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## Railroad quiet zones subject of meeting

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A Plymouth man working to turn down the volume from freight trains as they pass through the city is sponsoring a public meeting on railroad quiet zones.

Neil Lobron, who has extensively researched the issue of quiet zones and is spearheading a petition drive to show

public support for them in Plymouth, will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth District Library.

Railroad safety regulations require railroad engineers to sound train horns as the trains approach railroad crossings unless specific alternative safety measures, including the installation of concrete median barriers to keep motorists from going around crossing

gates, have been taken. Train horns could only be sounded in quiet zones in cases of emergency.

Quiet zones, allowed under federal regulations adopted in 2006, are in place in about 500 communities across the country, Lobron said.

### Noise reduction

He argues quiet zones would improve the quality of

life in the city by cutting down on noise and increase property values. They would also make crossings safer because of the added safety measures, he said; existing crossing warnings, such as gates, flashing lights and train bells, would continue to be used.

"I would suspect that we in the city of Plymouth are just as capable as our counterparts in 500 other communities around

the country who had no more resources than Plymouth, but now have quiet zones," Lobron wrote in an email.

Approved train quiet zones extend for a half mile along each stretch of track with a crossing, Lobron said, or a quarter mile in each direction, measured from the center of the crossing. Plymouth's seven

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More than 6,200 high school students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools organized themselves into a human P-CEP symbol Friday to kick off the homecoming season. COURTESY JP CREATIVE ARTS, LIVONIA

## THREE BECOME ONE

Students gather to show Park unity

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

On a field where rivalries between the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools are usually played out, thousands of students gathered Friday afternoon to prove they all really are part of the same team.

More than 6,200 students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools poured on to the

varsity field shortly after noon, filling in taped-out letters that formed P-CEP (yes, students even filled in the hyphen) in a display of unity that had everyone glowing.

"It's pretty cool," said Canton High School senior Prateek Sharma, who formed part of the first 'P.' "It represents unity at the Park. Even though there's three schools, it's really one. It's making history."

The brainchild of the three student activities directors, the event has been in the planning stages all summer. Staff and students got involved

in the planning and, most importantly, the execution.

Students in calculus class figured out, for instance, how many students it would take to fill each square foot of space in the letters, then walked the field to outline the letters in yellow tape.

In the end, organizers hope the event will be something the 6,200-plus students were glad they took part in.

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## Paintings look at old-school art tradition

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A new exhibit of paintings in Plymouth re-examines an old tradition in the art world: The accomplished artist guiding the up-and-coming student.

The Lost Art of Appren-

ticeship is a collaborative show of portraits by Tony Roko, a Plymouth painter with a growing reputation, and Brian Rizza, a Canton Township resident and local indie rock front man who's been painting for just 10 months.

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Plymouth artist Tony Roko with two paintings, "The Art Critic" (left) and "The Apprentice." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Sheldon resurfacing under way

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A \$1.5 million project to improve a nearly mile-long stretch of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township began last week and is expected to be completed this fall.

Sheldon between M-14 and Five Mile, a span of just over eight-tenths of a mile, will be resurfaced in asphalt after the old top layer of asphalt is

milled off and the concrete base underneath repaired, said Patrick Dostine, a spokesman for Wayne County, which has jurisdiction over the road. The chief contractor is Barrett Paving Materials, Inc.

Drivers can expect lane closures on Sheldon, but traffic is due to be maintained in both directions for the duration of the work, Dostine said.

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# Trial set for Detroit cop from Canton

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Barring a plea deal, it appears a Wayne County Circuit Court jury will decide the fate of suspended Detroit police officer Clifton Jermaine Whatley, a jailed Canton man accused of orchestrating a crime spree including the Feb. 6 robbery of the Family Dollar store on Joy Road near I-275.

Whatley, 35, faces a jury trial Oct. 28 in Judge Gregory Bill's courtroom. Jailed with a \$1 million bond, Whatley could face penalties ranging up to life in

prison if he is convicted of two counts of armed robbery, three counts of unlawful imprisonment and one count each of bank robbery, conducting a criminal enterprise and felony firearm.

Whatley stood mute and a not-guilty plea was entered for him when he was formally arraigned Aug. 29 in front of Bill.

Wayne County authorities have said Whatley is facing trial for eight criminal charges stemming from the Canton Family Dol-



Clifton Whatley

lar holdup of two employees and another robbery in January of a Check 'n' Go store in Taylor. Three additional charges, some linked to other communities, have been dismissed.

After Clifton was charged in March, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy had said her office would "vigorously" pursue a conviction against a man who had served on the Detroit Police Department for a decade.

Clifton's case was sent to circuit court in

August after Taylor 23rd District Judge Geno Salomone concluded a preliminary examination that, according to a court clerk, lasted several days over a period of five months.

Co-defendant Layman Deshawn Armstrong, described by authorities as one of Clifton's long-time friends, is scheduled for trial in Bill's courtroom on the same day as Clifton. Armstrong faces charges of armed robbery, bank robbery and felony firearm for his alleged role in the Taylor incident, authorities have said.

Though authorities

say Whatley helped orchestrate the Canton robbery, two Detroit men who carried it out are awaiting a new sentencing date Oct. 31 after pleading guilty to criminal charges. One of the men, 19-year-old Raymond Maurice Whatley, is a relative of Clifton Whatley, police have said.

Raymond Whatley and Eric Anthony Reed, 21, pleaded guilty in July to one count each of armed robbery, felony firearm and conducting a criminal enterprise, according to circuit court records.

"We gathered in-

formation that (Clifton Whatley) might be directly involved," Canton police Lt. Debra Newsome has said.

"We took (Raymond Whatley and Reed) into custody and identified Clifton Whatley at a later date."

Newsome has credited the Michigan State Police corruption unit and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for "a fantastic job" in helping as the case against the defendants unfolded.

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Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the upgrade is important to the township.

"Plymouth Township is grateful for the repaving as this represents a critical point as a gateway for the community, with high traffic volumes at rush hours," Reaume wrote in an email.

The project includes a sidewalk along Sheldon from M-14 to Helm Street, where there currently is no walkway. The township Board of Trustees approved Tuesday an intergovernmental agreement on the repaving project under which the township must pay for 50 percent of the cost of sidewalk installation, or \$30,075.

### New traffic light

The project also includes the installation of a traffic light at Plymouth Oaks Boulevard,

which is just south of the M-14 overpass. Dostine said engineers' study of traffic counts warranted a light there and that it will be synchronized with nearby existing lights.

Reaume said the signal is needed for the heavy traffic during the weekday morning and afternoon commutes and suggested it could be set as a blinking light during late hours.

Reaume said 81 percent of the project's cost is coming from federal dollars, 19 percent from county dollars.

The work was originally scheduled to begin earlier this summer, but was delayed in order to avoid inconveniencing people attending the Concours d'Elegance of America, a show of classic and collectible vehicles held in late July at the nearby Inn at St. John's.

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## RAILROAD

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crossings, he said, are physically arranged in a way that would require three quiet zones, he said. That means three crossings would overlap in one zone, while two crossings would overlap in each of the other two zones.

Lobron said the cost of implementing quiet zones would more than be recouped because increased property values would lead to increased property-tax revenue and that state and federal grants are available to help foot the bill.

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# Youngster bounces back after kidney transplant

By Brad Kadrich  
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Jared Petzold never really thought of himself as small, even though a year ago he was only about the size of his 6-year-old brother.

But 12-year-old Jared, now in his mom's words "about a foot taller" than he was a year ago, walked into Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township at the start of the school year feeling as big as can be.

Jared missed basically all of last school year — which would have been his first as a middle schooler — as he battled kidney disease and, ultimately, underwent a kidney transplant that saved his life.

"I was excited," Jared said. "I knew I could see my friends a lot."

A lot more than he had been, anyway. Born with acute kidney failure, Jared lived most of his first month in the hospital. He's taken a lot of medication and "spent a lot of his babyhood in the hospital," said his mom, Kristy Petzold.

Jared, the middle of Canton residents Jeremy and Kristy Petzold's three sons (the others are 15-year-old Ethan and 6-year-old Gavin), saw his kidney function decrease as he aged, though he was still doing better — "They told us he'd be on dialysis within a year, but he made it to 11," Jeremy said — than doctors had originally thought.

According to Jeremy, Jared "ran around like a normal" kid for a while, but his activity diminished as his kidney function slowed.

"I was sad for him," Kristy says now. "It's hard on a kid."

According to his parents, the disease didn't slow Jared much until early 2011. With his kidney function dropping fairly steadily — it fell to about 12 percent by the time he had surgery, according to Kristy — doctors started preparing



Mom Kristy Petzold with her son Jared, who received a kidney transplant in August 2012.



Jared Retzold has a whole new appreciation for organ donations after receiving a life-saving kidney transplant from his dad Jeremy.



the family for the need for a transplant.

Early testing had already told them Jeremy was a match, though Jeremy himself had some health issues to take care of before doctors would allow him to donate a kidney. He took care of them, dropped some weight in the process and the transplant happened in August 2012.

There was never any question Jeremy would donate the organ.

"As soon as I found out I could do it, I said, 'Let's do it,'" he said. "I thought they were moving too slow."

Not that he was without reservation about the surgery itself. The picture of health all his life, Jeremy had never had any sort of surgery and so wasn't sure what to

expect. He wasn't scared — until he got into the operating room.

"I've never had surgery, so I had no idea what it would feel like," said Jeremy, who works in IT for Oakwood Hospital. "I didn't think I'd be anxious, but I got in there and I could feel it."

Both patients came through the surgery, then had slight struggles immediately following it, for different reasons. Jared contracted what his mom, a pediatric nurse, called "a really bad fungal infection" that mirrored the symptoms of rejection.

"But he got through it," she said.

Jeremy's issue was a little more ... self-inflicted.

"Right after the surgery, I pushed myself a

little too hard," he said, smiling. "I didn't realize how exhausted I would be."

The family, who moved from Redford to Canton, has recovered enough that "Team Jared" — the family and some friends — is walking in the National Kidney Foundation's kidney walk in Ann Arbor today (Sunday). "Team Jared" was formed when friends, some folks at Tonda Elementary School and supporters at Friendship Church organized an earlier fundraiser.

T-shirts were made, money was raised and friendships were formed. Now the team is taking part in today's walk.

"It's our first year doing the walk," Kristy said. "The group is small this year, but we're hoping to expand it."

All the family's other hopes are expanding, as well. Jared is happy to be back at school and his parents are happy to see life returning to some semblance of normal.

"Life is starting to calm down," Kristy said. "The doctor's appointments aren't as frequent, things like that. I'm hoping it stays that way."

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The show is at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through Saturday, Sept. 28.

Rizza, singer-songwriter for The Secret Weapons, taught Roko to play guitar about a decade ago and now the master painter-apprentice relationship reverses those roles. The friends often paint in the same room, with Roko offering advice as Rizza works to find his style.

"We set up time to paint together and paint separately," Roko said Tuesday during a tour of the exhibit. "I kind of focus on showing him some of the processes and methods that I found successful."

Rizza said he was motivated to paint by spending time with Roko and found painting a creative outlet to accompany his music.

"At its essence, art is more than just a technical process, it's what's behind it," he said.

**Finding a voice**

Rizza's journey toward his own style - or voice, as the artists call it - is apparent in the paintings "Self-Portrait" and "The Master."

The former is the earliest Rizza work in the show, brightly colored and nearly identical in style to Roko's expres-



Plymouth artist Tony Roko with some of the paintings on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council for the show *The Lost Art of Apprenticeship*. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sionistic "Comeback Kid," a portrait of his wife. Both "Self-Portrait" and "Comeback Kid" were done while Rizza and Roko worked in the same room around the same time frame, Roko said.

With "The Master," a later work that is a portrait of Roko, Rizza displays greater confidence, a distinct style and a darker palette that brings to mind Rembrandt.

The show also features Roko's portrait of Rizza, "The Apprentice."

Their portraits of each other are in keeping with the show's reach back into art history, Roko said.

"We were trying to tap into the spirit of the old and they all painted self-portraits and painted each other," he said.

The subjects in the show's portraits, especially those painted by Rizza, also touch on the apprentice-master relationship, as many are of the rock legends he admires: Kurt Cobain, Jack White, John Lennon, Paul McCartney. "Woody," a

closeup of the film director Woody Allen, is "my one oddball in my series of musical icons," Rizza said.

Roko adds his own musical icon with a portrait of Lady Gaga, commissioned by her band manager. The painting will later be a gift to the pop star from her band.

**Re-use for arts' sake**

The works Roko and Rizza show are painted almost entirely on boards and plywood from scrapyards and garbage piles and framed with scrap,

such as baseboards and window frames from houses that have been torn down or remodeled. Roko, much of whose work is Detroit-themed and attempts to capture the city's edge, said it's "necessary" for him to reuse scrap as a reaction to Detroit's physical and financial unraveling.

"My favorite part about it is I can afford to find scrap," Rizza said.

The paintings are also heavily layered, a mixture of traditional artists' materials, such as oil paint and linseed oil, with



The Creepy Bunny, like most of Tony Roko's work, has saturated color and strong texture. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

commercial products like latex, plaster, floor stain and varnish. The colors and layers, along with the wood grain and uneven surfaces visible in frames made from old baseboards, add a lot of visual interest, the artists said.

"When these are in a museum, they'll say 'Please touch,'" Roko said. "If you can walk on them, you can touch them."

The PCAC gallery is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and during events. Other works on display include drawings, paintings and photography by PCAC staff artists and instructors. The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. Phone: 734-416-4278. Website: www.plymoutharts.com.

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## Park radio station hosts second euchre fundraiser

WSDP alum Denny Kapp enjoys playing euchre and he saw a euchre tournament as a great opportunity to help his former high school radio station.

"I've played in a few tournaments and decided to share the idea with WSDP's Alumni Committee," said Kapp, a Westland resident. "They thought this might be something we could do on an annual basis, so we added it to the plans for the reunion."

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park radio station, 88.1 The Park, hosted its first euchre tournament last year. It was part of a 40th anniversary Alumni Reunion weekend.

"We had about 40 people play and raised a little bit of money for the sta-

tion, but we also had a lot of fun so we decided to do it again," station manager Bill Keith said.

This year's 88.1 The Park Euchre Classic will take place at 7 p.m., Saturday Sept. 28, at the Plymouth Elks Club. The tournament costs \$20 per player, if registered before Sept. 23, or \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy pizza, snacks and a cash bar. A door prize of a \$100 gas card will also be given away to one lucky participant.

"We hope to have an even bigger turnout this year because it helps a really great program," Kapp said. "88.1 gave me a head start into a career working in sports media. I learned how



Last year's fundraiser was successful enough that organizers decided to bring it back.

to cover a team through my broadcasts of Canton and Salem games. I'm glad to be able to still help WSDP."

Players can sign up by emailing [wsdpeuchre@gmail.com](mailto:wsdpeuchre@gmail.com) or by calling

248-973-7382.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station has been serving the community since Feb. 14, 1972.

## PCA students enjoy Murray Lake tradition

More than 200 Plymouth Christian Academy students, decked out in face paint and class color shirts, descended upon Murray Lake in Plymouth last week to reinstate a longstanding school tradition.

For several years, Plymouth Christian Academy students in grades 7-12 have started their school years at the lake, spending an entire day during the first week of school meeting their classmates, competing in team-building events and listening to a spiritual challenge from a guest speaker.

According to Superintendent Caryn Huntsman, "One of the goals of the 2013 Murray Lake Day was to challenge our students to get involved with their local church so that they could deepen their walk with the Lord and grow in their commitment to serve others."

With everyone busy in class most days, this tradition gives students a chance to break away, if only momentarily.

"During the school day, everyone is busy with classes and responsibilities," sophomore Sam Jose said. "Murray Lake Day gives us the opportunity to be away from those



Freshmen (from left) Maggie Durham, Josie Postma, Rachel Witkowski, Jessica Paulson and Taylor Mistele learned what the Murray Lake tradition was all about.

responsibilities and meet the entire secondary student body."

Abby Nimmo, a ninth-grad-

er starting her first year at Plymouth Christian Academy, emphasized the importance of Murray's Lake Day for new

students.

"It's a welcoming, fun day for all the new students," Nimmo said.

## Plymouth-Canton students are National Merit semifinalists

There will be some 16,000 students nationwide competing for 8,000 scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corp. to be offered next week.

And three dozen of those are Plymouth-Canton students.

The 21 Plymouth-Canton students were among those considered who now must fulfill several requirements to earn finalist status.

Local students included:

» Canton High School – Zain Ahmed, Neha Hafeez, Sharany Jayachandran, Justin Kelm, Prateek V. Sharma and Alex C. Yue.

» Plymouth High School – Ryan J. Britton, Brandon Cheung, Madhuri Das, Amanah Fatima, Kevin M. Ni, Kevin L. Shi, Chithrin Sivashankar, Nikhil A. Tase, Jacob E. Tufts, Tiberiu S. Vilcu and William W. Zhang.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Looking back

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library

**Details:** Patrons will be able to take "A look back at Plymouth and the Daisy Air Rifle building" with longtime resident, former mayor and business leader, Jim McKeon, who will share his unique perspective on the Plymouth business community over the last 50 years.

**Contact:** Register for this free program by contacting the library at plymouthlibrary.org or 734-453-0750, ext. 4.



McKeon

Diesel Club luncheon

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.

**Location:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia

**Details:** The Detroit Diesel Retiree Club hosts its annual luncheon and business meeting. It's primarily a social club that provides information to its members about items which may impact all retirees of Detroit Diesel Corporation from GM, through the current ownership. Guests enjoy social interaction beginning at 11 a.m., a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and brief business meeting with discussion on any topics of current interest to the attending guests. Cost to attend the lunch is \$23.

**Contact:** For information on the luncheon and preregistration contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at 734-455-2668, email jrpa-vol64@prodigy.net or John Leidlein, president, 313-863-8850, e-mail dieseljm@aol.com.

Delta Kappa Gamma craft show

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

**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth

**Details:** Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education, hosts its 29th annual craft show. Juried crafters will display handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, seasonal decor, metal sculptures, gourmet foods and more. The event will also offer drawings for several prizes, including two handmade Amish quilts, a golf outing at Fox Hills Country Club, tickets to a 2014 Detroit Tigers game, a gift package to 932 Penniman Bed and Breakfast and gift certificates to fine local restaurants. Also, the American Association of University Women will join the craft show with a used book sale. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the cafeteria. Admission is \$2.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.com or Alice Chrenko at dachrenko@hotmail.com.

Raku workshop

**Date/Time:** Friday, Sept. 20, and Saturday, Sept. 21

**Location:** Village Potters Guild, 340 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Village Potters Guild hosts its second Raku Workshop. Participants will choose from an assortment of styles of pottery priced from \$10 to \$30 and will glaze their piece or pieces. The pots will then be kiln-fired while the person is there to watch this dramatic process and then go home with a finished piece. There is a \$10 registration fee. Pottery demonstrations and sales will be included in this fun family and friends event.

**Contact:** Register by calling the Guild at 734-207-8807.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your 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:** United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmmapinc.org/pages/about.html.

Mom 2 Mom

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon

**Location:** St. Edith's Church, 15089 Newburgh in Livonia

**Details:** The MOPS of St. Edith hosts its biannual Mom-to-Mom Sale, featuring 74 tables of gently-used maternity, baby and kids clothing, toys and furniture. Early Bird Admission at 8:30 a.m. is only \$2 and regular admission is \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon. St. Edith & St. Kenneth MOPS supports mothers of young children in a supportive and caring environment.

**Contact:** For more information, please visit www.stekmops.org or on Facebook at St. Edith St. Kenneth Mom-to-Mom Sale.

Seeking crafters

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Dec. 7

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three to four photos of craft items for judges to determine participants as there is a limit of crafters to five

per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are eight feet wide, although there are some space variations available. Space is tight, so vendors will need to limit their display area to the size of the table or an equivalent space. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle.

**Contact:** The application is available at www.plymouth-history.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft\_show.pdf. Crafters not accepted for the bazaar will receive a full refund.

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.mmmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Vendors wanted

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

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

**Details:** Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an oppor-

tunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers.

**Contact:** For details and to reserve your space, go to http://fumcnorthville.org/#/missions-and-service, email fumcbaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Support group

**Date/Time:** Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.

**Contact:** For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

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 sup-

port 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 basic 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.

Diabetes support

**Date/Time:** Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

**Contact:** Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

MOPS meetings

**Date/Time:** First and third Friday of each month, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

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

**Contact:** Heather at 734-437-9517 or email stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org.

ACA town hall

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center

**Details:** State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, hosts a town hall meeting on the Affordable Care Act. Special guests Jenita Moore, director of policy for the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, and Don Hazaert, director of Michigan Consumers for Health Care, will join Slavens at the event. "As the new health insurance exchange opens Oct. 1, many people still have questions about what the law means for them," Slavens said. "I'm hosting this meeting to reach out to my constituents and give them the information they need to benefit from and fully comply with the law."

**Contact:** For details, call 517-373-2575

Genealogy workshop

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold the sixth in a series of genealogical workshops to help family historians of all levels research their American ancestors. This seminar features Amy Johnson Crow and Laura G. Prescott, both genealogical speakers on the national level. Crow is a genealogical content manager with Ancestry.com. Prescott is a professional researcher, writer and speaker. She offers a unique mix of history, genealogy and technology to find answers and ancestors. Her specialties include online resources, working with manuscript collections and fitting technology to genealogy. She is a consultant at Fold3.com and past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. There is limited seating and the event is filling up rapidly. The fee for the day, \$40, includes the four lectures, lunch and the option of touring the museum's special exhibit, "B4TV," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Genealogy-Seminar\_ET119.html?Sort-Box=201309.

**Contact:** For more information, call the museum at 734-455-8940.

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### A Frontal View of Back Pain

The causes of back pain are not always from the back. For example, bad posture can cause as much of an ache as a slipped disc. A person often corrects the slouch of bad posture by putting the back of the hand against the low back and pushing against the hand. That maneuver forces the person to stand up straight because the back muscles are forced to stretch; that is not the best way to improve a stance.

The better way to stand straight is by using a combination of the abdominal and neck muscles. The popular expression of this approach is the military command: stomach in-chest out, but following that order is not quite the way to gain good posture and a pain-free back. Physical therapists, teaching classes in gait and posture training will instruct patients to stand and walk with the stomach even with the chest and earlobes even with the collar bone.

The gait of a person using these guidelines is smooth and even; it is the way ballet dancers walk. It is the way one spares the back muscles from strain and fatigue; it is the reason why solid abdominal muscles are sensible not showy. The gait of a well-trained athlete has the same character.

The other frontal approach to back pain comes from knee arthritis. If an individual experiences prolonged or repeated knee pain, it will not be long before the person notes both knee and back discomfort. Knee arthritis forces the person to put the back in a forward flexed position, which no matter how slight will eventually result in back pain. The treatment is not attempting good posture or taking physical therapy but repairing the knee damage either by arthroscopy or knee replacement.

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# Orchestra wins Knight challenge

The Michigan Philharmonic, a Plymouth-based symphony orchestra, has been awarded a \$50,000 matching grant to pursue its proposed "HAFLAH! Arab Fusion Fest" music project in collaboration with the Michigan Arab Orchestra.

The grant was awarded through the Detroit Knight Arts Challenge, a competition conducted by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to identify and fund the best ideas for engaging and enriching Detroit through the arts.

The Michigan Phil's proposal was one of only 56 winners awarded from more than 1,400 submissions.

The project will bring together the Michigan Philharmonic and the Michigan Arab Orchestra to create a fusion event featuring Western and Middle Eastern traditions. Over a three-year span, the two groups will perform together, sharing musicians and commissioning a piece of music that blends Western classical music with Middle Eastern music and instruments. The culmination will be a Fusion Festival (proposed for Music Hall in downtown Detroit), including educational workshops on Middle Eastern cultural traditions.

"The purpose of the project is to develop cultural and musical relationships and to further bring together Detroit's



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diverse cultures and communities," Michigan Phil Executive Director Beth Stewart said.

Nan Washburn, music director and conductor of the Michigan Phil, noted that "this musical collaboration will be unique due in part to the difference in musical instruments and styles and will be one of the first of its kind in the U.S. However, with southeastern Michigan being home to the largest Arabic community in the United States, the time for working together and using music as the cultural 'glue' is now."

The Michigan Arab Orchestra was founded in 2009 and was originally a takht, a small chamber music group. The ensemble has grown to become an orchestra under the leadership of its music director, Michael Ibrahim, and is composed of musicians

from both Arab and non-Arab backgrounds.

With its "HAFLAH!" project, the Michigan Phil aims to build on its historically successful model of multicultural programming. In 2012, the Michigan Phil worked with the Indian community in the Detroit area to bring "Bollywood in the D" to the Music Hall, a sold-out concert that brought together the Michigan Phil and Indian vocal soloists and instrumentalists performing the great film music of India.

Dennis Scholl, vice president for arts at the Knight Foundation, said that "the arts don't just inspire, they help build community. We're excited to help build on the creative momentum in Detroit and everything that artists and social entrepreneurs are doing to push the city forward."

# Rotary Club offers student exchange

The Rotary Club of Plymouth announced applications for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program are now available. The program is open to current high school students and students graduating in 2014. The Youth Exchange Program is for the 2014-15 school year and students would leave in August 2014.

"The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is one of the premier programs of Rotary International and it is supported by Rotary Clubs all around the world," club president Tom Adams said.

Students who participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program will spend one year abroad living and learning a new culture and new language. Students will be sponsored by a local Rotary Club in the United States and in their new country

and will attend high school in their new country.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides students between the ages of 16 and 18 a chance to spend 11 months in another country learning the language and culture.

"Students apply through their local Rotary Club and students generally apply in September to go on exchange the next year," Adams said.

Exchange students and their parents are guided through months of orientation and information about the country of their exchange year and the rules of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Exchange students typically stay with two or three Rotary-approved families and receive a monthly stipend for incidental expenses.

Rotary Youth Exchange students need to be above-average students who are eager for the chance to try new things and meet new people. Students will learn about other cultures, about other people and about themselves. Students and families who may be interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange experience can check out the YouTube link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGdwpF2BBp8>.

For more information on the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, contact Paul Sincock at the Rotary Club of Plymouth at 734-453-1234, ext. 238. Applications are now available and must be completed online at <http://csrye.org/applications-34/>. Applications must be submitted to the Rotary Club prior to Oct. 7.

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BRIEFS

### New fall classes

In response to student demand, Schoolcraft continues to add sections of popular courses for the Fall 2013 semester. The 12-week sections begin Wednesday, Sept. 18. Students can check the course schedules page for updated information on course availability.

Anatomy and physiology, English and history are examples of recently added course sections. Decisions to add are based on the continual monitoring of student course demand. "We are responding to students' needs," said Rich Weinkauff, Schoolcraft's vice president for instruction. "It's a collaborative effort among a lot of people and it's a lot of work, but it pays off for our students."

While the official start of 15-week classes

was Aug. 28, Schoolcraft has reshaped the semester to make it more flexible for busy students. There are the 12-week classes, starting Sept. 18, seven-week classes starting Oct. 23, and Open Entry/Open Exit classes, which are open for registration until Oct. 20.

### Revisiting Watergate

Dr. Alec Thomson, associate professor of political science and history, will discuss the constitutional crisis that the Watergate Scandal of 40 years ago created for the United States at 11 a.m. Thursday Sept. 19, in the Vis-TaTech Center.

"While many Americans are well-versed in the events surrounding the scandal itself, a deeper exploration of the events and people involved in the scandal can provide meaningful

insights into our Constitution," said Thomson.

Constitution Day is a federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution in 1787. Each year the faculty of Schoolcraft College's political science and history departments host an event for students, faculty, staff and the community to raise awareness and appreciation of the Constitution, which established America's national government and fundamental laws and guaranteed certain basic rights to its citizens.

As a faculty member at the college for 14 years, Thomson has played an integral role in these annual events often leading exploratory conversations, such as the one to be presented Sept. 19. Thomson holds a doctoral degree from Wayne State University.

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# Actress among those honored for sharing Christmas spirit

An array of noteworthy individuals from many walks of life – including Virginia Patton Moss, who had a role in the beloved Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life* – will be honored Wednesday, Oct. 2, in Livonia for sharing the true spirit of Christmas.

In addition to Moss, who played Ruth Dakin Bailey, sister-in-law of George Bailey (portrayed by Jimmy Stewart) in Frank Capra's classic film, honorees at the St. Nicholas Institute's second annual gala Awards Banquet at Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia will be:

» Detroit radio legend Dick Puritan, whose 24 years of radio-thons for The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club raised more than \$25 million to feed and shelter those in need.

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Virginia Patton Moss played Ruth Dakin Bailey, the sister-in-law of George Bailey, portrayed by Jimmy Stewart, in Frank Capra's classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

founder and Chairman Art Van Elslander, whose vast array of philanthropic efforts has supported people with disabilities, needy youth, the homeless, America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit, cancer research and much more.

» Former Detroit Lion Tony Semple, founder of the Foundation for Hope Outdoor Adventures, through which he shares

his love of hunting and fishing by providing meaningful experiences for children dealing with debilitating illnesses.

» The Rev. Rennie Kaufmann, the "One Man Band," who donates his personal time and talents to numerous fundraising and charitable efforts, including serving as a cultural envoy to Azerbaijan.

» Dr. Adam C. English,

author of *The Saint Who Would Be Santa*, which tells the historic and compelling story of St. Nicholas.

The gala awards dinner is part of the graduation ceremony of the St. Nicholas Institute, a four-day course teaching the values and history of St. Nicholas (and, of course, the modern Santa Claus) for would-be professional Santas and Mrs. Clauses.

This "master's class" was created by the Rev. Joseph Marquis of Sacred Heart Byzantine Church, a professional Santa Claus whose career of 42 years includes 12 years as Santa at the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade and at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth.

This year, 28 individuals from 15 states will hone more than their "Ho, Ho, Ho" greetings in the professional, faith-

based St. Nicholas course from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Those participants will receive certificates of achievement at the awards banquet.

Each award presented is each identified by the ideals in the NOEL acronym: Nicholas as our Model, Openness to the Christmas Spirit, Exercising Compassion and Love for Children. These awards were supplemented this year by a new, first-time presentation for the "Spirit of Christmases Past, Present, Future Award" (to Moss for her role in *It's a Wonderful Life*). Combining these awards with the celebration of the St. Nicholas Institute graduates serves a significant purpose, according to Father Marquis.

The awards include a Lifetime Achievement award for Van Elslander;

Nicholas as our Model award to English; Openness to the Christmas Spirit to Kaufmann; Exercising Compassion award to Puritan; and Love for Children award to Semple.

Reservations are available for the banquet. All award recipients are scheduled to attend, though Van Elslander will be represented by sons David and Gary. The program begins at 6 p.m. Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center is at 29125 Six Mile Road, just east of Middlebelt. Admission for banquet, dinner and program is \$40 per person. For more information or to register, call Sacred Heart at 734-522-3166 or visit [www.stnicholasinstitute.org](http://www.stnicholasinstitute.org). Learn more about the 2013 award winners and see video highlights from last year's banquet celebration at that website.

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## German author, son of decorated Nazi hero, to talk of his journey

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host author Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger for a discussion of his book *A German Life: Against All Odds, Change Is Possible*, Sept. 29.



Wollschlaeger

Beginning at 3 p.m., at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, Wollschlaeger will detail his inspiring story of a man whose journey of discovery ultimately led to a crisis of faith, family and religion. The discussion is sponsored by Harry Gabel of A. Scott Gabel and Associates.

Wollschlaeger was the son of a Nazi war hero who received the Iron Cross (Germany's highest military honor) from Adolf Hitler. In his quest to find answers to questions about his parents and nation's past, the author set out to find the truth and, in doing so, found a new life and separation from family, friends and country. His search eventually led him to Israel, where he converted to Judaism, served with distinction in the Israel Defense Forces, confronted his family's past and built a new life. The book describes how history can impact and devastate a family.

Admission for the event is \$8 (free for Holocaust Memorial Center members). Wollschlaeger will be available to sign copies of *A German Life: Against All Odds, Change Is Possible*, which can be purchased for \$19 each (tax included), following his presentation.



On Saturday, Oct. 12, Friends of the Rouge will partner with Heavner Canoe Rental to offer a trip following the Lower Branch within the city of Wayne.

## Paddle the Rouge River with Friends of the Rouge

There will be two opportunities to paddle on the Rouge River. The tours are being organized by Friends of the Rouge in conjunction with two local liveries. The two tours offer contrasting perspectives on this recovering urban river.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, Friends of the Rouge partners with Riverside Kayak Connection on a tour that highlights the river's industrial past. Beginning in Melvindale, paddlers are dwarfed by industry as they cruise past the Ford Rouge complex, awed by history as they pass under historical suspension bridges, surprised by the great blue herons and kingfishers that still frequent the area and always on the watch for the occasional freighter that makes its way up the river.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, Friends of the Rouge partners with Heavner Canoe Rental to offer a trip that feels like an up north paddle. Following the Lower Branch within the city of Wayne, paddlers are surrounded by a surprisingly

healthy forest with towering cottonwoods, several steep riverbanks and even a bit of whitewater to negotiate.

This year's paddle is part of Rouge-A-Palooza, a river celebration taking place in Wayne's Goudy Park.

Both tours are limited to experienced paddlers due to water quality concerns.

To sign up for the Sept. 21 Kayak Tour, contact Riverside Kayak Connection at 734-285-2925. The cost is \$45, including a kayak, or \$20 to bring your own. Both include shuttle and lunch.

To sign up for the Oct 12 paddle, contact FOTR at 313-792-9621 or spetrella@therouge.org. The cost is \$35 per canoe or \$10 to bring your own.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in metropolitan Detroit. Friends of the Rouge is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River.

## Bills would combat human trafficking

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, has introduced five bills that seek to more heavily punish those convicted of human trafficking, as well as raise awareness throughout the state. The legislation is the result of



Anderson

months of work and collaboration.

According to Anderson, the bills came about after passage a

resolution that he introduced in January proclaiming the month to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month. He was approached by several legislators who expressed interest in working on further legislation to address human trafficking in Michigan. A group of senators from both sides of the aisle came together to brainstorm what steps that the Legislature could take to reduce and ultimately eradicate human trafficking in our state, he said.

"The bills that I am introducing today represent my part in this greater effort," Anderson said. "I appreciate all those legislators on both sides of the aisle who provided input in addressing this very serious problem in Michigan. The Polaris Project, which has been fighting this crime across the

country, was extremely helpful in shaping this legislation."

The bipartisan coalition of state senators working on this issue includes Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan; Anderson, John Proos, R-St. Joseph; Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor; Tory Rocca, R-Sterling Heights; Mike Nofs, R-Battle Creek; Mark Jansen, R-Gaines Township; Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton; Dave Hildebrand, R-Lowell; and Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

The issue of human trafficking in Michigan has been gaining increased attention in the last several years and, as recently as late July, the issue was put into the spotlight in Michigan after the FBI conducted an investigation in southeast Michigan that resulted in the arrests of 59 people associated with human trafficking.

Regarding Michigan's legal sufficiency to address human trafficking, the state has been ranked as 39th in the country by The Polaris Project, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to fight human trafficking and modern-day slavery through the establishment of stronger federal and state laws.

Anderson's bills seek to:

- » Create a Human Trafficking Prevention fund and a State Human Trafficking Hotline, to be administered by the Michigan State Police.

- » Allow for assets seized during human trafficking related arrests and convictions to be forfeited and dispersed to the Human Trafficking Prevention fund, the Crime Victims fund and local law enforcement for training and enforcement of human trafficking laws.

- » Criminalize the failure to report knowledge of human trafficking activities.

- » Add convicted human traffickers to the Sex Offenders Registry and enhance the penalties for those crimes committed against minors.

- » Create a testimony shield for victims of trafficking so their conduct committed while being trafficked cannot be used to impugn their credibility as a witness against their trafficker(s).

"I believe that these bills will give our state's law enforcement the tools that they need to more easily put a stop to these vile crimes," Anderson said. "These bills are not controversial and I fully expect that they will pass easily, especially given the bipartisan nature by which they were created."

"We need to take swift action to prevent these heinous crimes in Michigan. Doing nothing is tantamount to condoning human trafficking in Michigan," he added.

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# W-W board gives OK to continue collecting dues

Resolution calls for district to keep deducting union dues until issue is resolved by court system

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Until the courts rule "definitively," Wayne-Westland will continue to collect union dues as part of collective bargaining agreements it has with its union.

The school board has approved a resolution directing the administration to continue collecting dues until "such time that the legal issues involved under Public Act 53 are appropriately resolved by the courts."

"I think this is an appropriate procedure for this board to continue to collect union dues under the collective bargaining agreements until the court tells us we can't do that," Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin said. "It's not a fight I want to have and I believe a fight this board doesn't want to have with the employees of this school district who've made tremendous sacrifices to save this school district."

PA 53 of 2012 prohibits public school districts from collecting union dues through the district's payroll deduction procedures. However, its implementation was challenged by the Michigan Education Association and its union affiliates. Although a federal

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**CHARLES 'TRAV' GRIFFIN**  
board trustee

judge did issue a preliminary injunction, it was reversed by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, which also declined to rehear the case.

The school board resolution points to a brief filed in the appellate court by state Attorney General Bill Schuette, who stated that prohibition against the collection of union dues under PA 53 would not apply to school districts which entered into collective bargaining agreements while the preliminary injunction was in effect. Wayne-Westland is one of those districts.

In March, the school board and its unions approved concessionary agreements that included a three-year contract extension. The vote came in advance of the implementation of the state's right to work law March 28.

"Is this vote to keep things as they currently are because the law

isn't quite clear or until we all can understand this?" school board Treasurer Shawna Walker said.

Griffin told Walker that under the resolution, the district would continue to collect union dues "until it's been appropriately resolved by the courts."

"This says we'll abide by the collective bargain unit until the court says differently," Griffin said. "I fully support this resolution. I think it says exactly what should say."

Griffin made the motion to support the resolution, with support from Trustee Sally Madison. It was approved by the board unanimously.

"We should have decent human relations with our employees," Griffin said. "I like to call it good relations and treat people the right way."

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# Tail Wagger's seeks caring for abused cat

Tail Wagger's 1990 is turning to the community and asking for assistance with medical treatment for a seven-month-old cat that has suffered severe burns over half of her body.

The cat, named Hope, was found more than two weeks ago, alongside a dumpster in the city of Inkster. It was burned over its entire back and sides and emaciated. An 85-year-old resident saw the cat and took it to her home. She was unable to provide medical care, but was able to get some weight put back on the cat. The burns, however, were too severe to heal without proper medical intervention.

On Tuesday, Hope came to Tail Wagger's 1990, a local nonprofit organization, seeking medical attention. The wounds were too infected and severe for Tail Wagger's to treat, so founder Laura Zain and vice president Judy Marinetti rushed the cat Sheehy Animal Hospital in Livonia for care.

"In my 25 years of doing animal rescue and helping animals in need, this is by far the most severe, sadistic and sickening animal cruelty that I have ever seen," Zain said. "Whoever would get their thrills out of torturing a cat like this needs to be punished."

Dr. Sharon Sheehy and her vet tech Tracy Howard examined the seven-month-old cat, ran blood tests and gave the thumbs-up for surgery. It was confirmed by Sheehy that Hope was tortured by someone that set her on fire. Her back and sides had open flesh and blood and her ears were even burned.

When Zain started petting Hope, she began purring and kneading her feet to "let us know she



Tail Wagger's 1990 is looking for help in caring for Hope, kitten that was found with burns on over half of her body.

going to survive. Tail Wagger's 1990 is asking for the community for the sake of Hope to make donation toward her long-term medical care. Financial contributions can be made by calling the Tail Wagger's office at 734-855-4077, through its website at www.tailwaggers1990.org or by mail to 28402 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154. Donations also can be made by calling Sheehy Animal Hospital at 248-615-7670.

Two hours later, Hope emerged with a cleaned wound, bandages and pain medication to keep her comfortable. Hope is

going to survive. Tail Wagger's 1990 is asking for the community for the sake of Hope to make donation toward her long-term medical care. Financial contributions can be made by calling the Tail Wagger's office at 734-855-4077, through its website at www.tailwaggers1990.org or by mail to 28402 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154. Donations also can be made by calling Sheehy Animal Hospital at 248-615-7670.

Tail Wagger's 1990 is a nonprofit organization, committed to helping people help animals. Its goal is to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing funding for those animals in emergency situations.

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# Clergyman explores mystery of love, marriage

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

The Rev. George Shalhoub, founder of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia, has written a book to help couples discover the clues to a happy live together.

*The Mystery of Love & Marriage* is a 200-page "road map for anyone looking to be in a relationship" based on Shalhoub's 42 years of marriage to wife Nouhad, four decades of counseling couples as a priest and 25 years of teaching about marriage and family at Madonna University in Livonia.

"People think happiness lies with money or getting your own way or buying stuff or winning an argument," Shalhoub said. "The reality is happiness is the reward that comes our way when we

utilize our God-given gifts such as compassion, forgiveness, generosity."

Shalhoub, who uses the book as a textbook for his class, said people are disappointed to hear that marriage is hard work. "A common misconception about marriage is that love can solve all your problems," he said.

In reality, love carries with it a high price, he said. It requires being patient when you have no more patience, enduring when the mood is heavy, forgiving yet one more time.

"The problem is most often not in your spouse; it's in oneself, one's attitude, perception," he said.

**Forgiveness is No. 1 principle**

Forgiveness, he said, "is the No. 1 principle for a long and happy mar-



Shalhoub

riage." He gives tips on how to become more forgiving, not just for the sake of the marriage, but for the long-range benefit of the one doing the forgiving.

Forgiveness replaces negative thoughts and feelings with peace, happiness and healing, he writes.

Another misconception is that marriage



"The Mystery of Love & Marriage" is a 200-page "road map for anyone looking to be in a relationship," according to the Rev. George Shalhoub.

shouldn't change us. "Yet marriage changes your entire life, like a hurricane," he said. "If you have a good foundation, you remain standing."

That good foundation starts with loving ourselves by realizing we

*"The reality is happiness is the reward that comes our way when we utilize our God-given gifts..."*

THE REV. GEORGE SHALHOUB

were created in God's image, he said: "We are more to God than the moon, the sky and the mountains and people mesmerize about nature, but only you and I are a copy of that beauty (God's image). This is where self-respect is born."

Each chapter of the book ends with points to ponder.

The book is Shalhoub's first, other than a history he wrote about the Bas-

ilica of St. Mary, which he founded with a handful of parishioners in 1972.

He self-published it so he could have control of the content.

Shalhoub has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in sociology and psychology, a master's degree in theological studies from St. John's Provincial Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree in pastoral counseling from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

For 10 years, he served as a governor-appointed member of the Michigan Mental Health Advisory Board.

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Students pour out of the schools and head for the football field. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**PARK**

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"We spent a lot of time organizing this," said Luke Swanson, the SAD at Plymouth High School. "We've been working on this for four months. It's really something positive. Hopefully, the kids will look back on this 10 years from now and say, 'I was part of that.'"

Students were organized by school and by class and the official count announced at the event was 6,226. One of them was freshman Bailey Allen, a Canton High School student taking part in her first major activity.

"It's something new ... it's great," Allen said. "It's really cool that we're all on the same football field at the same time."

Canton High School Principal Carrie Lawler provided the helicopter, which got airborne for some aerial photography to mark the occasion.

Ty Moss, the SAD at Salem High School, was on the microphone shepherding the students from the press box. She said the photo shoot, along with subsequent pep rallies in the schools, came off without much



Juniors Shara Long, Maranda Armstead and Danielle Bushaw direct freshmen to the proper area. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

of a hitch.

"It's going much better than I thought," Moss said of the prospect of organizing 6,200 kids. "We wanted to show people that, even though we're the Park, we're really one school."

Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen, who came to Plymouth-Canton from Milwaukee, Wis., called the event "unique."

"It's really telling to see all the students represented together," Meissen said. "That's unique, not only in the state, but in the country. To have them all on one team is symbolic of how students work together."

In a setting where students are often pitted against each other for various competitions, most everyone wanted to show the rivalries are limited to inside the boundaries of competition.

Outside those lines, it's more "all for one, one for all."

"We want to show the community just how great the Park is," said Nick Fotiu, the SAD at Canton High School. "This can show parents how united we are."

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Senior Briana Grillo tries to stay warm on a blustery day. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen climbs the bleachers to get a good view of the event. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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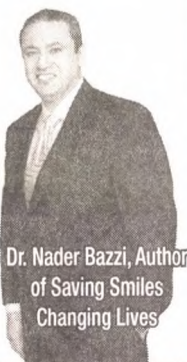
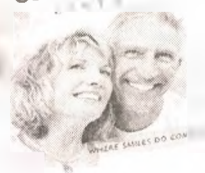
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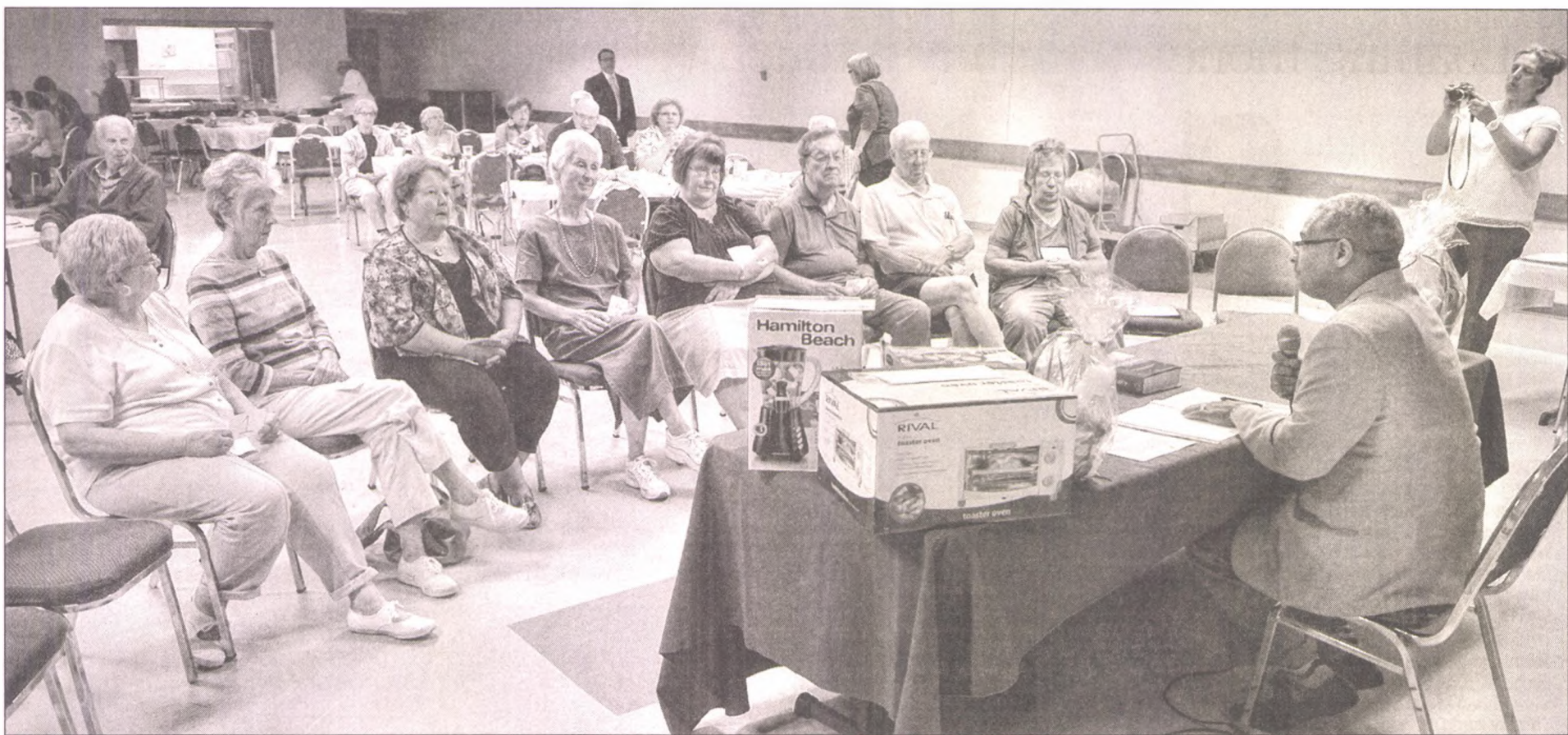
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Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton and the senior spellers begin the competition. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Westland woman spells it out to win senior bee

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Clinching her title by correctly spelling “catalog” and “catalogue” both ways to be sure, Westland resident Linda Waara is Wayne County’s top senior citizen speller.

It isn’t the first time the retired teacher has topped a spelling competition.

“I was thinking that 60 years ago in 1953, I won the district spelling bee in Detroit. I was 13 and in the eighth grade,” said Waara, who was a student at the now-closed Volney-Smith School. “It was the (whole) district – it was a pretty big deal. Time really flies.”

During the Spell Off for Seniors, Waara was among 18 finalists who had spelled their way into the final competition. The spelling bee was held at the Dozier Recreation Complex in Inkster, with Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton giving



The word is “dumbbell” for Fay Lindsay of Plymouth and Norm Kotarski of Canton.



Helaine Binstock of Canton reacts to spelling “plagiarism” correctly. Binstock finished the competition in second place.

ing the contestants their words.

“I like spelling. I used to study for spelling bees – I didn’t study this time,” said Waara, who taught for 41

years at Roosevelt Elementary School in the Redford Union School District. “I read a lot. If I didn’t know how to spell a word, I’d look it up.”

This spelling bee found Waara being eliminated for a

misspelling until she successfully challenged it. After a dictionary was consulted and she was proved right, Waara was back in the competition.

“It was exciting to win this year. After I challenged, I was

right back in there. That felt good. Then I knew I would win,” said Waara, who had won the county competition previously.

For her victory, Waara received a \$25 gift card from CVS Pharmacy and a toaster oven. Receiving prizes for second place and third place, respectively, were Canton residents Helaine Binstock and Norm Kotarski.

The Spell Off for Seniors is part of Wayne County’s services to seniors that also includes the Senior Olympics events, senior picnics and the Senior Fun Fest.

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**A:** Loaning money to family and friends is always a touchy issue. If the money is repaid on time, then there is no problem. If you miss



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payments to a bank, it will bring legal action. Legal action is not something most people want to pursue against a friend or family member.

I do not see that as a major problem, considering your grandson is a beneficiary of your estate. If he defaults on the loan, other family members would be protected because your grandson's share of the estate would cover his loan.

I believe, however, you need more than a handwritten note by your grandson. You need to have a formal promissory note executed. This accomplishes two things. The first is that your grandson will realize that he has legal obligations

and that he should take them seriously. In addition, a legal document assures that both parties know the terms of the arrangement.

With regard to interest, I generally recommend charging something. After all, this is a loan. However, I recognize that in many situations where family and friends are involved, it is a flip of the coin as to whether you want to charge interest.

Who should the loan should be made to? Considering this is money that your grandson and his future wife will use to buy a home, I think the loan should be in both of their names. My reasoning is that if something happens in the marriage and the couple does not stay together, your loan will be an obligation for both of them, as opposed to just your grandson. This would provide some

protection to your grandson in case the marriage does not work.

Loaning money to family and friends is always a tricky issue. Prior to entering into a loan agreement, the parties need to have an understanding as to what would potentially happen upon default. I believe if both parties understand the consequences of the loan, there is a greater likelihood that everything will work out.

By dotting all of the I's and crossing all of the T's, you could prevent losing a friend or turmoil in the family which should be a goal for everyone.

Good luck!

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The faculty and students in the culinary arts program at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career-Technical Center provided fresh baked cookies and brownies for crowd at Radio Disney's Back to School event.

## Wayne-Westland rocks into the new school year

The crowd may not have been as large as in previous years, but the enthusiasm was plentiful as the Wayne-Westland Community Schools partnered with Radio Disney and Westland Shopping Center for its fifth annual Back to School Celebration.

Kids, tweens and their families packed the East Court of Westland Shopping Center last Saturday for a three-hour event highlighting the school district and featuring Chrissie Fit, who played CheeChee in the Disney Channel's *Teen Beach Movie*.

"There weren't as many people, but it was later this year," said Paul Salah, deputy superintendent for instruction. "But it's still good exposure for the district."

There event was geared for students of all ages – from preschool to high school – with activities and information about the district and its programs. There also was something for the sweet tooth provided by Chef Tony Paquette, culinary arts instructor for the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, and his students.

There also were contests for the kids and performances by the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC and cheerleaders and John Glenn High School Marching Band. Kids also had a chance to win an authentic surfboard from the *Teen Beach Movie*.

Radio Disney has been worked with district on several projects, including two Rockin' Dance Party Open Houses at Hicks and Walker-Winter Elementary Schools this past spring.

— By Sue Mason



Five-year-old Allison Jones and her mom Jennifer of Redford watch as kids try to get picked for the next contest.

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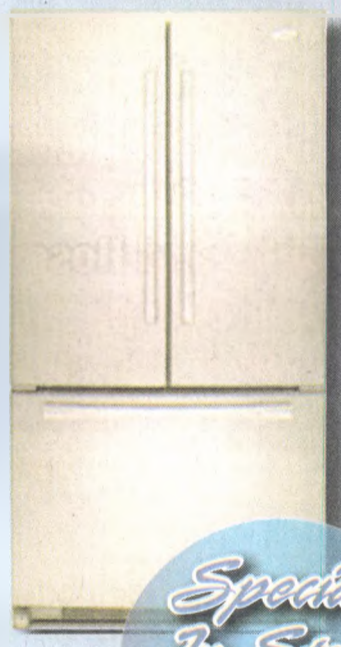
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## Coaches 'win' with board's OK

Officials decide to add another administrator

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The people who are in the trenches at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — coaches — seemingly are fired up about Tuesday's decision by the school board to add a third athletic director.

Following several contro-

versies that put a damper on athletics at the Park in 2012-13, the board unanimously acted on district administrators' recommendations that essentially increases the number of A.D.s from two to three.

"This decision by the district is a huge win for all coaches at the Park," said Nick Brandon, head coach for Plymouth's girls basketball and boys golf teams. "It's safe to say that this is a change that most coaches felt needed to be made."

Board members green-lighted a resolution that will pave the way for new Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen to add a third athletic director, although A.D.s at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools would have the title of assistant principal.

In addition, Meissen will look to bring in a K-12 director for athletics to oversee all co-curricular activities.

In recent years, following a budget cut that eliminated Plymouth High School's athletic

director, the mammoth job was shared by Tom Willette and Sue Heinzman.

Efforts to reach Willette and Heinzman following the announcement of the decision were not successful.

"I'm thrilled to hear about this renewed commitment to athletic excellence at (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools) and that we will again have an athletic administrator in

See BOARD, Page B3

## Canton girls harriers win

Excessive heat Tuesday forced the Canton-Wayne cross country meet at Cass Benton Park to be pushed back to Wednesday.

That delay did not hamper the Chiefs varsity girls team, which won 15-50.

Leading the Canton lineup was Sam Rohrbach, with a time of 24 minutes, 17 seconds.

Other strong performances were turned in by Ariana O'Neal (25:05), Kaylee Rivers (26:11), Christine Campbell (26:15) and Kelsey Postler (26:30).

"I told the girls not to pay attention to times today," Canton coach Eric Pahl said. "It was our first meet at Cass Benton, which is a very difficult course and the temperatures were still in the 90s, so we knew times would be slow."

"I wanted the girls to look at places. We had some new girls step up and place well in this meet. We were happy with the result."

## AHL at Compuware

Move aside Plymouth Whalers.

Your home arena, Compuware, will be hosting an American Hockey League pre-season game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, between the Grand Rapids Griffins and Lake Erie Monsters.

Go to the Compuware Arena or Plymouth Whalers websites or visit the arena box office for more information or to purchase tickets.

Meanwhile, the Whalers open their Ontario Hockey League home season with a contest at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, against Erie.

## Heroes on Hines races Oct. 5

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 \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half-marathon) if registering through Oct. 3. Visit heroesonhines.com.

PREP FOOTBALL

# Wildcats rally again

Plymouth scores late TD to edge Churchill

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Once again, Plymouth ground out a win. Once again, it wasn't easy.

First off, already trailing 22-16 with less than five minutes remaining in Friday's KLAA South Division contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats needed Livonia Churchill to miss a field goal.

That 33-yard attempt by junior Brian Alsobrooks missed the right uprights, although Chargers head coach Bill DeFillippo wasn't so sure.

"I'm still trying to figure out about the field goal because all of our kids said it was good and that would have been the difference in the game," DeFillippo said. "So I usually don't make excuses, but I feel like the officials took one away from us tonight."

Given that chance to come back, Plymouth senior quarterback AJ Convertino expertly led an 80-yard scoring march to give Plymouth the game-winning score in a 23-22 victory.

Churchill did get the football back with 2:25 left and moved the ball into the Plymouth zone following two double-digit completions from quarterback Alsobrooks (11-of-17 passing, 146 yards, two TDs) to his top target, senior slot receiver Mark Leja (seven catches, 108 yards, one TD).

But Plymouth junior linebacker Hussein Youssef, credited with 8½ tackles and three assists for the game, wasn't about to let Churchill convert a first down that could have kept the drive moving.

On successive plays, Yous-



Plymouth's Jake Gage (No. 55) puts a heavy hit on Livonia Churchill's Logan Facione (No. 10) Friday night. ANN ESPINOZA

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MIAC BOYS SOCCER



Plymouth Christian's Lucas Albrecht (No. 15) dribbles the ball. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Crazy weather plays role in deadlock

Overtime bounce costly as Oakland ties Plymouth Christian

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

A crazy weather pattern blew through the area just as Thursday's varsity boys soccer contest at Plymouth Christian Academy moved into overtime.

Within minutes, a warm and sunny late afternoon morphed into strong wind and rain — and the action on the soccer pitch

turned out to be almost as crazy.

The host Eagles had taken a 2-1 lead in the first of two 10-minute overtime sessions when junior forward Lucas Albrecht scored following a standout defensive stop and transitional pass from junior Joseph Iacopelli.

But just as it looked as though PCA would hold on for the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference victory, a crazy bounce ended up behind Eagles senior goalkeeper Jayme Putney with just 1:11 remaining

in the second OT. That turned out to be the end of the scoring as the teams earned a 2-2 tie.

Oakland's Reuben Bettinger lofted a shot from about 30 yards away that caromed off a PCA player's head. The ball then sailed over Putney and into the goal.

"It was a little unfortunate," PCA head coach Josh Middleton said. "It was raining, slick ball, mistimed and an unfortunate bounce."

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SPECIAL 9/11 TRIBUTE

# Showing their true colors

Community comes out strong to back volleyball teams for 9/11 tribute

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

All Lindsay Jewett had to do was announce Wednesday's "Volleyball Battle for the Troops" and let the folks show their true patriotic colors.

Jewett, a 2008 Plymouth High School alum and former varsity volleyball player, now coaches the Wildcats freshman spikers. Her fiancé, U.S. Marine Sean Downham, is about to be deployed to Afghanistan.

So she hatched the idea for Wednesday's special 9/11 tribute event at PHS — for those coming to the freshman, junior varsity and varsity games between "rivals" Plymouth and Canton to pack bins with donations and goodwill.

Items will be included in care packages to be sent overseas to men and women who serve in various branches of the military.

"It is truly incredible to



Looking patriotic with her colorful hair ribbon is Plymouth volleyball player Jillian Betts.



Plymouth senior Emily Burkman wears a red-white-and-blue hair ribbon.

have had the opportunity to witness our entire community come together to support our troops, something that I have come to hold near and dear to my heart," wrote Jewett in an email to the *Observer*. "Even my fiancé was amazed by the outpouring generosity of our community, a community that he truly looks forward to becoming a part of."

"I can't thank everyone enough for their hard work in

helping to put this together and ensure that this event was a success."

Plymouth, Canton and Salem fans happily donated to the cause.

So did members of the Plymouth and Canton communities, with more than \$350 raised from a bake sale (with \$100 donated by one generous individual) and enough goodies to stuff several bins located in front of the PHS gymnasium.



Plymouth freshman volleyball coach Lindsay Jewett (right) spearheaded Wednesday's tribute. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"There were several bins that were filled to the rim with toiletries, food items and different forms of entertainment for the troops," Jewett said, "as well as a box full of letters

and cards to be sent to the soldiers."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Big night for Plymouth Christian at tri-match

Plymouth Christian Academy took it to a pair of volleyball opponents at Thursday's tri-match hosted by Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Eagles swept both the host Chargers (25-18, 25-22) and Ann Arbor Prep (25-12, 25-10).

Sparking PCA (5-2-2) was Callie Morby, with 22 defensive digs for the night.

Other Eagles with top showings included Rachael Fuller (12 kills), Olivia Mady (eight aces, 12 kills) and Jen Malcolm (24 assists, 10 kills).

"The girls played great both games," PCA head coach Katie Decker said.

"We have really been

focusing on playing our game no matter who the opponent is.

"We put on a lot of work into playing good defense and minimizing unforced errors. They played great as a team and executed the game plan. ... I am really happy with the development and progression of individual players and as a team. Every game they get better."

**Dest leads HVL**

Madison Dest had a big night with 14 kills, five aces and seven digs Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran defeated Bloomfield Hills Roper in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crossover, 25-19, 27-25,

25-16.

"I thought the girls played hard all night," said HVL coach Mike Dest, whose team improved to 8-2-1 overall. "I was very pleased with the effort. Roper is a very scrappy team we had a lot of swings tonight that they dug."

**Warriors prevail**

Allie Lange and Leah Refenes each collected 14 kills Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland downed Southfield Christian, 27-29, 25-21, 25-23, 25-18, in a MIAC crossover.

Julia Yancy also chipped in with 33 digs to lead the defense, while Refenes and Sabrina Morrison added 13 and 12, respectively.

KLAA BOYS SOCCER

## Parks' two goals lift Chiefs past 'Cats

Canton broke open Thursday's close KLAA South Division varsity boys soccer contest against Plymouth with a big, three-goal second half to earn a 4-0 victory.

Getting the Chiefs started in the first half was Carter Schenk on a 30-yard free kick.

After intermission, Griffin Parks went to work with a pair of goals. One was off a laser from 25 yards that

beat Plymouth's goalkeeper.

Finishing the scoring for Canton (7-0-2, 4-0-0) was Matthew Causley.

Strong defense keyed the victory, said Chiefs head coach Mark Zemanski. He cited the efforts turned in by Sam Belcher, Zach Homco, Chris Dooley and Jack Zemanski, who all helped support senior goalkeeper Brandon Pickert.

Collecting two assists

was Cody Widlak, while Kyle Mettlach also earned a helper.

The loss dropped Plymouth's record to 2-6-0 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South.

» Meanwhile, Zemanski said Homco was credited with an assist (instead of Widlak) on the first goal scored Tuesday against Livonia Churchill. It was Homco's perfect feed to Parks that resulted in the marker with 38:20 to go in the first half.

SOCCER

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With the tie, PCA improved to 3-2-2 overall and 1-2-2 in the MIAC, while Oakland's record now is 2-1-1, 1-1-1.

Albrecht said his team did not leave the field feeling disappointed about missing the win on such a play.

"I don't think so, because we know as a team we deserved that win," Albrecht said. "And in our hearts, as a team we won. If we can walk away saying that, then that's all we really need."

Oakland had the early edge, however, going up 1-0 with 20:32 remaining in the first half.

Following a corner kick by Scott Howard, the ball found its way into the center of the goal box in front of Putney. Spinning and driving the ball into the net was John Van Noord.

**Reset button**

PCA struggled to get much going the rest of the opening half, but came out with more intensity following the intermission and it didn't take long for some positive results.

"Yeah, it was a completely different team the second half," Middleton said. "We kind of calmed them down during halftime, told them to



Plymouth Christian's Lance Allen (No. 4) collides with Oakland Christian's Zach Bouren.

play their game, to possess the ball and that's what they went out and did. They created chances and they put them away."

Just past the midway point of the half, Albrecht maneuvered around defenders into the box, only to be tripped up.

Albrecht, who drew a penalty kick on the play, injured his leg on the play and had to be helped off by Middleton.

Enter freshman Brian Schlinz to fill in for Albrecht and take the ensuing penalty kick. Schlinz took a couple of steps and deposited the ball inside the right post to make it a 1-1 contest with 18:04 left.

"We've done PK shoot-outs in practice multiple times and the kid's never missed one," Middleton

said. "He buries it in the right corner every single time, so we were confident."

The sun was still shining as the second half concluded, with the teams still deadlocked. But as the first extra session was about to begin, in came the drastic weather change that had spectators running for cover (or their umbrellas).

No matter. Albrecht — who as it turned out only missed a few minutes of play following the injury — was still on the case for PCA.

Iacopelli made a key defensive play in midfield to thwart a potential Oakland rush and quickly chipped the ball forward toward his creative teammate.

After sidestepping an Oakland player near the top of the 18-yard box, Albrecht sent a hard, low boot past goalkeeper Stuart Sutherland into the lower-left quadrant.

"Honestly, (assistant coach Dan Mullett) and I watch Lucas play and it's too much fun," Middleton said.

"It's like watching a video game. Guy after guy can't stop him, he tears them apart, goes and scores a goal for us. It's just a joy to watch."

Yes, one might say it was crazy good.

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GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE PREVIEW – PART 3

# Chiefs again bring plenty of talent to KLAA South party

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

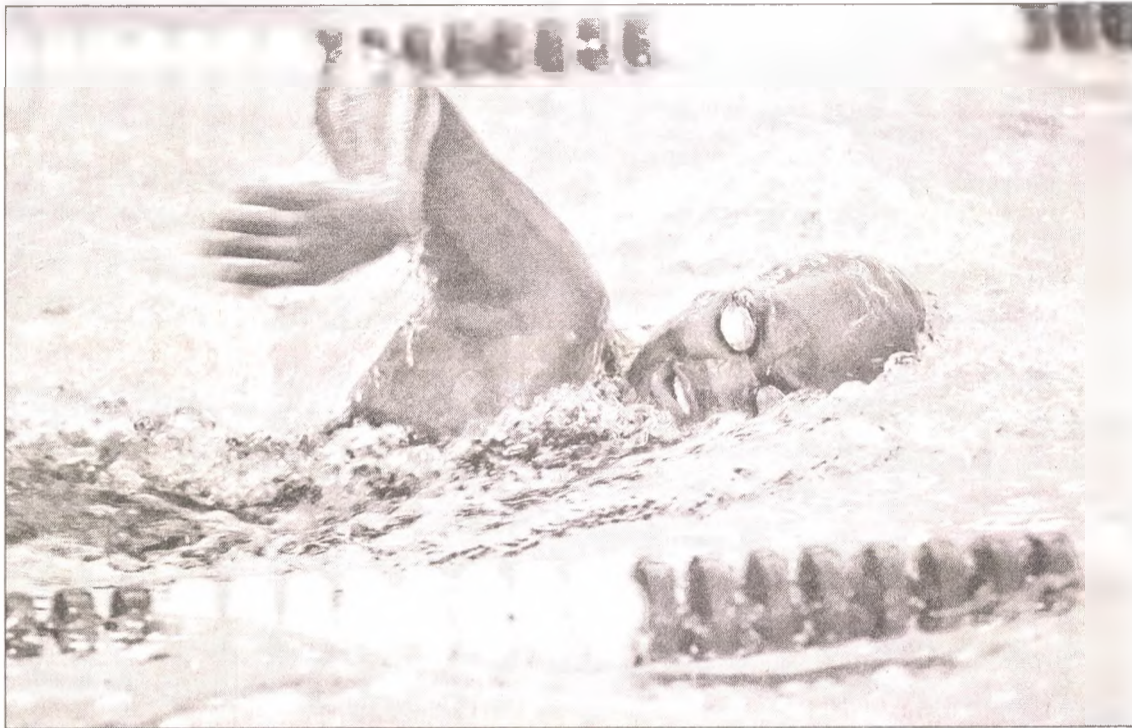
Once again this season, Canton's varsity girls swim and dive team possesses a world of talent.

And that takes on literal meaning in 2013, with the Chiefs welcoming Australian transfer student Alyssa Jacobsen — a sophomore who is one of a handful of promising newcomers joining an already strong cast.

"With a team of 65 girls, we have many available athletes to help defend our repeating (KLAA) South Division dual meet title," said Canton head coach Ed Weber, whose squad finished with a 5-0-0 mark in division dual meets last year. "I'm pretty confident that our team will shape up well to take a noticeable run through the month of November."

Once again, the Chiefs feature a deep and versatile roster, spearheaded by returning state qualifiers Destinee Barmore-Hicks (senior, 50- and 100-freestyle), Claire Green (junior, 200 IM and 500 free), Hannah Jenkins (junior, 200 IM and 100 breaststroke), Madeline Madison (senior, 200 free) and Emily Meier (sophomore, 100 backstroke).

"We can follow these girls up with great diving by (senior)



Shown doing the 100-yard freestyle during a 2012 dual meet is Canton's Destinee Barmore-Hicks. She is expected to have a strong senior season for the Chiefs. ALL PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Melissa Green and (junior) newcomer Kathleen Kleabir," Weber said.

Barmore-Hicks, Jenkins and Madison top an impressive list of 12 seniors, who set the bar high for getting after it with "a passion for competition, tradition and camaraderie."

According to Weber, the

squad also brings "substantial competition experience" from a number of other returning swimmers in everything from sprints to distance events.

Sprint swimmers include seniors Faith Goodwin (100 free), Laura Weisz (100 free), junior Jocelyn Moraw (50 free) and sophomore Emily Osika

(200 free).

Goodwin and Osika also will compete in the 100 fly, while Weisz can help the team in the 100 breast.

Pushing for points in distance events will be senior Kimberly Langolf (500 free), juniors Courtney Smith (500 free) and Emily Downs (500



Yet another top returnee for Canton is Hannah Jenkins, shown from last season.

free).

In other events, the Chiefs can turn to senior Mackenzie Dugas (200 IM), junior Emily Hagan (100 breast) and sophomore Brenna Wayne (100 fly) to add to the team score.

Canton's reloading freshman class is 18 strong, including Madison Dugas and Maura Shennan, slated to see plenty of time swimming in the 100 free and 50 free events, respectively.

The Chiefs were slated to take part in this weekend's Novi Invitational and will start the regular dual-meet schedule at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 24 against visiting Salem.

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## Chiefs score early, often in lopsided grid victory

Almost from the opening kickoff Friday night, the Canton Chiefs ran roughshod over host Wayne Memorial en route to a 54-6 KLAA South Division football victory.

On the first play from scrimmage, Westen Price scored on a 74-yard run, just 13 seconds into the contest.

Three minutes later the Chiefs were up 13-0 following a 7-yard TD run by quarterback Greg Williams and the on-

slaught continued just 1:20 into the second frame when Williams connected on an 11-yard scoring pass to Charles Turfe.

By the time halftime mercifully rolled around for the Zebras, Canton had amassed a 41-0 lead and were well on their way to another win (the Chiefs now are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South).

Other Canton TDs in the second quarter included runs of one and three yards by

Turfe as well as a 32-yard pass from Williams to Jake Boucher as time expired at the half.

After Wayne got on the scoreboard with 8:42 to play in the fourth, the Chiefs wrapped up the scoring when Brian Newton scored on a 15-yard run.

It also was a good night for placekicker Andrew Loehnis, who made four extra points.

The Chiefs outgained Wayne by a 363-78 margin,

including 245 on the ground.

Top performers on offense for Canton included Price (8-120 yards rushing plus 32 yards receiving), Turfe (67 all-purpose yards) and Boucher (two receptions for 48 yards).

Williams only needed to throw the ball 11 times, but he found his target on eight of those tries for 118 yards.

### Rocks lose again

The first victory of the 2013 season is proving tough to come by for the Salem Rocks.

On Friday night against KLAA Central Division rival Novi, the visiting Rocks suffered a 31-13 defeat to fall to 0-3 on the season and 0-1 in the division.

Details were not available as of press time.

## WILDCATS

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sef stopped Churchill's dangerous senior running back Malik Johnson (17 carries, 128 yards, one TD and 232 all-purpose yards) short of the first-down marker. That turned the ball over on downs and finished off the victory for the Wildcats.

"He's one of our hardest players," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said about Youssef. "He plays with emotion and that's what we need with young kids."

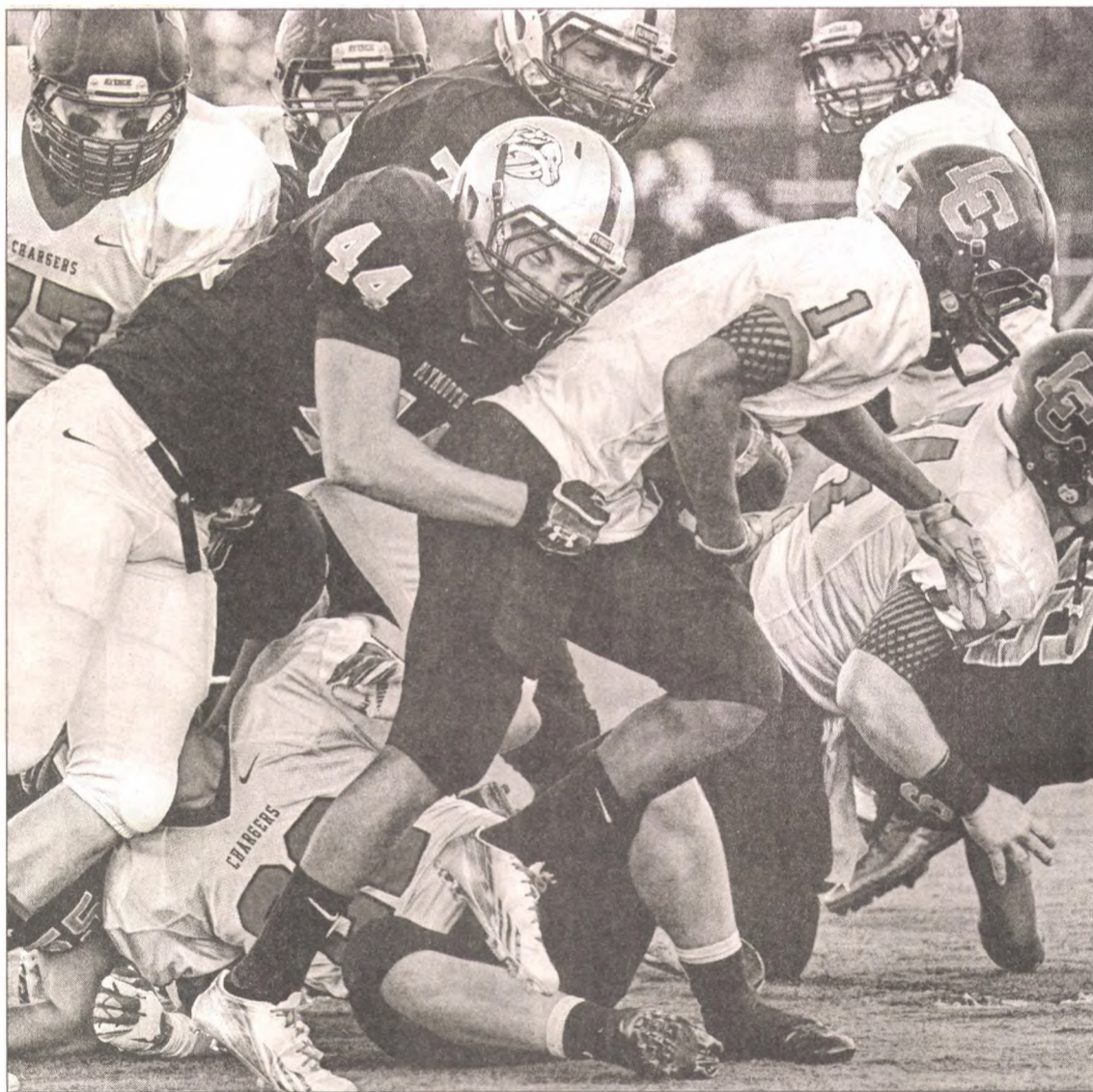
"What I'm most proud of is, two weeks in a row, these kids just fought and clawed and showed heart and played their tails off when it mattered. They could have folded when they (Chargers) went up and we turned the ball over and gave them a touchdown. They kept their composure and just played hard."

Finishing off the scoring drive that put Plymouth (3-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLAA South) up to stay was elusive senior tailback D.J. Rossell, who put on quite a show all night with 261 all-purpose yards.

Convertino's key 49-yard pass play to senior receiver Matt Busch moved the chains to Churchill's 26.

Rossell grabbed 9 more yards with a run and, on fourth-and-one at the 14, broke free of the Chargers' defensive line and scampered around the left end for 6.

"I felt like all the team had to step it up and punch it in, because we left a lot of points on the field," said Rossell, who rushed for 175 yards on 23 carries. "When it mattered the most, we stepped up and got it done. My line kicked their butts and I got free and scored."



Putting the wraps on Livonia Churchill running back Malik Johnson (No. 1) Friday night is Plymouth linebacker Kevin Justice (No. 44). ANN ESPINOZA

Tacking on the all-important extra point, which broke a 22-22 tie, was senior kicker Viet Nguyen, who also connected on three field goals in four attempts despite suffering from a hip flexor.

"To tell you the truth, our kicker played soccer (Thursday) and pulled his hip flexor," Sawchuk said. "So he didn't

know if he was going to be able to go and he just sucked it up and got it done for us."

It wasn't until after Youssef put the clamps on Johnson on fourth down at Plymouth's 46 that the home team knew it had another one in the win column.

### Still proud

"I think that will be great for Park athletics as a whole," Soukup said. "Sue Heinzman and Tom Willette have done a good job managing a tough situation and certainly should be recognized for that."

Brandon landed the girls basketball job following parents' criticism of how the program was being run by his predecessor.

Conversely, that meant the Chargers could not pick up their first 'W' of the season, to the chagrin of DeFillippo — who felt his team deserved better.

"I thought our kids played with great effort tonight against a good football program like Plymouth," DeFillippo noted. "They competed

for 48 minutes. Our defense made a tremendous step tonight. I'm just proud of our guys."

Plymouth took an early 3-0 lead on a 27-yard field goal by Nguyen with 7:28 left in the first quarter and doubled that edge early in the second on a 43-yarder.

Nguyen's second field goal was set up by Churchill's fumbled punt inside the Chargers' 30-yard line.

Churchill bounced back to go up 7-6 with 6:46 remaining in the first half when Alsbrooks threw a 16-yard scoring strike to Johnson to put the wraps on an impressive 63-yard drive. They had teamed up earlier in the series on a 14-yard shovel pass.

The Wildcats took a 13-7 halftime lead, however, on Convertino's 33-yard touchdown toss to senior receiver Connor Stella in the front-left corner of the end zone.

### Momentum changer

A turning point in that sequence was an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Johnson for a hard open-field hit against Rossell following the his reception of a short pass near midfield.

Plymouth received a first down at the Churchill 33 and scored on the next play.

"That play was a big momentum turner for us. I guess, in their favor," DeFillippo said. "Usually you (don't) get penalty flags thrown if it's a good hit. And it was chest-to-chest and then the next play they scored a touchdown off of it."

Churchill did regain the lead at 14-13 with 4:39 remaining in the third when Johnson scored from 3 yards out.

Nguyen's third field goal, from the 43, enabled the Wildcats to regain the lead (16-14).

He strongly applauded the administration "seeking our feedback and making this necessary improvement to our leadership setup. Most importantly, this will have a very positive effect on our student-athletes and their experiences while competing at the Park."

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## BOARD

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Plymouth High School," said Tom Kimball, head coach of the Wildcats varsity boys tennis team.

"Hopefully, they will find and hire someone with the high level of competence and com-

mitment that we had from (original PHS athletic director) Terry Sawchuk. He set the bar high."

Plymouth varsity boys basketball coach Mike Soukup also lauded the decision to bulk up administrative support for athletics — the result of a committee's efforts including a survey of 500 community stakeholders.

Their complaints were similar to those lodged in the spring against Plymouth's varsity baseball coach; they took issue with decisions as they pertained to their own student-athletes.

Brandon said the district "has some incredibly important decisions to make about who the best leaders are to fill these newly created positions."

BOYS PREP HOCKEY

# Barath scores Chiefs' top coaching job

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Get anywhere near Brad Barath these days and you'll probably hear him saying things like "Go Chiefs" or "drop the puck now."

Could anybody blame him?

Barath, 24, recently was named to become head coach of the Canton varsity boys hockey team, after serving the past four years on the staff of Jeremy Majszak.

And on top of that is the fact Barath also played varsity hockey at Canton, where he was team captain.

"The program was

run a lot differently back then and things have changed a lot since then," said Barath, still a Canton resident who recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University. "The Canton program has turned into (one) that is all about hard work, dedication and character."



Barath

Majszak and district co-athletic director Tom Willette both pointed to Barath's previous coaching experience as being key to his hiring.

"I'm extremely excit-

ed about Brad," said Majszak, who stepped aside following nearly five seasons at the helm due to personal reasons. "He's a young, bright asset to the program."

"He has some excellent ideas and a great outlook ... he's dedicated, ambitious competitive and never quits. He'll expect the same from his players."

Because Barath worked on Majszak's coaching staff, there should be a smooth transition.

"I do believe with him passing the job on to me, there will be continuity with the program," Barath said. "This was something we were hoping to keep when he moved on from the Canton program."

He added that he will add his "own personal touch, of course" to the proceedings.

The tandem (together with assistant coach Frank Majszak and team manager Dave Flack) enjoyed plenty of success in recent seasons, capturing a pair of KLAA South Division titles and Lash Cups for supremacy among P-CEP teams in head-to-head contests.



Brad Barath (foreground) takes over as head coach of Canton's varsity boys hockey team.

## Outdoor game looms

For as much as Barath is enthusiastic about how the 2013-14 Chiefs might fare in the standings, he is just as pumped up about a rare opportunity.

Canton will skate against the Plymouth Wildcats either Dec. 17 or 18 as part of the much-anticipated Winter Festival of youth, college, junior and Red Wings old-timers games at Comerica Park in Detroit.

The festivities will span a two-week period,

leading up to the NHL Winter Classic Jan. 1, 2014, between the Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs at the University of Michigan's Big House.

"This is a chance of a lifetime for these boys and I am very excited for them to have this opportunity," Barath said. "Most players will never have the chance to experience something like this, so I am grateful for this opportunity and I know the boys are as well."

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Wildcats edge Churchill

Although slowed somewhat by the high heat and humidity, Plymouth still got it done with Thursday's 27-28 win over Livonia Churchill in a KLAA South Division varsity boys cross country dual meet at Cass Benton.

The teams originally were to have squared off Wednesday, but the meet was moved to Thursday as a precaution, Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said.

"The meet was canceled the day before because of the heat and it didn't feel much cooler," Mikosz said.

Finishing first overall was Plymouth's Zane Berlanga, who "ran a good, smooth race" with a time of 17 minutes, 39 seconds.

In second place for the meet was another Plymouth runner, Matt Pahl (17:44).

The Wildcats had three other finishers in the top 10, namely Liam Cardenas (sixth, 17:57), Blerim Mema (eighth, 18:05) and Mayur Patil (10th, 18:35).

"Times were slow because of the heat," Mikosz said, adding that Pahl won the meet for the Wildcats by passing two Churchill runners over the past 200 meters.

"All his off-season training showed in that race," Mikosz said. "Blerim and Mayur are still learning how to race, but are coming along nicely."

Mikosz said it was good to get the win against Churchill because it "is a very good and extremely well-coached team."

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## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

**CANTON 186**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 228**  
Sept. 12 at Whispering Willows

**Canton scorers:** Kelsey McDougall, 40 (medalist); Chloe Luyet, 47; Alyce Krumm, 49; Rachel Pisano, 50; Madelyn Mans, 52; Shelby Lobb, 54.

**Churchill scorers:** Alyssa Mazur, 48; Katie Shereda, 54; Kristin McLean, 62; Marin McGowan, 64; Elizabeth Havlik, 65; Megan Crocker, 69.

**Dual match records:** Canton, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South.

**FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL**  
Sept. 10 at Glen Oaks G.C.

**Standings:** 1. Troy, 311; 2. Detroit Country Day, 323; 3. North Farmington-Harrison, 325; 6. Canton, 345 (out of 15 teams).

**Canton scorers:** Kelsey McDougall, 76 (tied for fourth out of 83 golfers); Chloe Luyet, 86; Alyce Krumm, 91; Rachel Pisano, 92; Madelyn Mans, 103.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 27**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 28**  
Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Park

**Individual winner:** Zane Berlanga (Plymouth), 17 minutes, 39.2 seconds (5,000 meters).

**Other Plymouth finishers:** 2. Matt Pahl, 17:44.7; 6. Liam Cardenas, 17:57.59; 8. Blerim Mema, 18:05.8; 10. Mayur Patil, 18:35.2; 12. Johnny Dalton, 18:46.1; 14. Daniel Ahearn, 19:11.8.

**Churchill finishers:** 3. Jon Alessandrini, 17:48.9; 4. Jon Hoovermale, 17:52.3; 5. Matt Cohan, 17:54.4; 7. George Bowles, 18:04.95; 9. Sean McKeon, 18:21.6; 11. Patrick Dahlin, 18:45.6; 13. Colin Murphy, 18:56.9.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 24**  
**CANTON 36**  
Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Park

**Individual winner:** Devin Gibson (Wayne), 17:53 (5,000 meters).

**Other Wayne finishers:** 2. Malik Jordan, 17:54; 6. Zack Williams, 18:26; 7. Uriel Figueroa, 18:40; 8. Tim Flores, 18:41; 10. Michael Gibson, 19:07; 14. Collin

Malcolm, 22:17.

**Canton finishers:** 3. Evan Dunklee, 18:07; 4. Ammar Chiehti, 18:09; 5. Billy Toth, 18:20; 9. Evan Childs, 19:01; 11. Mike Roberts, 19:27; 12. Nick Socha, 20:09; 13. Sean Carey, 20:15.

**Dual meet records:** Wayne, 2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 25**  
**PLYMOUTH 32**  
Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Park

**Individual winner:** Marina DeBiasi (Plymouth), 20:22.6 (5,000 meters).

**Churchill finishers:** 2. Kathleen George, 21:37.4; 3. Caroline George, 22:50.9; 4. Alexis Lombardo, 23:02.9; 7. Elyssa Hofmann, 23:28.6; 9. Julia Twigg, 23:33.8; 10. Jenna Hickson, 23:42.0; 11. Megan McFarlane, 23:52.3.

**Other Plymouth finishers:** 5. Briana Lax, 23:09.6; 6. Hailey Foster, 23:16.8; 8. Alexa Cichon, 23:29.5; 13. Renae DeBrito, 24:32.8; 18. Alison Moore, 25:33.1; 16. Marianne DeBrito, 24:32.8.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.



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## FILM TO BRING MESSAGE OF HOPE TO LOCAL PEACEMAKERS

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

While stories about chemical weapons, shootings and murder trials dominated news stories last week, a group of local peacemakers meeting in Livonia found reasons to hope for a better world.

Filmmakers Kell Kearns and Cynthis Lukas showed their 2011 documentary, *Globalized Soul*, at a meeting of Citizens for Peace on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Unity of Livonia church. They answered questions about their work, which took three years to complete after shooting more than 100 hours of footage on five continents.

The film weaves stories of peacemakers — Jain philanthropists in India who give medical help and prosthetics to the poor and Jewish, Muslim and Christian peace activists in Jerusalem who break bread together — with comments by dozens of spiritual leaders.

"For us, the essence of *Globalized Soul* is that we saw a lot of hope. We are becoming one people globally. It doesn't have much to do with governments any longer," Kearns said. "We see this positive thing happening among people and those are the folks we want to focus on, the people who are doing something."

"Traditional media will show you religions in conflict and will focus on that," Lukas added. "Interfaith cooperation is a phenomenon that is at the heart of *Globalized Soul*. There are very inspiring people in the film and through their stories we wanted to inspire other people ... to show the extent to what one or two or three people can accomplish. We want people to be moved and to get out there, take your spirituality out on the road and get something done in your own community."



Filmmakers Kell Kearns and Cynthis Lukas take questions from Citizens for Peace members after showing their documentary, "Globalized Soul."

### News backgrounds

Kearns and Lukas have created six films together in the past 10 years working out of Santa Fe, N.M., as Heaven on Earth Creations. Kearns, a former television news anchor and reporter in Dallas, Texas, said he "bolted" from traditional media as soon as he acquired enough knowledge about using a camera. He began creating his own films on social and spiritual transformation 30 years ago.

Lukas taught English in college and had worked as a print journalist before she met Kearns at a Marianne Williamson conference.

Kearns does most of the camera work and directing. Lukas interviews and researches and both write.

They show *Globalized Soul* at schools, universities and groups, like Citizens for Peace. Some of their previous films, including biographies of Mar-

tin Luther King and the poet, Rumi, were tailored for mass audiences and were broadcast on PBS stations.

"*Globalized Soul* was tailored for folks like you," Kearns told Citizens for Peace. "It was intended to encourage those already on the path. When it was selected as a featured film for the International Day of Peace, nothing could have made us happier."

### Audience reaction

Janice Allen and Nancy Lightbody, both of Livonia, said they felt hopeful after viewing *Globalized Soul*.

"Inspirational," Lightbody described the film.

Mita Ghosh of Southfield not only got a chance to watch the Kearns-Lukas film, but was interviewed earlier in the day for their current documentary project, which focuses on Mahatma Gandhi.

Ghosh's parents started a school for Gandhi and his ash-



The Dalai Lama blesses Jain humanitarian Asha Mehta for her work with the needy in Palitana, India, in a scene from the film.



This scene from the movie, "Globalized Soul," shows a dinner attended by members of the Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths in the ancient city of Nazareth. A grass-roots group called Jerusalem Peacemakers organized the event.

ram (religious retreat) and worked closely with him.

"I am a follower of Gandhi. My real strength in life has always been nonviolence and peace and the faith and belief in God," Ghosh said. "It all goes hand in hand, faith, peace and love."

She said she enjoyed watching the film and being interviewed for their next project.

"What they are doing is impressive. It's what we need for the world today."

Citizens for Peace will celebrate UN International Day of Peace, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, with a film screening and art display at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. For more information, call Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

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# Prenatal care impacts child mental health

It has long been acknowledged that boys generally out-number girls by about three to one in the incidence of childhood mental disorders such as learning disabilities, behavioral problems, autism, attention deficit hyperactive disorders, and so on.

Years ago an experiment was done to test the hypothesis that this higher rate of disorders for boys might be related to them being more at risk for brain injuries during the birthing process. It was considered that one way there might be greater risk would be if they had bigger heads that received more pressure during contractions through the birth canal. A group of 100 newborns were measured, boys and girls, and the boy's heads were significantly larger than the girls.

To test out whether or



Len McCulloch

not this was causing any type of brain injury, spinal taps were done on the 100 boys and girls, and in a significantly higher rate of boys, there were found traces of blood in the cerebral spinal fluid, indicative of minor brain bleeding. Unfortunately, the research wasn't followed up on to examine the same children five to 10 years later to see if the boys out-numbered the girls in terms of rates of various childhood mental behavioral and developmental abnormalities.

Also unfortunately, the size of heads of boys and girls cannot be controlled and neither is it advisable to have all births by C-section to

avoid risking new birth minor brain bleeds that might eventually show up as disabilities later in life.

### Risks in utero

And, there are certain conditions that exist in some pregnant mothers that are known to be detrimental to the developing baby which cannot be wished away. Mothers with epilepsy is an example. Being born to a mother with epilepsy may affect developmental outcome of the offspring in several ways. Prenatal exposure to some anti-epileptic drugs is said to be associated with an increased incidence of major malformations.

Genetic factors may also contribute. Exposure to prolonged and multiple maternal seizures are additional risk factors.

However, there are many factors that are under every pregnant woman's control to increase or decrease the risk of mental health issues in their offspring. Common sense tells the mother to be healthy, eat right, sleep well, and take care of her unborn as she would herself. Unfortunately, many teen and young mothers-to-be are not always educated enough to the deleterious effects of alcohol, cigarettes and second hand smoke, drugs, medications, and stress on the mental health of their offspring. All of these can be controlled by prevention.

### Stress and disabilities

In my work with the Social Security Administration doing disability determination evaluations on thousands of

children over the years, I have seen a high correlation of youngsters with common disabilities such as learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism, brain damage, etc. and the use by their mothers, when the child was in utero, of any or all of these various "substances."

Another major factor is stress. A mother under high amounts of stress throughout pregnancy may be producing excessive cortisol, a hormone known to have harmful effects on health brains, let alone premature developing brains and a newborn's brain having been bathed for nine months in high levels of this hormone, and perhaps others that are related, may be prone to develop schizophrenia, say some.

The important thing is early education for our

mothers-to-be about the dangers of "substances," stress, and related factors that common sense would tell them could be harmful to them and therefore to their new child.

We are seeing so many disabilities in children probably traceable back to damage done to them, in utero.

We cannot get too early of a start on preparation of our children's mental health.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, brain injury, addictions and social work. His monthly column, "Our Mental Health" has been published for 13 years. They are archived at: [www.farmlib.org/heritage-collection/newspapers.html](http://www.farmlib.org/heritage-collection/newspapers.html). McCulloch can be reached at 248-474-2763 ext. 22 for consultation.

# Genealogists offer research advice

Amy Johnson Crow, CG, and Laura G. Prescott, both genealogical speakers on the national level, will lead a genealogical workshop to help family historians of all levels research their American ancestors. The class runs 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth.

Crow is a genealogical content manager with Ancestry.com. She is a certified genealogist, speaker, author, editor, and has been involved with several state and national genealogical societies. She'll talk about researching



Amy Johnson Crow



Laura Prescott

Civil War veterans and sources that can fill in the gaps between 10-year census records.

Prescott is a professional researcher, writer, and speaker. She offers a mix of history, genealogy, and technology to find answers and ancestors. Her specialties include online resources, working with manuscript collections,

and fitting technology to genealogy. She is a consultant at Fold3.com and past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She'll talk about digital genealogy and special collections archives. She'll also explain why manuscripts and artifacts are essential to building a family's story.

The fee is \$40 and includes the lectures, lunch, and the option of touring the Museum's special exhibit, "B4TV," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at [plymouthhistory.org](http://plymouthhistory.org). For more information, call the Museum at 734-455-8940.

## REUNIONS

### DEARBORN FORDSON CLASS OF 1954

A 59-year reunion luncheon will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Stitt American Legion Hall, 2032 Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at [patc629@aol.com](mailto:patc629@aol.com).

### CLASS OF 1948

A 64-year reunion luncheon is planned for Sept. 19. For more information, call 734-421-1485 or 734-455-9428

### FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40-year reunion is set from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 29, at the Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call 248-451-9653. Tickets are \$75 presale only. Includes dinner, dancing, good times. Get tickets from [www.73fhs40.reunionmanager.com](http://www.73fhs40.reunionmanager.com). Join the reunion Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/503456823023714](http://www.facebook.com/groups/503456823023714). Reunion contact is Sande Eastwood Rouke.

### GARDEN CITY CLASS OF 1983

A reunion is set for Sept. 21 at Roma Banquet Hall, Garden City. Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Karen Boyd and mail to her at 28445 Bock, Garden City, MI 48135.

### CLASS OF 1963

The class will celebrate its 50-year reunion from 6 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 26, at Sheraton Novi, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information email to Carolyn Koloski Kohler at [CPKohler36801@yahoo.com](mailto:CPKohler36801@yahoo.com) or Shirley Kilgore at [Knight1@msn.com](mailto:Knight1@msn.com). Visit the reunion's Facebook page — Garden City High School Class of '63.

### GARDEN CITY EAST-WEST CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion will be held Oct. 5 at The Henry Ford and Best Western-Greenfield Inn. Register on: [www.eventbrite.com/event/7527708579](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/7527708579). Email [1973greunion@gmail.com](mailto:1973greunion@gmail.com). Call or text: Donna Sly at 734-552-0485.

### LADYWOOD CLASS OF 1983

A reunion is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Station 885 in Plymouth. Cost is \$30 per person. Spouses may attend. For more information call Claudia (Kuras) Garcia at 313-561-2139.

### LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1966

A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Call 734-462-3100. Check-in and cash bar at 6 p.m.,

buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. Email Kathy Shinn at [theshinns2@att.net](mailto:theshinns2@att.net).

### MERCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

A 50-year reunion luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novi. Contact [mercy.hs.1963@gmail.com](mailto:mercy.hs.1963@gmail.com) or call J. Quainte at 734-776-2561.

### REDFORD UNION CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is set for Oct. 19. Looking for former classmates. For more information, contact Jamie (Stafanson) Fraley at [fraleyjm66@yahoo.com](mailto:fraleyjm66@yahoo.com).

### CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Burton Manor Banquet Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For reservations, visit [www.ruhsclassof1973.com](http://www.ruhsclassof1973.com) or contact Debi Cutshall at [debi.k.cutshall@gmail.com](mailto:debi.k.cutshall@gmail.com).

### SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Westin Hotel-Southfield, 1500 Town Center. Dinner tickets are \$89 and include food stations and a cash bar. Other weekend activities include a casual meet/greet Friday, golf outing option Saturday morning and a tour of the school and brunch Sunday. Register at [www.southfieldhigh1973.com](http://www.southfieldhigh1973.com).

### ST. AGATHA CLASS OF 1973

A 40th class reunion is planned for 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 28, at Ginopolis Restaurant, located at 12 Mile and Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. Cost per ticket is \$27 which includes a family-style dinner and cash bar. Send checks, made out to Thomas Nemes, Esq., to Nemes Rooney P.C., 26050 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Checks must be received by Monday, Sept. 23. Questions? Contact Diane (Higgins) Widlak at [diane-widlak@aol.com](mailto:diane-widlak@aol.com).

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. Tickets are on sale now. The early bird price, before Sept. 7, is \$65 per person or \$120 per couple; after that date it's \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. The price includes a strolling dinner and open bar with DJ. Make checks payable to Brian Baker, JGHS Class of '83 Reunion and send to P.O. Box 0876, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, email Linda Harbison at [jghs.1983@gmail.com](mailto:jghs.1983@gmail.com).

Send reunion information to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com)

### BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at [khay@reinhardrealtors.com](mailto:khay@reinhardrealtors.com) or Dianna (Basnav) McDaniel at [djmcDaniel45@comcast.net](mailto:djmcDaniel45@comcast.net).

### CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to BellevilleMI1973.40@comcast.net or call Laura (Kingsley) Delsh at 734-485-2744 or Sterling at 734-265-6132.

### CANTON AND SALEM HIGH SCHOOLS CLASSES OF 1993

A 20-year reunion is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at EG Nicks in Plymouth. Get tickets at <http://www.payitsquare.com/collect-page/15213>.

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### Birding basics

Search and listen for birds with a park naturalist and other bird lovers, 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Participants will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$5 per person, ages 7 and up. Pre-register at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile or online at [recreg.fhgov.com](http://recreg.fhgov.com). Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135 or email [asmith@fhgov.com](mailto:asmith@fhgov.com) for more information.

### Butterflies

Cindy Oleszkowicz, professional photographer and a member of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, (SEMBA) will talk about butterfly and nature photography at the organization's next meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The event is free for SEMBA members; \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call 734-223-5510 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

### 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.

» Experienced paddlers can tour the Rouge Sept. 21 and Oct. 12. The organization will partner with Riverside Kayak Connection on a tour that highlights the river's industrial past. It will begin in Melvindale and cruise past the Ford Rouge Complex. Heavener Canoe Rental offers the October trip that follows the Lower Branch within the City of Wayne. This trip is part of Rouge-A-Palooza, a river celebration that will take place in Wayne's Goudy Park. To sign up for the Sept. 21 Kayak Tour, contact Riverside Kayak Connection at 734-285-2925. Cost is \$45; \$20 for those who bring their own kayaks. The fee includes lunch and shuttle. To sign up for the Oct 12 paddle, contact Friends of the Rouge at 313-792-9621 or email to [spretrella@therouge.org](mailto:spretrella@therouge.org). Cost is \$35 or \$10 if you bring your own canoe.

### Livonia Garden Club

Steve and Donna Turner will talk about African violets at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m., Oct. 1, at the Civic Park Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Steve is president of the Michigan State African Violet Society. They'll teach a modern way to grow the plants. The senior center phone number is 734-466-2555

### English Gardens

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

- » Get information on designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 at all stores.
- » 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).
- » All stores. Kids can learn how to plant bulbs that will bloom in time for the holidays at a workshop, 11:30 a.m. Saturday Sept. 28. Cost for the children's workshop is \$5.

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 [ravsteven@cbahm.org](mailto:ravsteven@cbahm.org). Garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. [www.wollbiblegarden.org](http://www.wollbiblegarden.org).

## MILESTONES

### BIRTH

#### MARCEL DIMITRI TAIYO MOORE

Marcel Dimitri Taiyo Moore was born Aug. 3, 2013 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital.

Marcel joins his parents, Ian and Christine Moore, and his brother, Eliot, 2 1/2, at home in Canton. Grandparents are



Marcel Dimitri Taiyo Moore

Carol and John Kapusky and Carolyn and Jim Moore, all of Northville.

## Sample culinary delicacies at Schoolcraft event

Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza will combine fine food and beverages, a silent auction, raffle prizes — even a little football viewing — all under one roof Sunday, Sept. 22 in the Vis-Ta-Tech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Tickets are still available for the event, which raises funds for the college's culinary department, as well as scholarships for students. They cost \$50 per person, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. For tickets call Jen Mackinder at 734-462-4689.

The Culinary Extrav-

aganza runs 2-5 p.m. and will feature Chef Jeff Gabriel and wine vintner, Lee Hershey, demonstrating wholesome, healthy food and wine accompaniments.

Guests will sample fine foods and beverages from more than 50 local restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. One section of the event this year also will include pub-style foods, perfect for tasting while watching the televised Detroit Lions game.

A raffle of cash prizes will be held from 4-5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Ticket-holders need not be present to win.

# See fashion take shape at Novi sewing expo

The American Sewing Expo returns Friday-Sunday, Sept. 27-29 to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"We are celebrating our 20th anniversary bringing everything together for sewing, fashion and quilting including live sewing challenges, seminars and workshops, sewing and crafting contests, free demonstrations and shopping," said Janet Pray, show producer, in a press release. "Young sewers boot camp, beginner hands-on projects, expert sewer instruction and crafter do-it-yourself ideas will be featured at the fashion shows, classes and displays."

The 20th annual show will include accessories, embellishments, one of a kind fabrics and supplies, fashion sewing, fitting, home decorating, machine embroidery, needle arts, quilting, sergers and wearable art. Showgoers will see fashion style shows, sewing challenge competitions and more than 125 exhibitors from 35 states, Australia and Canada. Techniques and tips will be taught at over 225 seminars, hands-on workshops, demonstrations and

seminars including drafting and fitting patterns, professional and industrial sewing techniques, equestrian show costumes and heirlooms.

Show instructors include fit specialist and couture expert Lynda Maynard; couture sewing expert Angela Wolf; home seamstress and creator of Gertie's New Blog for Better Sewing, Gretchen Hirsch; Baby Lock's Love of Fashion national spokes-designer Joi Mahon, and instructors from the online craft education and community platform Craftsy.

Reality sewing television competitions are the inspiration for the "Passion For Fashion Sewing Challenge," that begins as the show opens when 12 finalists design and sew garments for judging and a fashion show.

Three times per day, contestants in the "Quick-Stitch, The Challenge" competition will create a fashion accessory, home decor or craft project within 75 minutes.

McCall Pattern Company will feature sample garments from their McCall's, Vogue, Butterick and KwikSew patterns, explain how to measure for sewing

pattern sizing and provide information on creating a pattern line including information on printing patterns.

Special display exhibits and events will include the cutting edge of fashion sewing, quilts, wearable art, 18" doll clothes charity project and more.

"Show visitors can test-drive sewing machines, see a fashion show, do some shopping, or watch a demo to get creative tips, discover fresh possibilities and be inspired for new projects," Pray said.

Show hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 27-28 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. Preshow workshops are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 25-26. Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi Road and Beck, in Novi. Expo admission is \$14 and children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14, all-day workshops are \$130 and special combination packages are available. Onsite parking is available for \$5. For more information, visit [www.AmericanSewingExpo.com](http://www.AmericanSewingExpo.com) or call 248-889-3111.

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#### DUFAULT, PAUL E.

Age 81, passed away September 7, 2013. He was born December 13, 1931 in Windsor, Ontario to Paul and Helen Dufault. He was a graduate of Wayne State Law School and a member of the Michigan Bar Assoc. Mr. Dufault served as a Probate Attorney and Public Administrator for Oakland County for many years. Active in the Dearborn Players Guild, he played the lead role in several musicals. He was also a member of the Senior Mens Club of Birmingham. Among his many hobbies were Tennis, Skiing, traveling, cooking, reading and watching the Tigers. A smile always graced his face. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He is survived by Peggy, his wife of 33 years; children, Paul (Patty) Dufault of Farmington Hills and Julia (Del Mecum) McGrath of West Bloomfield; step-children, Peter (Jody) Scott of Ann Arbor and Stephanie (Jennifer Caulfield) Scott of San Francisco, CA. He had 10 grandchildren, Chelsea, Caitlin, Jaclyn, Paul, Tucker, Matilda, Ruth, Breckin, Hayden and Finley and siblings, Robert, Adrienne, Deanna, Jeannine and Edward. Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. until service at 11:00 a.m. at the Kinsey-Garrett Funeral Home, 420 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Memorial donations may be made to the D.S.O., Smile Train, or Salvation Army.

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#### DUFFEY, GWYNN C.

Of Bloomfield Village passed quietly at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on the evening of August 29th at the age of 91. She will be sorely missed by extended family throughout the country. In lieu of flowers, a gift in her name to the Michigan Humane Society would be welcome. A private memorial service will be held by her family.



#### ELSEA, RICHARD "DICK" S.

Age 83, September 10, 2013. Beloved husband of Laurel for 14 years and predeceased by Patricia in 1996. Dearest father of Stuart (Judy) and Dan (Susan). Loving grandfather of Erik, Evan, Caroline and Camille. Dear cousin of Sue McNutt. Richard was a pioneer of the real estate industry and chairman of Real Estate One. Visitation Sunday 1-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Funeral Service Monday, 10:30am at Ward Evangelistic Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Real Estate One Charitable Foundation or St. John Providence Foundation.

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#### MODLIN, RUSSELL D.

Age 66, August 30, 2013 of Plymouth. Loving father of Jenny (Trent) Martz, Mike (Jessica) Modlin and Wendy (David) Smith. Proud grandfather of Ethan & Carly Martz, Grady & Noah Modlin, and Patrick McConachie. Brother of Terri Modlin. Cherished friend of Karen Battle. A memorial gathering will take place Saturday 12-3PM until the time of the 3 PM Memorial service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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#### STEGLICH, ANDREAS "TRACY"

Died at the age of 74. Steglich is survived by his wife Ann, two children Elissa & Ryan, sisters Luise & Beatrice and grandchild Zora Luise. Tracy worked over 30 years with Volkswagen and previously with Boeing in Seattle. Tracy helped to establish paddle tennis courts for the community of Haworth, NJ. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved travel, planning family trips, music and the arts, often attending the Detroit Symphony, pops and jazz concerts. His friends knew him for his sharp intellect, dry humor and love of a good prank.

He will be celebrated in a memorial ceremony in October. Memorial contributions can be made to Detroit Symphony [www.dso.org](http://www.dso.org) and Washington State National Park Fund [www.wnfp.org](http://www.wnfp.org)

## CRAFT SHOWS

Send craft show information to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### Knights of Columbus

The event will include arts and crafts items and flea market goods, such as furniture, household and vintage wares, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Proceeds from vendor table rentals will help the Knights of Columbus fill Christmas baskets for the needy. For more information call Denise Book at 248-474-4162.

### Seeking Crafters

The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual juried craft bazaar, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Museum. Applicants are required to submit three to four photos of craft items for judging. Table rentals are \$30 each, and most are 8-foot-wide, although there are some space variations available. Space is tight, so displays must be limited to the size of the table. The Museum will offer free admission that day for both Museum patrons and craft bazaar shoppers. The Museum asks crafters to donate an item for its raffle. The application is available at

<http://www.plymouthhistory.org>. Crafters that are not accepted for the bazaar will receive a full refund. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth.

### Delta Kappa Gamma

Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) is an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education. It's 29th Annual Craft Show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, at Sheldon, in Plymouth. Juried crafters will sell handmade jewelry, pottery, clothing, seasonal decor, metal sculptures, gourmet foods, and more. The event will include drawings for several prizes, including two handmade Amish quilts, a golf outing at Fox Hills Country Club, tickets to a 2014 Detroit Tigers game, a gift package to 932 Penniman Bed and Breakfast, and gift certificates to local restaurants. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will sell used books at the craft show. Breakfast and lunch items will be available in the cafeteria. Admission is \$2. For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at [debccortellini@comcast.com](mailto:debccortellini@comcast.com) or Alice Chrenko at [dachrenko@hotmail.com](mailto:dachrenko@hotmail.com).

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## Hospital seeks patients for cornea procedure clinical trial

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

A procedure known as cross-linking is being tested in clinical trials to help patients with rare eye conditions – keratoconus and post-LASIK ectasia — improve their vision and avoid cornea transplants.

“It has been researched and investigated a long time and has been available in countries outside the U.S. for at least 10 years,” said Dr. Colleen Grace, M.D. lead researcher for a cross-linking clinical trial at Henry Ford Hospital. “The reason it hasn’t been approved in the U.S. is no one has been able to put together a large enough clinical trial.”

She hopes that will change with the current study which seeks approximately 4,000 patients in 100 cities. Each testing site is allowed to enroll 40 patients. Grace said six patients at Henry Ford Hospital have undergone the procedure, which involves temporarily removing the numbed top layer of cornea, placing drops containing vitamin B2 in the eye and exposing the cornea to ultraviolet light.

There is no charge for the treatment and screening visits and follow-up testing generally is covered by insurance.

### Stabilizing the disease

Individuals with keratoconus have corneas with an irregular surface, resulting in distorted vision. Wearing rigid contact lenses corrects vision and helps stabilize the disease.

“Keratoconus tends to develop in the teens to the 20s and usually progresses until the 40s,” Grace said. “If a patient is 25 and wearing hard contacts, they may be fine. But if the disease gets so bad that hard contacts can’t be fitted or won’t correct vision, the only option is a corneal transplant.”

“Our overall goal is to stabilize the disease...to reduce the number of patients that need corneal transplants. For a 30-something-year-old to need a corneal transplant is a huge deal, so the advantage of this procedure is that it is a relatively minor procedure and can prevent a major procedure.”

Grace said there are no major risk factors for the disease, but pointed out that a constant trauma, such as eye-rubbing because of allergies, may lead to keratoconus. Patients with sleep apnea also have a higher incidence of the disease.

Pressure inside the eye pushes the cornea into a cone shape, distorting vision, in



Colleen Grace, M.D. is leading a clinical trial at Henry Ford Hospital.

patients with Post-LASIK ectasia. The condition occurs in approximately 1 in 5,000-10,000 patients who undergo LASIK surgery.

“It’s pretty rare, but for someone to go in for cosmetic (LASIK) surgery and end up with post-LASIK ectasia can be devastating.”

### Other uses

Grace said patients in the study “have done very well generally,” although long-term follow-up – five years worth of data – can help determine if the procedure has stabilized the disease.

She said after the procedure is approved for correcting keratoconus and Post-LASIK ectasia, it’s likely to be used “off-label,” meaning it could be applied to other eye diseases.

“There are quite a few studies of cross-linking being used to treat infections to the cornea,” she explained. “They’re looking at cross-linking to treat astigmatism.”

In other studies, individuals who normally would not be good candidates for LASIK surgery are being treated with cross-linking in conjunction with the surgery. The cross-linking adds strength and stability to the cornea during and after a Lasik procedure.

Grace suspects the procedure may be approved within a year.

“Once it’s approved we’ll all breathe a sigh of relief. It has been frustrating to know there is a treatment out there that can help patients, but we don’t have it in the U.S.”

For more information about enrolling in the clinical trial, call 313-916-2481.

## Run aids cancer programs



Keith Erichsen of Farmington Hills runs his way to a winning time in the annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for Cancer, which was held Sept. 8 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. The race raised nearly \$45,000 for the hospital’s cancer services.

## You Really Are What You Eat

Giving your child a good lunch will make for a better day

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Sikorski  
Family Medicine

More than a third of school-aged children in the United States are currently considered obese, a 15% increase since 1980. Of course they would prefer to eat marshmallows, cupcakes and gummy bears every day, but as parents it’s our job to send them off to school with meals which are good for both the body and the mind. Family Practice Physician and Garden City Hospital Health Expert, Dr. Robert Sikorski, provides us with some valuable tools for building a better lunch box.

**Q:** My husband and I both work, and always try to pack lunches that are good for our children, but sometimes there’s just not enough time. I feel they prefer us to give them money to buy lunch, which causes me to worry they’re only eating junk food. How can I do a better job of ensuring they will eat well?

**A:** Buying lunch at school may be the first time kids get to call the shots about which foods they’ll eat. Luckily, school lunches have improved over the years, both in taste and nutrition, with many serving healthier dishes such as grilled chicken sandwiches and salads. However, the typical school cafeteria still offers a mix of less nutritious options often available a la carte or in the vending machine. Use school lunches as a chance to steer your children toward good choices. Explain how a nutritious lunch will give them energy to finish the rest of the school day and enjoy after-school activities.

There really is no substitute for fresh meals made at home. Try preparing some items in advance when you have more time. Instead of sandwiches everyday, homemade stew, soup and chili can be frozen in single serving containers and provide a warm hearty meal that anchors a lunch. I place the emphasis on homemade because pre-packaged lunches are loaded with fat and sodium, and you can often make your own for less money. Use microwavable, paraben-free containers, and move those items from the freezer to the refrigerator the night before. Most school cafeterias have microwave ovens for warming and reheating.

I cannot stress enough how important good nutrition is for a developing child. Try to get in the routine of “creating” good lunches. Involve your children and explain why you’re giving them certain combinations of foods. Also, let them make decisions between several choices. These are great teachable moments for the whole family.

Remember, children are always learning and not just about math or science. They are learning about life and developing lifestyle behaviors that will follow them the rest of their lives. Now is the time to help them develop proper eating habits and fully appreciate the benefits of a balanced and healthy diet. The specific nutritional choices you and your youngster make are crucial.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful and in depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture entitled “Love Your Breasts!” is Saturday, October 12.

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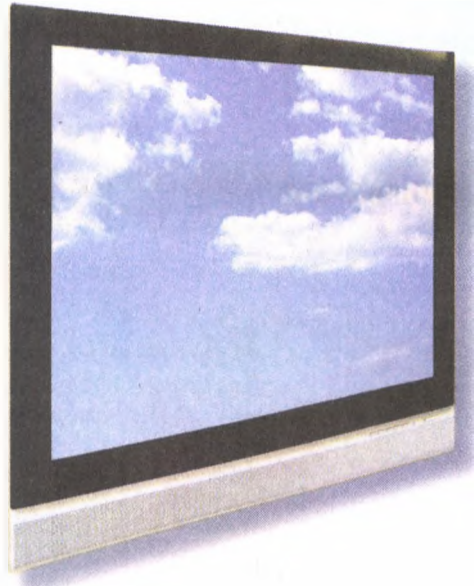
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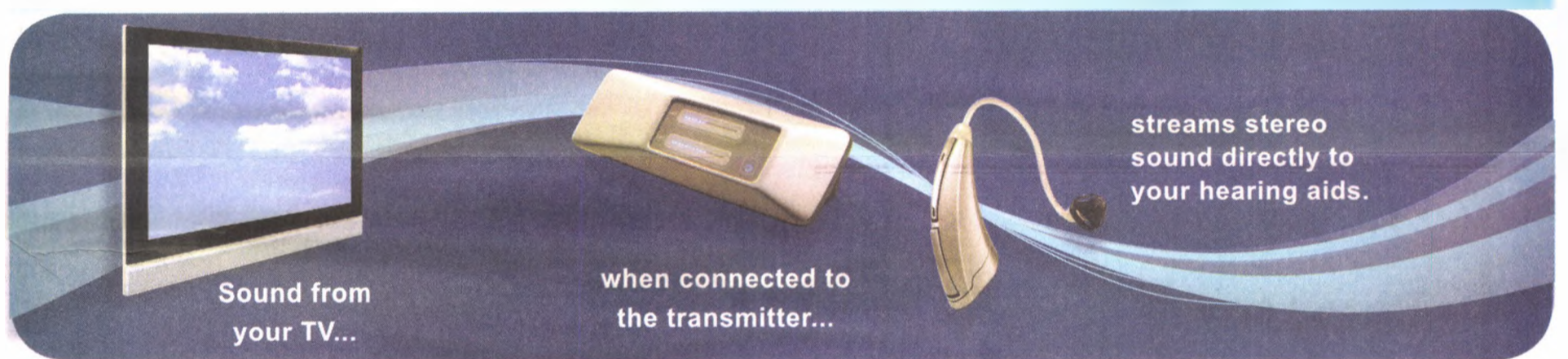


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## 5 Things You Should Never Say to a Hiring Manager

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An employment interview is stressful. You need to say the right things to convince the hiring manager you're the perfect person for the job. But you also need to be sure your nervousness doesn't get the best of you and cause you to say something you'll regret. Saying the wrong thing can cost you the opportunity, no matter how skilled or experienced you are.

Here are examples of what not to say to a hiring manager:

### No-no No. 1:

**"My current boss is a jerk!" or "I left the company because it was a rotten place to work."**

Never badmouth a current or former employer. Even if you have had legitimate issues with a colleague, boss or company, don't air the dirty laundry in front of the person with whom you interview. Complaining about others will just make you appear bitter and resentful and could cause the hiring manager to wonder about your attitude if you were to be hired at his or

her firm. Stick to neutral comments such as, "I am looking for a different work environment" or "My career goals have changed" if you're pressed for details about your desire for a new position.

### No-no No. 2: "How much vacation time do I get?" or "What's the bonus structure like?"

Questions like these tell a prospective employer one thing: You're more concerned about the perks of the position than the job itself. It's OK to ask these questions if you have been through several interviews and the hiring manager has expressed serious interest in hiring you. At that point, these types of inquiries allow you to make an informed decision about whether or not you truly want the job. But until then, focus your efforts on what you can offer the company, not what it can offer you.

### No-no No. 3: "How much longer will this interview take? I have

another appointment soon," or "Do you mind if I make a quick phone call?"

An important part of the interview is, of course, treating the hiring manager with respect. Asking questions like these makes you seem rude, as if the interview were something of an inconvenience for you. Instead, take pains to show how interested you are in the opportunity. Arrive to the interview on time -- or better yet, a few minutes early. Remain attentive throughout the meeting by taking notes and maintaining the right posture: Look the interviewer in the eye; nod when you agree with or understand a point he or she is making; and avoid crossing your arms, tapping your feet or displaying other signs of impatience. If you do have another appointment after the interview, leave a large enough window in case the meeting runs long or let the interviewer know ahead of time.

### No-no No. 4: "I don't

want to have to work late," or "I'd rather not learn PowerPoint."

You don't want an interviewer to view you as inflexible, which is exactly how he or she will if you make statements like these. Keep an open mind about a position that interests you, even if some aspects of it don't seem ideal. Other factors -- such as a higher-than-expected salary or the possibility to advance quickly -- could outweigh the need to work overtime on occasion, for example. At the same time, don't overlook absolute deal-breakers. If you do not want to travel for work, no matter the circumstance, let the employer know the opportunity is not right for you as soon as you realize that.

### No-no No. 5:

**"Fortunately, my bad habits haven't caught up with me," or "I am one party animal."**

While you want the hiring manager to be able to get a sense of your personality, you



don't want him or her to know everything about you. When the hiring manager says, "Tell me about yourself," use discretion and avoid the urge to overshare.

As a Robert Half survey indicated, strong people skills are among the most valuable qualities a job candidate can display when competing against another person with similar skills and experience. The first chance you get to show your strength in this area is during the interview, so think twice before you speak when meeting with an employer.

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- 1 Prevent from communicating
  - 4 Filly's footfall
  - 8 Outbuilding
  - 12 Wide-range singer — Sumac
  - 13 Verdi heroine
  - 14 Je ne sais —
  - 15 Central
  - 16 Beauty treatments
  - 18 Part of SWAK
  - 20 Pasture
  - 21 Naughty
  - 22 To any degree (2 wds.)
  - 26 Gloom's mate
  - 28 Some narcs
  - 31 Casper's st.
  - 32 Ostrich cousin
  - 33 Portable home
  - 34 Jr. naval officer
  - 35 Aardvark prey
  - 36 Bona fide
  - 37 Can't be
  - 38 Suspicious
- DOWN**
- 1 Fitness centers
  - 2 Yves' girlfriend
  - 3 Social butterflies
  - 4 Like Batman
  - 5 More than misled
  - 6 Not evenly divisible by 2
  - 7 Bucket

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	I	A	F	A	P	I	N	A	D	D
O	R	C	A	S	A	N	E	T	O	A
W	I	C	K	S	I	C	S	T	U	G
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41			42			43			44	45
46	47	48				49			50	
51						52			53	
54						55			56	

- 8 Hunker down
- 9 "Ben—"
- 10 Help-wanted abbr.
- 11 Insult, slangily
- 17 Come to a halt
- 19 On the —
- 23 Blown away
- 24 One of the Redgrave sisters
- 25 Came in second
- 26 Fell on — ears
- 27 Former Atlanta stadium
- 28 Retainer
- 29 Smog monitor
- 30 PC key
- 33 Secret rendezvous note
- 37 Promissory note
- 39 Weed whackers
- 40 Spirit in a lamp
- 42 Coax
- 43 Robins' bills
- 44 Fringe —
- 45 Urin or Spinks
- 46 A thousand G's
- 47 Ms. Hagen of films
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				8		2				
4	1		6	3	9	8				
3					7					
5		4			6					
		7	9					3	4	
1	9									
	4	3		6		1				
8			5	9	1					
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S A V I N G S N R K G L K B D  
Y E N O M N U I U G A A U H X  
K W P P V L R H K O L S E P M  
C H R C V O T L F I C U M Y A  
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8	9	1	9	7	4	6
7	9	7	9	8	6	1
4	8	5	8	1	6	7
1	8	6	9	7	4	8
6	9	7	7	1	9	8
9	7	8	6	8	9	7
8	1	2	9	8	7	6

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## Nissan Hits High Note with New Versa, Sets for New Rogue



By Dale Buss

Nissan is getting feisty with new products and new advertising in the U.S. market these days – as well as with aggressive pricing – and that could mean trouble for rivals.

The brand just began airing an effective new TV ad for the first-time Note version of its Versa hatchback. The spot dynamically demonstrates the versatility of the little hatch in a variety of settings, from the beach to a campsite to curbside at a concert.

At the same time, Nissan has begun promoting the fact that its revamped 2014 Rogue crossover will be available this fall for the first time with optional third-row seating along with improved fuel economy. The starting price gets a bump, too. It's \$2,180 higher than the outgoing 2013 model.

And all of this follows an interesting summer during which Nissan became one of the most aggressive brands in the market in consumer incentives and pricing. It slashed prices on most Nissan models earlier this year and has seen a resulting surge in sales.

In August, in fact, Nissan was one of the leaders of the American-market sales surge, seeing a 22-percent increase over last year to sales of more than 120,000 vehicles in the month. It was the first time Nissan exceeded 100,000 U.S. retail sales in a month. Altima sales surged nearly 20 percent, the new Pathfinder performed well, and even Nissan Leaf had its best-ever month, with more than 2,400 August deliveries.

"The recent introduction of the all-new

Versa Note and the all-new Rogue launching this fall will only help Nissan sales to continue the winning streak," said Fred Diaz, divisional vice president of sales and marketing for Nissan U.S.A.

Versa sales in August increased by 9 percent over a year earlier, in part because of the launch of Note, Nissan said. Versa continued to be the leader among U.S. sub-compacts, as it topped the segment for the 21st of the last 24 months – even without much help yet from Note.

Featuring an energetic new take on Versa styling that excited Nissan executives and dealers as they anticipated the reaction of consumers, the new hatchback "celebrates the unique qualities of its 5-door hatchback design -- something we are calling 'Your Door to More'" in TV ads and marketing materials. "Versa Note is a passion enabler, thanks to its exceptional combination of versatility, technology and value. It's transformative, satisfying owners' emotional and rational needs with features such as sleek styling and features like our Around View Monitor at an affordable price."

Following the high-value Versa sedan, the new Versa Note also offers more value on all grades than the previous Versa



The new Note hatchback version of Versa is versatile.



Nissan's 2014 Rogue will upgrade a well-performing nameplate.

hatchback (model year 2012), beginning with its starting MSRP of \$13,990, Nissan said. It went on sale in June.

At the same time, Nissan has been looking forward to this month's launch of the second-generation Rogue. The first-generation vehicle is the oldest model in a hot segment: small, crossover SUVs. But Nissan has managed to hold its own pretty well with the six-year-old Rogue, which ranks a solid No. 5 in the segment behind newly refreshed versions of Honda CR-V, Ford Escape, Chevrolet Equinox and Toyota RAV4.

In fact, in August, sales of Rogue set a record for the month of more than 17,000 units, an increase of nearly 37 percent over the prior year. For the year to date, sales of the current-generation Rogue were up by 16 percent.

But Nissan clearly is looking to leapfrog the competition with the new Rogue. It's the first U.S. product to embody what the Renault-Nissan Alliance calls its Common Module Family platform. For component modules such as front ends and cockpits, the new architecture is engineered to give designers and engineers more flexibility.

"By sharing development costs, while adapting powertrains, designs and equipment offerings for each specific region, Nissan has been able to add features and technologies while keeping prices affordable," Diaz said. "No matter the specific market nameplate, it's a guaranteed winner."

The Rogue's bold new styling certainly represents a leap forward: what Nissan calls "a premium, high-quality look and feel." Available are a power panoramic moon roof and power rear lift gate. And Rogue can offer optional three-row, seven-passenger seating for the first time thanks to its improved interior packaging efficiency.

The car's higher base price of \$22,490 remains well below entry-level models from other makers, which range up to \$26,000. Standard features include a five-inch color display screen, air conditioning, four-speaker audio system, LED map lights, Bluetooth audio, power windows and a rear-view monitor.

Nissan is building the Rogue at its Smyrna, Tenn. plant for the first time. The first generation Rogue, introduced in 2007 as a 2008 model, had been built in Japan.

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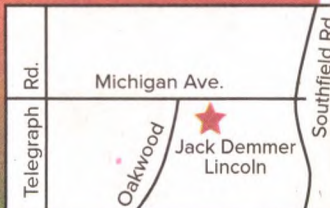


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**Lisa Masters 248-212-4231**



OPEN 1-4 | 7341 Wood Pointe, Almont- Built by Vern Schlaud known for quality, energy efficient homes. \$225,000  
**Sharon Llewellyn 586-850-5714**



OPEN 1-4 | 1928 Ellwood Ave., Berkley - Cute-as-can-be bungalow with 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 1,200 sq. ft. \$215,000  
**Kevin Cristbrook 248-417-7682**



OPEN 1-4 | 3801 Cornwell St, Berkley - New price on this St. John Woods brick and stone Ranch w/curb appeal. \$209,500  
**Jack Bertoia 248-310-9940**



OPEN 1-4 | 3911 Cummings Ave., Berkley - Truly charming & loaded w/updates, perfectly maintained. \$170,000  
**Kevin Cristbrook 248-417-7682**



OPEN 1-4 | 31165 Sheridan Dr., Beverly Hills - Birmingham Schools but Vlg of Beverly Hills taxes, perfect combo! \$200,000  
**Janet Burger 248-703-5712**



OPEN 1-4 | 1843 S. Bates St., Birmingham - Warm & inviting architecture with sleek & open floor plan. \$749,000  
**Kevin Cristbrook 248-417-7682**



OPEN 1-4 | 1564 Henrietta St., Birmingham - Cedar siding, 9' ceilings, great open plan w/large rooms. \$550,000 **Hosted by Justyna Slabosz 248-396-1968**



OPEN 1-4 | 2010 Hazel St., Birmingham - Chic "Uptown Brownstone" provides a unique luxury living. \$499,000  
**Janine Toundaian 248-433-5478**



OPEN 1-4 | 1116 Washington, Birmingham - Cute-as-can-be with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths; 1400+ sq. ft. \$300,000  
**Kevin Cristbrook 248-417-7682**



OPEN 2-4 | 2020 Yorkshire Rd., Birmingham - Cute little ranch just waiting to welcome you. Bright and open. \$179,000  
**Lorraine Yalman 248-425-7426**



OPEN 1-4 | 4669 Ravine Dr., Bloomfield - A showcase in & out! Ideal locale with stunning views of the ravine. \$1,249,000  
**Barbara Spencer 248-703-1773**



OPEN 1-4 | 4462 Barchester Dr., Bloomfield - Entertainer's delight. Custom built & 4300+ sq ft, stunning decor. \$649,000  
**Rosalee Hill 248-408-1552**



OPEN 1-4 | 4376 Barchester Dr., Bloomfield - Elegant 5 BR, 3BA. Bloomfield Hills Schools. Well-maintained. \$644,000  
**Helen Butler 248-568-2331**



OPEN 1-4 | 1629 Apple Ln Bloomfield - Updates! Wonderful ranch! impeccably maintained w/3+BRs, brick sunroom. \$625,000  
**Kevin Cristbrook 248-417-7682**



OPEN 1-4 | 4881 Kensington Rd, Bloomfield - The feel of country living but only 5 min. from downtown. 2.11 acres. \$549,000 **Hosted by: Patrick Floch 248-225-3130**



**SALE PENDING**  
SALE PENDING: Bloomfield - Concord Green SBR home. Many hardwoods, crowns on 1st floor. \$349,000  
**Ann Klein 248-701-9880**



OPEN 1-5 | 725 Half Moon Rd., Bloomfield Vlg. - Fab floor plan w/large rooms. Granite kitchen. Large family room \$779,900  
**Rosalee Hill 248-408-1552**



OPEN 1-4 | 2895 High Meadows Ct., Brandon - On cul-de-sac surrounded by 100's of Evergreens \$324,000  
**Patty Moran 810-444-5225**



OPEN 1-3 | 4224 Forest Bridge Dr., Canton - Beautiful Brentwood III model backs to woods. 3 BR/2.5BA. \$239,900  
**Heather Ballarin 734-751-7854**



OPEN 1-4 | 660 Park Lane Rd., Chelsea - Upgraded 4BR built in 2012 in upscale community near downtown. \$275,000  
**Neja Fedrigo 248-680-1119**



OPEN 1-4 | 5010 Ridge Trail, Clarkston - Beautiful home open floor plan, granite & oak cabinets, hardwoods. \$499,900  
**Paulette Wisel 248-494-1551**



OPEN 1-4 | 10540 Whitby Ct., Clarkston - Gorgeous 4BR/2.5BA home. Custom lighted crowns. \$377,900 **Hosted by Dianne Giovino 248-394-3493**



OPEN 2-4 | 7240 Bedore, Harsens Island, Well-maintained and spacious 164' on S. Channel. \$450,000  
**Laila Abud 313-886-4200**



OPEN 1-4 | 42988 Biland, Clinton Twp., Gorgeous 3400 sq. ft. ranch w/wooded back yard. Open plan. \$325,000  
**Barbara Boucher 586-246-4160**



OPEN 1-4 | 40900 Magnolia Dr. E., Clinton Twp. - Well maintained end unit. 2BR/2BA with 1st floor laundry. \$135,000  
**James Hendrick 586-242-6466**



OPEN 1-4 | 6333 Sanctuary Pte. Ct., Grand Blanc - Beautifully kept, in quiet cul-de-sac next to a 44-acre preserve! \$263,000  
**Leslie Doran 248-390-3930**



OPEN 2-4 | 521 Middlesex, Grosse Pte Park - Beautiful 4BR country French home located near Windmill Pointe. \$829,900  
**Joe Rich 313-550-6800**



OPEN 2-4 | 1008 Yorkshire, Grosse Pte Park - Beautiful English Manor, home completely updated. \$835,000  
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OPEN 2-4 | 805 Pemberton, Grosse Pte Park - Well-kept & in Windmill Pte Sub. Refinished hardwood floors. \$325,000  
**Rita Tucker 586-489-8264**



OPEN 2-4 | 87 S Deeplands, Grosse Pte. Shores - Spacious Center Entrance 6BR home. Circular drive. \$499,900  
**Joe Rich 313-550-6800**



OPEN 1-4 | 2002 Roslyn Rd., Grosse Pte. Woods - Magnificent Quad-level. 5BR, possible 6th BR/3 BA. \$199,900  
**Jim Addison 313-682-2152**



OPEN 12-4 | 1977 Allard Ave, Grosse Pte. Woods - Charming 3BR home is on a tree-lined street close to parks. \$164,900  
**Scott Jesnjic 586-354-8510**



OPEN 12:30-4 | 5191 Gallagher Blvd., Hamburg - Totally custom ranch w/693' of frontage on the point! \$1,550,000 **Hosted by Rich Childs 248-433-5478**



OPEN 1-4 | 28019 Moran, Harrison - Absolutely gorgeous custom built home on Lake St. Clair. \$499,900 **Hosted by Christine Obarto 586-484-2806**



OPEN 1-4 | 37780 Lakeville, Harrison - Great locale, wide open canal, no bridges. Large oversized lot. \$280,000  
**Carol Paton 586-649-6000**



OPEN 1-4 | 38288 Huron Pte., Harrison - Great Cape Cod with large lot. Wide deep canal, no bridges. \$185,000  
**Carol Paton 586-649-6000**



OPEN 1-4 | 8940 Coon Lake Rd., Iosco - 1700 sq. ft. Open plan ranch sits on 2 treed acres, 4-car garage. \$164,888  
**Tracy Slintak 248-872-6433**



OPEN 1-4 | 3183 Woodview, Lake Orion - Spectacular & on a private cul-de-sac. Walk-out basement. **Hosted by Greg Moran 248-464-4049**



OPEN 1-4 | 20209 Southampton, Livonia - Prime location for this all brick ranch w/superb curb appeal! \$275,000  
**Marianne Prokop 248-433-5478**



OPEN 1-4 | 15944 Clinton Ave., Macomb - Beautiful move-in ready, home. "The Rivers" sub. \$314,900 **Hosted by Shawn Winters 586-457-8949**



OPEN 2-4 | 59186 Amherst, New Haven - Better than new! Tasteful decor makes this an exceptional value! \$139,900  
**Rhonda Glefke 248-649-6000**



OPEN 1-4 | 16123 Portis Rd., Northville - Northville Colony 3BR brick ranch on quiet interior street! \$279,900  
**Chris Patrick 734-546-9978**



OPEN 1-4 | 4542 Ascot Ct., Oakland Twp. - Beautifully landscaped spacious home w/ upgrades galore. \$525,000  
**Tricia Wilson 248-765-7914**



OPEN 1-4 | 576 Driscoll Dr., Oakland Twp. - Enjoy lake & sunset views! Completely rebuilt, 3BR/2BA \$359,000  
**Leslie Doran 248-390-3930**



OPEN 1-4 | 49265 Pine Bluff Ct, Plymouth. - Wooded location backs to wetlands & commons for custom ranch. \$464,900  
**Chris Patrick 734-546-9978**



OPEN 2-4 | 9168 Redbud, Plymouth - Absolute charmer w/3BR/2BA, finished basement, near downtown. \$199,000  
**Jessica Tremonti 313-478-0819**



OPEN 1-3 | 31682 Hiddenbrook, Plymouth - Impeccably maintained ranch, 3BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage. \$210,900  
**David Fekin 313-350-9261**



OPEN 2-6 | 836 Petosky, Rochester Hills - New home in Clear Creek brick, stone and limestone. \$599,900  
**Joe Carney 248-877-7089**



OPEN 1-4 | 3713 Winding Brook Cir., Rochester Hills - Luxury condo living! Desirable Sanctuary in the Hills. \$408,888  
**Marge Kelly 248-622-1037**



OPEN 1-4 | 756 Spartan Dr., Rochester Hills - Open floor plan home in highly-desirable University Hills! \$319,000  
**Marinell Roe 248-709-0838**



OPEN 11-2 | 702 Louis, Royal Oak - 3BR/2.5BA home w/ finished basement & super close to downtown. \$239,900  
**Jessica Tremonti 313-478-0819**



OPEN 1-4 | 728 E. 2nd Street, Royal Oak - Stunning renovated bungalow 4 blocks from downtown. \$229,000  
**Anne Hammond 248-225-8214**



OPEN 12:30-3:30 | 1503 E 5th St., Royal Oak - Updated, expanded ranch. Open floor plan, dining room. \$200,000  
**Donna Bousson 248-515-1843**



OPEN 1-3 | 420 Helene Ave., Royal Oak - Great locale! 3BR bungalow w/2-car garage, near & downtown \$142,900  
**Donna Ross 248-701-5383**



OPEN 1-4 | 1722 Alexander Ave., Royal Oak - Charming! Great locale. Updated, redone kitchen floors \$129,999  
**Andrea Pack 248-613-4183**



OPEN 1-4 | 614 E. Twelve Mi., Royal Oak - Move-in ready. Fresh paint w/new hardware & fixtures. \$129,900 **Hosted by Fred Sosa 248-410-5218**



OPEN 1-4 | 1930 Laurore St. - Royal Oak - Stunning remodel in Vinsetta Neighborhood! Quality workmanship. \$539,000  
**John Farhat 248-797-3257**



OPEN 1-4 | 10759 Excalibur Dr., Shelby Twp. - Open to Paradise! 1.5 acre site backing to preserve. \$599,999  
**Leslie Doran 248-390-3930**



OPEN 3-5 | 13948 Middlebury, Shelby Twp. - Builders own full brick ranch with pride of ownership. \$289,900  
**Jeffery Alasina 248-425-2979**



OPEN 2-4 | 5000 Town Center #2701, Southfield - Immaculate "Manhattan-Style" luxury 27th floor condo. \$119,900  
**Cheryl Johnson 313-433-9925**



OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair 2-car attached & 3-car detached garage & full basement finished w/full kitchen. \$425,000  
**Laila Abud 586-886-4200**



OPEN 12-2 | 33130 Shrewsbury Dr., Sterling Hts. - Beautiful Colonial. 4 BR/2.2BA and finished lower level. \$179,900  
**Jeffery Alasina 248-425-2979**



OPEN 1-4 | 31317 Hayes, Warren - Beautiful Ranch with update kitchen and bath. New stainless appliances. \$119,000  
**Kay Rinke 313-701-2729**



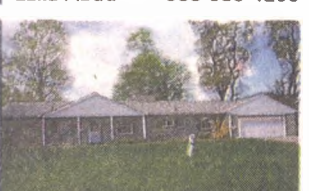
OPEN 1-4 | 6829 Queen Anne, West Bloomfield - Beautiful home, on cul-de-sac w/finished walk-out lower level. \$475,000  
**Brenda Shapiro 248-762-4955**



OPEN 1-4 | 2038 N. Hammond Lk, West Bloomfield - Beautiful 4BR/2BA w/lakeviews and lovely landscaping. \$319,000  
**Stephen Williams 248-433-5478**



OPEN 1-4 | 2049 E. Hammond Lk, West Bloomfield - Brick home on secluded lot framed by 2 wood lots. \$289,900  
**Stephen Williams 248-433-5478**



OPEN 1-4 | 2066 N. Hammond Lk, West Bloomfield - Best value in Hammond Lake. Lake privileges at Assoc. Beach. \$229,900  
**Stephen Williams 248-433-5478**