free lunch for attendees,

60 and over. For more information, call the city's Senior Division at 248-473-1830

### UROLOGIC COMPLICATIONS

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a free educational seminar, Urologic Complications of Diabetes, from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the hospital's North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile. John Harb, M.D., a urologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will discuss frequent bladder and urinary tract infections, urinary incontinence and retention, erectile dysfunction and neurogenic bladder dysfunction. For more information call 734-655-8961.

### WEIGHT LOSS SEMINAR

Julissa Hernandez, a naturopathic doctor from New York, will talk in Spanish about weight loss techniques, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Courtyard Marriott, 3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. Cost is \$35 per person. Participants will receive informational materials. For more information, call Lili Alvarez at 248-259-7010.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH

Dr. Paul Makela, M.D., director of gynecological robotic surgery, will present a series on women's health topics 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Bladder dysfunction is the topic this month and pelvic prolapse is next month's topic. Presentations are free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1980.

### WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Jeff Pierce of Botsford Hospital will talk about managing back pain during the walk, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call the Nature Center at the park, 248-477-1135.

### ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

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## Four bad habits to kick during your job search

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If you're being honest, you can probably name a bad habit or two that impacts your personal life. But what about those not-so-great behaviors related to your job search?

We've identified four habits you might need to kick to put yourself at the front of the hiring line, and provide tips for overcoming these potential stumbling blocks. Read on to see if any of these following bad habits ring true:

### Giving in to negativity

It's a cliché, but attitude really is everything. Pay attention to your internal thought patterns as you job-hunt. If you've been looking for months, it's easy to start thinking "I know this company won't hire me" or "This networking event is going to be a waste of time."

Your attitude can come across in subtle ways you may not even realize. It might be a less-enthusiastic cover letter or low energy when you interact with people at networking events. And since hiring managers want to work with positive employees, your negativity can turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

So how can you stay upbeat? For starters, shift the tone of your internal dialogue by adding a positive spin: "I know this company won't hire me ... unless I prepare a targeted resumé and cover letter." "This networking event is going to be

a waste of time ... unless I set aside time to do follow-ups a day or two afterward."

Then seek out support in the real world. Check Meetup.com to find groups of local job seekers who can help you keep your spirits up. Or you can simply reach out to a close friend or mentor and ask for help brainstorming fresh job-hunting ideas.

### Winging the interview

You're a natural people person. It's no big deal to strike up a conversation with a stranger and make an immediate connection. But those killer soft skills aren't a substitute for preparing before every job interview.

An experienced interviewer knows when you haven't bothered to look beyond the home page of the company's website or when you're struggling to give examples about past work accomplishments. Neither bodes well for how you'd perform on the job.

Prepare for every interview with a strategic eye. What do you want the interviewer to remember about you? Identify the three most important things you'd like to communicate about yourself. Do you want to come across as creative? As a leader who can motivate others? As a sales superstar?

Next, find out everything you can about what the company does and where it's going. Then, use this knowledge,

coupled with what you want to communicate about yourself, to guide you in preparing answers to common interview questions. Practice your responses out loud, as you might before a big presentation.

### Being too informal (or downright unprofessional)

One area where people get into trouble? Flip communication. When you're emailing a potential employer, your tone shouldn't come off as casual as a quick text or instant message. Include a greeting and salutation (as with an old-fashioned letter) and avoid slang, text abbreviations and spelling and grammar errors. Good phone manners count, too.

When your killer communication skills land you the interview, take care to put forward a professional appearance from head to toe. This isn't the time to show off your personal style. Choose classic (even slightly conservative) business wear that fits well. Many employers still expect candidates to show up in a suit.

It's also crucial to pay attention to shoes, socks and accessories. And whatever you do, don't forget to switch off your smartphone and other digital devices before you head into the meeting.

### Coming across as arrogant

You're so focused on projecting confidence — and commu-



nicating past successes — that you come across as arrogant. You know, the slightly obnoxious guy or gal no one wants on the team?

The first sign that you might be crossing the line: You take all the credit in every work story. Make sure to focus on teamwork and collaboration, not just how you saved the day, when you discuss your professional accomplishments. Strike a balance between team projects and personal triumphs.

It's also crucial not to do all the talking when you meet with potential employers. This is your chance to learn more about the company and position. Make a point to listen carefully and ask relevant questions.

If you're a new college grad, be especially careful to avoid arrogance. You're new to the working world, so it's impor-

tant to come across as someone who's looking forward to new opportunities and learning from co-workers.

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**ACROSS**

1 Sea dog  
4 Vincent van —  
8 Poet Alexander —  
12 Birthday nos.  
13 Spanish money  
14 Still snoozing  
15 Keepsakes  
17 Topples over  
18 — voice  
19 Bridge position  
21 Yes in Yokohama  
23 Miss — on "Gunsmoke"  
27 Wife, to a lawyer  
30 Whig opponent  
33 Make tracks  
34 Covert  
35 Wool supplier  
36 Lady of Spain  
37 W-2 collectors  
38 Dashiell's peer  
39 Joule fractions  
40 Snow-clearing vehicles

**DOWN**

42 Fast-food acronym  
44 Cold War power  
47 In a crude manner  
51 Get an earful  
54 Happy-go-lucky  
56 Meatheads  
57 Nearly shut  
58 Legal rep.  
59 Abrupt  
60 Curse  
61 Frat letter

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

Z	O	N	E	D	J	O	K	E	S	
O	C	E	L	O	T	P	I	N	A	T
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					2		6			
	8			2	3		4			
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A	S	W	L	L	T	G	I	C	T	K	D	P	C	J	
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Q	P	L	C	G	N	V	X	E	I	W	O	R	R	A	
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J	P	G	P	W	V	S	K	R	A	L	T	F	S	B	
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8	7	4	6	2	3	5	9
3	9	7	8	8	6	2	
6	2	5	8	7	1	4	7
1	4	3	2	8	7	6	9
2	6	8	9	5	4	7	3
7	9	5	6	1	3	4	8
5	8	7	4	1	9	2	6
4	1	6	3	2	5	9	8
2	3	8	2	7	8	6	3

**Word Search**

A	C	E	L	O	T	P	I	N	A	T	K	D	P	C	J	
Q	C	S	M	E	I	R	N	O	R	A	V	E	G	I	C	M
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## Toyota plans reliance on more hybrids, better customer service



By Dale Buss

Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. reported August 2013 sales of 231,537 units, an increase of nearly 23 percent over a year earlier. It's just one more sign that Toyota is back in the groove.

To grow market share again, Toyota is embracing fundamentals as it did during its remarkable U.S. run of 2003 to 2008, when it could do practically no wrong. Some of those basics are elemental to the brand, such as maintaining the industry's highest quality levels and providing capable and reliable vehicles in nearly every segment.

"The auto industry continues to be a bright spot in the economic recovery," said Bill Fay, Toyota division group vice president and general manager. "August capped a great summer for new vehicle sales, and it was Toyota's best month in more than five years."

But more important for Toyota, the company plans to keep pressing the advantages of its renewed mojo in the U.S. market with sportier hybrids, a greater emphasis on customer care and the possible addition of more production in Mexico to supply American customers.

The company has seen its market share in the U.S. slip from a peak of 17 percent in 2009 to around 14 percent this year through July, as it was afflicted by natural disasters, its safety-recall fiasco, and intensified competition that took advantage of Toyota's weakness.

"Of course many customers still believe in Toyota, but some don't trust us," said Kazuo Ohara, CEO of Toyota's US Sales arm, according to Automotive News. "To recover our reputation, we should get back to basics."

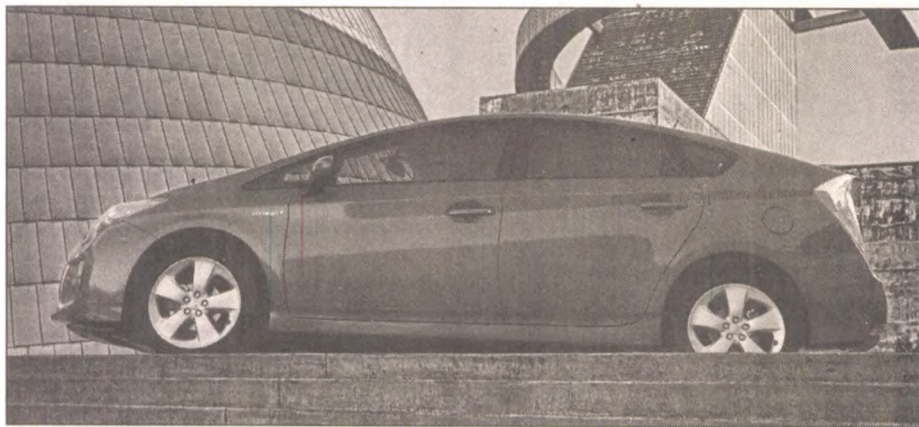
Toyota's year-to-date sales through July were nearly 8 percent ahead of the recovery levels of 2012, and even August's strong spike was in line with much of the rest of the industry.

But some building blocks are new to Toyota. One is a reliance on hybrids, where Toyota essentially created the segment with Prius and now dominates it. The company wants to spruce up future hybrids with more sporty, fun-to-drive models based on a smaller motor, lighter chassis and more energy-dense battery that will improve Prius fuel economy by about 10 percent or more.

Toyota also is devoting more attention to what Ohara called «taking care of the customer» than it has. The company's Lexus brand long has made a successful priority of hand-holding buyers, but Toyota less so. The Toyota brand needs to concentrate more on customer loyalty than on stealing sales from competitors, another Toyota executive, Bob Carter, said, according to the publication. «Perhaps we were too focused on conquest and did not have an appropriate balance



Toyota is counting on the new 2014 Corolla to gain share in the compact market.



The franchise: Prius has become a dependable leader for Toyota.

on loyalty,» he said.

The company also may consider boosting production in Mexico to add to its capabilities to serve the U.S. and Canadian markets as well as Mexico, Automotive News said. Most Toyotas for American buyers already are built in the United States, but not Prius models. It's possible that output of Toyota's hybrid family could move to the Americas if volume keeps growing.

Meanwhile, there is one vestige that continues to haunt Toyota as it executes its strategy for re-growth. It has decided to let Scion dealers off the hook about selling the once-promising brand in a still-hot segment—whose sales nevertheless peaked seven years ago.

Toyota has told dealers that they're free from penalty if they decide to walk away from the Scion franchise, whose sales peaked at about 173,000 units in the US in 2006. For this year to date, Scion sales were only 41,300 vehicles through July, down by nearly 2 percent from a year ago, and sales in July were down by 9 percent year-to-year.

Toyota is promising long-overdue new Scion products on the horizon as well, for dealers who stick with Scion, including a reported FR-S convertible. For them, the company just announced new features and pricing for Scion's 2014 lineup, though the most exciting thing they came up with was a standard 6.1-inch touchscreen display on all Scion models.

About 1,000 of Toyota's 1,225 US dealers still carry the Scion franchise, according to Automotive News. That is a far higher percentage than Toyota initially expected, but Scion's early product successes encouraged more Toyota dealers to jump into the game.

Toyota has made a number of efforts to re-invent Scion even as the small-car field has gotten much more highly competitive. It fielded the tiny iQ a couple of years ago, for instance, and it got aggressive in social media marketing.

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