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Panelists look at ACA for business

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Professionals who've been dealing with the Affordable Care Act shared their knowledge with Plymouth business people Wednesday, the same day the government announced lower-than-expected premiums for Michigan residents who plan to buy health insurance under the act.

The forum, during a Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce breakfast at Schoolcraft College's VisTa-Tech Center, was attended by about 60 people, many of them business owners.

The ACA, or so-called Obamacare, is a 2010 federal law that requires most Americans to have health insurance by next year or face tax penalties, sets up marketplaces, called

"exchanges," in which individuals and small organizations can buy insurance at competitive prices, and establishes a minimum level of benefits. Organizations already providing insurance for their workers can keep doing so.

The ACA also provides for some subsidies to help make insurance more affordable and gives states the opportunity to expand Medicaid, the federal

health insurance for lower-income people. Michigan legislators recently agreed to expand Medicaid, which could provide coverage for some 400,000 now-uninsured people in the state.

"The Medicaid expansion is going to provide help to those in our community who struggle to survive as it is," said Peggy O'Neill, who educates people on the ACA with Trinity

Health, a health care organization that includes St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "It's going to keep our communities healthier" and reduce the number of uninsured people who seek emergency room care as a last resort and can't pay their bills.

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STREET SMART



Linda Harju began working at Eriksson Elementary in 1977. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crossing guards key to safe student travel

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

There are lines painted on the sidewalks along both sides of Haggerty, near Ford Road, lines that hundreds of students and parents going to and from Eriksson Elementary School in Canton don't dare to cross.

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"I love having the kids go by," said Harju, 63, who has been the crossing guard at Eriksson since 1986. "I feel like all the kids are my kids. I take care of them like they're my own kids."

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Pavilion plan gets boost from county cash

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials have talked of leveraging more than \$500,000 in outside money for major parks and recreation improvements and some of that cash was landed Tuesday.

The Board of Trustees, with a unanimous vote, agreed to deal with Wayne County that will give the township nearly \$68,000 from the county's parks and recreation millage. The money is slated for the \$625,000 pavilion and meeting place planned for Plymouth Township Park.

The pavilion is intended to be an all-season shelter for ballplayers, sledders, picnickers and other park visitors, with restrooms, a kitchen, a concession area and meeting space. A \$270,000 amphitheater, a parking lot expansion, pathway improvements, a footbridge over the pond and playscape and sprayscape maintenance are also planned for the park, while improvements are also planned for Hilltop Golf Course and Lake Pointe Soccer Park.

The acceptance of the money brought the board together at Tuesday's meeting, despite Trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Mike Kelly and Chuck Curmi having voted in August against the budget for the capital improvements.

The money actually represents 15 percent of the money township taxpayers sent the county over the past year through the county's parks and recreation millage. County policy is to return at least 15 percent of each community's

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Royal Rocks

It was an all-around good night Friday for Salem High School as Kerry Breen and Zac Brown were crowned homecoming queen and king. Meanwhile, the Rocks were dispatching South Lyon East, 26-22.



Church of Christ marks 75 years as 'place to belong'

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Church of Christ, a low-key congregation whose influence reaches well beyond western Wayne County, is marking its 75th anniversary.

The church was founded in 1938 in the Plymouth apartment of two original members, Paul and Bea Cole, and after periods of growth and several early locations, has been on Sheldon Road in Plymouth

Township for the last 50 years. The 75th anniversary was celebrated during a Sept. 15 service attended by about 350 people, followed by a picnic at Canton Township's Heritage Park.

Church leaders call it a place to belong and their stories of what the church means to them illustrate that slogan.

"I've been doing work here for a lot of years. The people here, I feel

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HEALTH

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'Incredibly complicated'

The other panelists were Rachel St. James Thompson, from the Small Business Administration; Shannon Saksewski, from the Detroit Regional Chamber; and David Thomas of Dynamic HR, a Plymouth human resources management firm. The moderator was Michael Ritter, the principal at Supplemental Benefits Exchange Agency in Plymouth and a chamber vice president.

Panelists agreed the ACA is complex and that clear-cut answers for all scenarios will not immediately be available. "It is incredibly complicated," O'Neill said.

The ACA requires companies of 50 or more full-time-equivalent employees - with full-time defined as 30 hours a week or more - to provide coverage for them. When Thompson asked how many had a company with less than 50 people, nearly half the people in the room raised their hands. A few people said their companies had more than 50 people.

Thompson said that for the smaller companies, the ACA won't mandate coverage, but will

ACA ON THE WEB

Here are some websites that offer information on the Affordable Care Act: www.sba.gov/healthcare - from the federal Small Business Administration. www.healthcare.gov - from the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid. www.irs.gov - from the Internal Revenue Service. www.dol.gov/ebsa/health - from the federal Department of Labor. www.stjoeshhealth.org/ACA - from Trinity Health, which runs St. Mary Mercy Hospital. www.mihealthanswers.com - from the Detroit Regional Chamber.

provide incentives for them to provide it or keep providing it. "You'll have the same buying power that large organizations have," she said.

Panelists said more employer documentation will be required under the ACA.

"You're going to have to track more closely the hours that your folks are working and how they're working," Thomas said. There will be penalties for not reporting, panelists said, though many of the penalties have been waived for 2014 as people adjust to the ACA.

Prices announced

The ACA's health exchanges for those who will have to buy health care on their own open Tuesday and anyone who

is enrolled by mid-December can be covered starting Jan. 1. The federal Department of Health and Human Services announced Wednesday that premiums in Michigan under the exchanges will be lower than had been estimated and that the average Michigan resident will have 43 plans from which to choose.

For a family of four with an income of \$50,000 a year, the lowest-cost plan at the "bronze" level would cost \$80 a month when tax credits are factored in, the HHS said.

Other points made during Wednesday's forum included:

» Employers who provide insurance and plan to keep doing so must still provide formal ACA notification to their employees.

» People who shop for individual plans will find many offering comparable benefits, without a lot of price variation.

» Panelists didn't report a move toward more part-time employment as a way for companies to skirt the ACA. "My organization hasn't seen it in the people we're dealing with," said Thomas, the human resources consultant.

"It doesn't mean it isn't coming," Thomas said he had seen an increase in the use of temporary workers.

Leaders to tout region's economic strengths

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A look past the headlines about Detroit's bankruptcy and county government's financial woes will find good things happening in the western Wayne County economy.

That's the message organizers hope to send with inaugural Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, billed as a gathering of the area's business and political leaders and a celebration of the area's economic success.

The networking and business intelligence event - with a mixer, a dinner and presentation and an afterglow - is Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference & Event Center, next to Greenfield Village.

The doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

"We as a western Wayne County region need to promote ourselves and promote our attributes," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, which, along with the Conference of

Western Wayne, is helping organize the banquet.

Economic strength

Those attributes, West said, include low tax rates and many good neighborhoods. The 18 communities in the Conference of Western Wayne, he said, are home to some 700,000 people, represent 54 percent of the county's tax base and have an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent.

"The process of branding our region starts with this event," West said.

The event's master of ceremonies will be Mary Kramer, publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, while the keynote speaker will be James Tetreault, vice president of North American manufacturing for Ford, who will talk about how communities can support the re-emergence of American advanced manufacturing that is in need of skilled workers.

"They need the tech-savvy talent that knows how to run the machines that make parts now," West said.

United front

The banquet is being put together with help from the chambers of commerce in Plymouth, Westland, the city of Wayne and Dearborn, West said. More than 20 businesses have signed on as event sponsors. The banquet has been in the planning since January and West said the hope is that it will become a major annual event for the region.

From a political standpoint, West said, the 18 Conference of Western Wayne communities are led by elected officials who differ in their philosophies, but show solidarity in moving the region forward economically.

"For all the guff that we hear about ... (the) political divide, here we go with people from both sides of the aisle and they're promoting their community and their region," he said.

Individual tickets to the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet are \$100 each. The event is about three-quarters sold out; for reservation information, call (734) 953-8834.

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CHURCH

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like they're my family," said Carl Stamper, 85, who has been affiliated with the church for 65 years. Stamper is a church deacon who works with the elderly and shut-ins.

He moved to the area from Kentucky in 1947 to find work and began attending the Plymouth Church of Christ, as well as other churches, soon after. His involvement was sporadic at first, but solidified in the late 1950s, he said, when his wife Alene declared she wanted to take their 4-year-old son to Sunday school.

"That's when we started really strong," he said. The Stampers recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary; Carl retired from General Motors Corp. and later from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Finding a home

The Rev. Kelvin Hoover's connection to the Plymouth Church of Christ also stretches back decades — though he has been assigned to the church for less than two years. Hoover grew up in St. Thomas, Ontario, where he attended a Church of Christ that was sponsored by the Plymouth congregation as a mission church. He recalls church members visiting St. Thomas from Plymouth and remembering the Plymouth Church of Christ



Church members at a buffet food table during a recent picnic at Heritage Park in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Plymouth Church of Christ. More than 300 people attended. PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF CHRIST as a boy.

"I am in a sense a product of some ministry of this church," Hoover said.

His first assignment after graduating from Bible college in 1985 was at another Plymouth Church of Christ mission, this one in Stratford, Ontario.

He also had a brief stint at the Plymouth Church of Christ from 1996-98.

"It's been a great relationship," he said.

Outreach minister Al Meakes, who is from Alberta, Canada, and youth and family minister Jim Calkin, who is from Illinois, also say they have found a home at the church.

"I kind of felt God was leading me to do youth ministry, but never had the opportunity" before coming to Plymouth, said Calkin, who has been at the church for 15 years and has a master's degree in counseling.

"The church for me is definitely a place to be-

long and a great place for the Christian outreach that I've been doing," said Meakes, whose role is to follow up with church visitors and promote their further involvement.

Meakes has a master's degree in divinity, among other degrees.

Word and works

Taking both God's message and good works to the wider world are big parts of the church's mission, the ministers said.

The church has regular Bible study, family game nights, Christmas

parties, outings, a community garden and more, in addition to its weekly services.

For the larger community, there is an emergency food pantry and an emergency clothing supply for needy people, food baskets for local families every Thanksgiving and Christmas, a yearly school supply drive, several blood drives a year and professional counseling services. Church members also participate in local charitable events, including Canton's Relay for Life and the Rake-n-Go leaf-raking project for older and disabled people.

The work stretches even farther, to its mission church on Detroit's southwest side, the Vine-wood Church of Christ; to assistance for Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services in Valparaiso, Ind.; and to regular missions to the poor Republic of Honduras in Central America.

"There's been a lot outside the 'city walls' that this church has participated in," Hoover said.

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Church tries to model itself after early Christianity

By Matt Jachman
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The Plymouth Church of Christ is a non-denominational, self-funded evangelistic Christian church.

Although it is independent, led by no national or international hierarchy, the church generally follows the same principles as other Churches of Christ around the world. Membership is around 300 people and about 230 regularly attend Sunday morning services, ministers said.

Church members believe in one God and one Savior, Jesus Christ and, said outreach minister Al Meakes and preaching minister Kelvin Hoover, try to model the early church of the Bible's New Testament, before "man's creeds," layers of religious doc-

trine and cultural and historical forces impacted Christianity.

"Our need to respond to His love, ultimately, I think, is the goal of Christianity," Hoover said.

Church members practice full-immersion baptism (longtime member Carl Stamper remembers being baptized in the Kentucky River) and sing a capella at services, with no instrumental accompaniment. A capella singing is common to most Churches of Christ, the ministers said.

"You find a lot more (singing) participation in an a capella service," Hoover said.

The church is on Sheldon Road south of Ann Arbor Road. Services are at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, preceded by a Bible study that begins at 9:30 a.m.

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yearly contribution for use in local parks and recreation projects. Officials said another roughly \$61,000 will become available to the township through the millage beginning Tuesday, which marks the

start of the county's next fiscal year.

Construction on the recreation improvements is expected to start next spring. "The budget's been approved and we're moving ahead," Treasurer Ron Edwards said.

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Catholic Central grad realizing dream by studying at Oxford

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Ryan Shinkel is realizing a dream of his at the University of Oxford in England.

This fall, the Novi resident and 2012 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate is participating in a study abroad program that has him learning about philosophy and classic literature through the Summit Oxford Study Centre.

"I'm really excited to get this started," Shinkel said prior to leaving in early September. "I will be studying what I like and in a place I've grown up admiring and dreaming about. I'm a little nervous."

This program is part of the greater Oxford

Study Abroad Programme. This is a very selective program and Shinkel, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, felt lucky to be accepted for the summer term. However, he was given a better opportunity when he was asked to attend the fall term, when it would be a bit longer and busier with other students on campus.

He'll be learning from some of Oxford's best tutors through concentrated and personalized tutorials with world-class scholars. He will be learning about philosophy during the Scientific Revolution and the Age of Enlightenment and Dante's *Divine Comedy*. This will help bolster his creative writing and



Ryan Shinkel is in a study program through Summit Oxford Study Centre.

philosophy studies at U-M.

"This is a great chance," he said, "and it's a lot like playing in the big leagues."

Shinkel said his studies at Catholic Central helped prepare for this opportunity and college. Learning how to deal with time management and heavier workloads

gave him the experience and knowledge needed in such a prestigious learning environment. He said it created habits that have stuck with him.

"The Catholic Central value system had a big influence on me," he said. "The emphasis on character and virtues made an imprint."

It was in high school that his interest in theology and philosophy really took off. The big questions in life fascinated Shinkel and now he's looking for answers in England.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance, so I plan on making the most of it," he said.

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A Chocolate Affair event Oct. 6 benefits First Step

The ninth annual A Chocolate Affair to benefit First Step, which offers counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia.

The event is hosted by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish charity group.

Local restaurants, bakeries, caterers and chocolate makers will serve tastes of their chocolate delights to guests. Featured will be: Dearborn Inn, The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, Sander's Candy and Dessert Shop, Bahama Breeze, Catering by Meredith, Kilwin's of Plymouth, Jeff Zak Catering of Plymouth, The Spotted Spoon, Bell

Stone Toffee, Panache 447 of Plymouth and more. Many other local businesses have donated prizes and support.

Now in its third year as a prelude to the chocolate-tasting event, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will also host a luncheon featuring a speaker from First Step who will share her survivor story. The luncheon will be held preceding A Chocolate Affair, from noon to 2 p.m.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 (advance sales only), tickets for A Chocolate Affair are also \$25. Tickets are available by calling Barbara Weir at 734-453-1459 or Kittie Higgins at 734-646-5212 and from the First Step offices in Plymouth at 734-416-1111.

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Jim is a graduate of Wayne Memorial and Wayne State Mortuary School, he has worked in funeral service since 1996. He recently accepted a position at Vermeulen Funeral Home and is happy to be back in the area to be closer to his family and community, "I like to take care of people I know and see every day in the community". Jim married his high school sweetheart April, they have a daughter Tommi Ann and son Jay. He has served on the Wayne City Council since 2009, the Zoning Board of Appeals since 2004, longtime member of the First Congregational Church of Wayne, past Master of the Wayne Masonic Lodge, 2004 and proud parent of a WYAA's Comet football player.



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The 167-member Plymouth-Canton marching band finished first in Flight I, with a score of 74.05 and first-place caption awards for best music, best visual performance and overall general effect. TERRI WOHL

Marchers start season with win

By Peggy Fenwick
Correspondent

Last Saturday night on the football field of Novi High School, a full moon rose from the horizon for only one marching band – the Plymouth-Canton marchers from the three-high school educational campus.

Participating in the first band competition of 2013, the hometown marchers had what could only be described as a fantastic performance with the new program titled “Inferno.”

Plymouth-Canton finished first in Flight I, with its score of 74.05 and first-place caption awards for best music, best visual performance and overall general effect. This was the first official band competition of the season. Novi High School band boosters hosted the full-day event, which included performances from 14 different high school marching bands in all four flight categories.

Salem freshman Akhil Sonder enjoyed his first-ever com-

petition.

Doing their best

“That was really exciting,” Sonder said as he put his bass clarinet back into its case and onto the equipment truck for the night. “It was fun.”

Liz Cody, Plymouth junior and veteran marcher, thought the program went well. “I think it went great and everyone tried their best,” she said.

The weather was crisp and the sky was dark when Plymouth-Canton took the field at 8:45 p.m. With stirring chords of the synthesizer, the entire band extended across the field to begin its program. With 167 members, the band fills the field. The Plymouth-Canton Color Guard wore impressive deep red body suits with long red fringe encircling each performer.

As the music played on, the guard tossed and twirled bright yellow flags that seemed to grow in size as the program continued. By mid-show, the bright yellow moon had risen as if it was intended

to shine for only one band that evening. The wind had picked up and guard members hoisted two large yellow flags that appeared to be wings spanning behind each of them.

Moon shot

The moon has played a consistent role in this award-winning band from as early as 1990. At the time, Glen Adsit, band director for Plymouth-Canton, had noticed that the marching band always performed better at night. The legend goes that Adsit used to tell the band to “look for the moon; play for the moon; reach for the moon and stars.”

Marching band director Jonathan Thomann was very proud of the students.

“Right as we entered onto the field, I was searching for the moon,” Thomann said. “After we completed our preshow warmup, I saw it. It was perfect timing.”

“Overall, we have a long season to go, but every band is in that position right now,” Thomann said of the two-



The saxophones were dominant in the season-opening win for the Plymouth-Canton marching band. TERRI WOHL

month push toward the final national championship competition in Indianapolis in November. “Movement three is next to be added, along with a percussion feature. We will be

performing *The Rite of Spring* in honor of the 100th anniversary of the ballet and orchestral concert work by the Russian composer Igor Stravinsky.”



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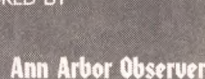
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Heather Tetlow works a busy corner. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CROSSING

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In Heather Tetlow's case, they are – at least some of them. Tetlow is in her second year as a crossing guard at Bird Elementary, helping the students – including her own children – cross safely at the corner of Penniman and Sheldon.

Tetlow, 42, is in her second full year as a crossing guard, having applied for the gig at the behest of a girlfriend who also serves in that capacity. Tetlow was looking for a part-time job that jibed with the schedule of her elementary-age children.

"I needed something compatible with an elementary school schedule," said Tetlow, who also does lunch room and recess duty at Bird. "I like it. You get outside, the kids are nice, the parents are nice."

While the crossing guards are primarily responsible for the safety of the children getting to and from school, they're seen as an in-



Linda Harju is the long-time crossing guard at Eriksson Elementary. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

tegral part of the bigger picture by the Plymouth-Canton administration which employs them. And administrators are looking for more to fill a shortage.

Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for finance and operations, said the district is "committed to ensure the proper staffing for this critical need" for parents and students.

"Crossing guards are child advocates and a critical part of our daily

educational plan," Killian said. "The safety of our students and parents is key and we have to be confident there is coverage at all stops and a healthy pool of subs. We have a history of highly dedicated individuals."

They don't come much more dedicated than Harju, who started with the district in 1977 doing lunch room and playground duty. After nine years of that, Harju, who also works for Farmer's Insurance,



moved outside to the crosswalk and – except for a one-year stint crossing kids at Plymouth Township's Far-rand Elementary – she's been there ever since.

In fact, Harju has been there so long, the faces have begun taking on familiar tones.

"I'm crossing kids now who have parents that I crossed years ago," Harju said. "I'm sure I'll do this until I'm old enough to retire."

Steve Olson is in his first year helping kids cross at Field Elementary School. He was honored Tuesday by the district's Board of Education and told trustees he felt like "an encourager, a cheerleader ... a booster."

Olson told board members there were certainly "others in the transportation department who deserve the honor" more, but none who "are more proud of doing it than I."

"Daily donning my iridescent, lime-green vest is such a privilege and honor," Olson said. "This old crossing guard, wearing the floppy, frumpy boonie hat, really cares."

Administrators will say that's the hallmark of the entire team of crossing guards. Guards like Tetlow, whose family has always been a family of walkers to Bird Elementary, the kids come first.

"For me, having been



Maria Kollias and Heather Tetlow help Bird Elementary moms and kids cross Sheldon Road. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The tools of a crossing guard's trade are the stop sign and the container of coffee. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

HELP WANTED

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are always looking for good crossing guards. The district generally employs some 30 guards for its 27 crossings, according to Kurt Miles, the district's head of transportation, but because of turnover, administrators are generally looking for help.

To apply, prospective guards have to go to the district's website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us) and apply online. There is some training and prospective employees will need to be fingerprinted (at their expense).

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a walker and having my kids walk, there's an element of making sure they get there safely," Tetlow said. "My kids are still walkers. It's really a

matter of peace of mind for me."

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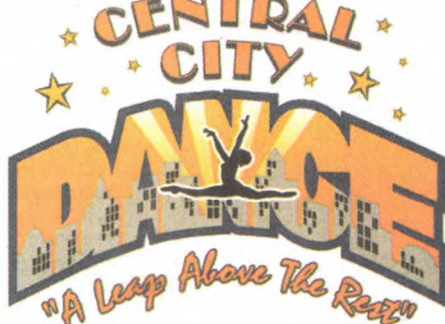
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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will run the Michigan exchange, as well as out-of-state call centers that will provide consumers with information. The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services will retain oversight of the insurers and their licensing.

There are four categories of Marketplace insurance plans: bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

All Marketplace insurance plan categories offer the same set of essential health benefits. The categories do not reflect the quality or amount of care the plans provide.

The category you choose affects how much your premium costs each month and what portion of the bill you pay for things like hospital visits or prescription medications. It also affects your total out-of-pocket costs—the total amount you'll spend for the year if you need lots of care.

How the exchange will operate

This online Marketplace will provide policies that are supposed to be more affordable to families and individuals. About a dozen insurance companies are offering as many as 150 plans that, for the most part, are assigned categories.

Platinum plans, the most expensive up front, will pay about 90 percent of medical expenses. Gold plans will cover about 80 percent of costs, silver plans about 70 percent and bronze plans about 60 percent. The lower the premium cost up front, the higher the out-of-pocket costs later.

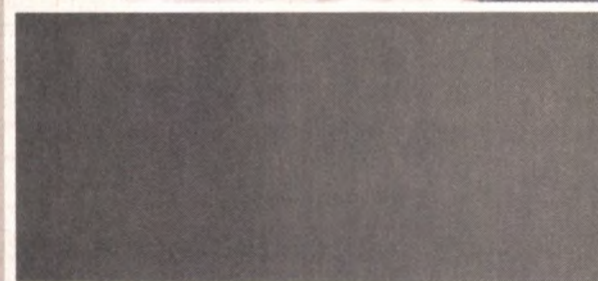
Anyone younger than 30 can purchase catastrophic health coverage instead of a regular policy to satisfy the requirements of the federal health care law. Such a policy will have lower premium and higher deductibles and co-pays. It will provide coverage largely in cases of a catastrophic injury.

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HEALTH CARE

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What to consider when choosing your plan

Think about the health care needs of your household when considering which Marketplace insurance plan to buy.

Do you expect a lot of doctor visits or need regular prescriptions?

If you do, you may want a gold or platinum plan.

If you don't, you may prefer a bronze or silver plan. But keep in mind that if you get in a serious accident or have an unexpected health problem, bronze and silver plans will require you to pay more of the costs.

You must enroll by Dec. 15 for policies to be effective Jan. 1. Enrollment will continue until March 31, but effective dates on policies will be delayed.

After March 31, you can buy policies on the exchange only in special circumstances. It will usually be within 30 days following certain life events. Among them: a change in family size through, for example, marriage, birth or adoption; a change in legal status to U.S. citizen or legal immigrant; or a move that opens up options for other policies on the exchange. Native Americans can enroll any time in the Marketplace; they are not bound by enrollment periods.

Everyone enrolled can change policies annually during a limited enrollment period. Starting in 2015, the enrollment period will go from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

Small businesses — those with 50 or fewer full-time employees — will also be able to access the policies at www.healthcare.gov. They will be directed to the Small Business Health Options Program Marketplace or they can call 800-706-7893.

Like those buying insurance for themselves or their families, open enrollment for small businesses begins Oct. 1. But unlike those buying insurance for themselves, enrollment does not end March 31; it continues year-round.

Applicants can't be denied insurance based on pre-existing conditions. Additionally, insurers cannot set limits on 10 essential benefits — hospital care, regular doctor's visits and prescription coverage, for example — that are required in the plans.

However, only those without affordable employer-sponsored insurance, those not eligible for Medicaid and those who have incomes below four times the federal poverty level will be eligible for federal credits. Those credits will help shrink costs for premiums. In 2014, an individual

TIMELINE

- » **Oct. 1:** Open enrollment begins on health insurance exchanges website www.healthcare.gov
- » **Dec. 15:** Deadline for enrolling for coverage that takes effect
- » **Jan. 1, 2014:** New coverage changes that affect current enrollees
- » **March 31, 2014:** End of open enrollment through health insurance exchanges

making less than \$11,490 will fall below the federal poverty limit and a family of four with a household income less than \$23,550 will fall below the federal limit.

So under the health law, a family of four with an income below about \$94,000 in 2014 — or four times the poverty limit — would qualify for credits.

Additionally, those with incomes lower than 2½ times the poverty limit will be eligible for smaller co-pays and deductibles.

Where to buy insurance

The insurance must be purchased online. You can do it on your own or federally certified staff will be available at many health clinics, other health care providers and community centers to help enroll applicants.

The complicated formulas for determining eligibility for tax credits or Medicaid will be automatically determined on the exchange once you input your information. You won't need to grab a calculator.

You will need the following to enroll:

- » Social Security number (or document numbers such as those on green cards).

- » Employer and income information for each family member who needs coverage (such as a W-2 or a pay stub).

- » Policy numbers for any current insurance.

- » Information on employer coverage, which can be gathered using the "employer coverage tool" found at www.healthcare.gov.

- » The Kaiser Family Foundation, which tracks health care policy, has created an interactive subsidy calculator based on premiums released in other states.

The calculator might help Michiganders better understand how much federal financial help they'll receive to buy policies. However, it's important to know that Michigan has not released its premium costs yet, so it's not clear whether their plans will be similarly priced.

Robin Erb, a medical reporter for the Detroit Free Press, contributed to this story.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T BUY INSURANCE: FEES FOR 2014 AND BEYOND

Healthcare.gov offers the following on health care reform:

If someone who can afford health insurance doesn't have coverage in 2014, they may have to pay a fee. The fee in 2014 is 1 percent of your yearly income or \$95 per person for the year, whichever is higher. The fee increases every year. In 2016, it is 2.5 percent of income or \$695 per person, whichever is higher.

In 2014, the fee for uninsured children is \$47.50 per child. The most a family would have to pay in 2014 is \$285.

It's important to remember that someone who pays the fee won't get any health insurance coverage. They still will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost of their medical care.

After open enrollment ends March 31, 2014, they won't be able to get health coverage through the Marketplace until the next annual enrollment period, unless they have a qualifying life event.

Minimum essential coverage

To avoid the fee in 2014, you need insurance that qualifies as minimum essential coverage. If you're covered by any of the following in 2014, you're considered covered and don't have to pay a penalty:

- » Any Marketplace plan, or any individual insurance plan you already have.

- » Any employer plan (including COBRA), with or without "grandfathered" status. This includes retiree plans.

- » Medicare.

- » Medicaid.

- » The Children's Health Insurance Program.

- » TRICARE (for current service members and military retirees, their families, and survivors).

- » Veterans health care programs (including the Veterans Health Care Program, VA Civilian Health and Medical Program and Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program).

- » Peace Corps Volunteer plans.

Other plans may also qualify. Ask your health coverage provider.

What kinds of health insurance don't qualify as coverage?

Health plans that don't meet minimum essential coverage don't qualify as coverage in 2014. If you have only these types of coverage, you may have to pay the fee. Examples include:

- » Coverage only for vision care or dental care.

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Wayne Memorial High's Community Nights wins state award

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

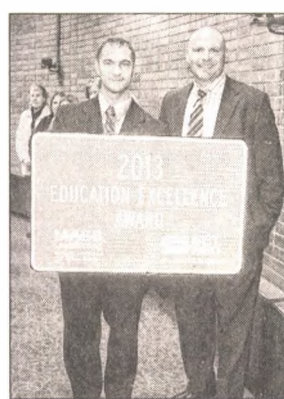
When it comes to community involvement, Wayne Memorial High School proved it had the right stuff with its highly successful Community Nights.

That's what the Michigan Association of School Boards and SET SEG School Insurance Specialists decided in selecting the high school as one of three recipients of their 2013 Educational Excellence Award for community engagement.

"Two hundred programs were nominated and only 27 were selected," said SET SEG representative Travis Van Tighem, who recognized the high school at last week's school board meeting. "To have a program noticed and selected is a significant deal. It's something to be proud of. It goes a long way in promoting the good things that are happening in education."

Several years ago, the staff, students and volunteers began staging Community Nights like the popular Wayne Spooktacular and Holiday Night.

The program aims to



SET SEG representative Travis Van Tighem (right) presents acting Wayne Memorial High School Principal Kevin Weber with an Educational Excellence Award street sign.

remove the stigma often associated with high schools for many parents and community members.

'Our passion'

The staff was instrumental in starting Community Nights, keeping it going and building it into "what has become our passion," said acting Principal Kevin Weber, who accepted the award along with staff members who helped launch Community Nights.

"This goes to the school," he said, hold-

ing an Educational Excellence Award street sign. "This is a product of these individuals and their hard work."

The high school was facing decreased parental and community involvement and declining student achievement, when it started its annual Community Nights, which help build relationships and establish partnerships among parents, students, staff, district personnel, community members and business partners.

The program aims to build relationships and establish trust and comfort with parents and community members through games and other fun activities in order to allow both to play an active role in Wayne Memorial High School students' educations.

"It's not award given to schools for just doing anything, you have to do something very special," Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah said. "This is as much about how you give back to a community. Wayne Memorial has truly embedded itself as a pillar in the community."

"We're fortunate as a school district to have such a wonderful staff over there," he added.

Michigan's Best

As an Educational Excellence Award winner, Wayne Memorial was in the running for MASA's Michigan's Best Award in the community engagement category. Those winners were announced Tuesday.

The top honor in community engagement went to the Organization of Aquatic Robotics at Dollar Bay High School, where students designed, built and programmed two remote vehicles to be used by park rangers to determine the magnitude of the progression of the invasive zebra mussel species at Isle Royale National Park.

"This is an excellent program. I want to thank the students, staff and parents for what they provide to the city and the school district," school board President Carol Middel said. "This is a major asset to the students."

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Camper, RV show rolls into Novi's Showplace

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds is sponsoring the 24th annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show, Oct. 2-6 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

More than 200 new recreation vehicles will be on display, including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers and fifth-wheel travel trailers. Special discounts include folding campers from \$4,999; trailers from \$9,999; and motor homes from \$49,999, plus manufacturer rebates on select RVs.

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State Rep. Kurt Heise pleased with Common Core resolution

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kurt Heise is pleased with a House resolution passed Thursday, Sept. 26, on Common Core State Standards for K-12 education.

"I thought it was a really good accommodation for all parties concerned," the Plymouth Republican said during a Friday, Sept. 27, coffee hour with constituents at Plymouth Panera's. The

three-page resolution now goes to the state Senate.

Heise noted a Smarter Balanced Assessments component is included. "That would eventually replace the MEAP and other standardized tests we're using," he said.

There will be research before adopting the test, he said, and stipulations on privacy to keep information within the school uses. "Overall, I think it's a good accom-

modation. School is well under way and we can't change the rules on them midstream. We can get working on other things."

Curriculum decisions remain local, the legislator emphasized. He cited the Plymouth-Canton district's formation of a number of committees to generate parental involvement. "There are many ways to generate involvement and be a part of it," said Heise, who has two daughters

attending Plymouth Salem High School.

Both the Northville and Plymouth-Canton districts have passed resolutions on Common Core, with the House one authorizing the state school board and Michigan Department of Education to move forward to expend appropriate resources.

"I think Plymouth-

Canton in particular is well-positioned," he said of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and other high school academies. "Bottom line, you've got to have some kind of benchmark. For the time being, it's a workable model. It's not being dictated by Washington, D.C."

It's not fully implemented yet. "Hopefully

these standards will advance all students," Heise said.

At the coffee hour, he was asked about raising the state freeway speed limit to 80 mph. "Bad idea," said Heise, who commutes regularly to Lansing. "Just keep it the way it is. If it's 80, people will be going 100."

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Sister Modesta looks back on life of service

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar, 88, remembers asking Jesus to just give her health and she would be his hands and feet.

That was in 1959. Jesus kept his promise that day when she was walking the grounds of what was soon to be the site of St. Mary Hospital – and Sister Modesta has kept hers.

Now, after 54 years with the hospital and 70 years serving as a Felician sister, she is retiring as an employee of the hospital.

She wanted to be sure the project she says the Holy Spirit inspired her to begin was left in good hands before leaving. No One Dies Alone, Sister Modesta's labor of love, has now been placed in the capable hands of a certified chaplain, along with many volunteers.

The NODA program, pioneered by Sister Modesta at St. Mary's, provides a companion to dying patients who would otherwise be alone.

"I'm so happy to see this smooth transition," said Sister Modesta, who will be 89 in November.

Now she's free to retire and has packed up her whole office, she said. Asked what she will do with her free time, she says she's planning to read. "I love to read. I never have time to read," she said, adding she particularly enjoys biographies.

But then she remembers that with so few sisters left in the convent, she has responsibilities such as taking care of the chapel where daily Mass is said.

She adds that she's

also busy with her family, which she says must be about 100 people, including her two brothers and sister – ages 91, 90 and 87 – and their children and grandchildren.

"I don't have any free time – yet," she said.

"Maybe God is preparing me. I may have to help one of the others," she said of her siblings. "I don't care what I do; I just leave it up to God."

In God's hands

Placing herself in God's hands is the way she has lived her life. She's lived the lesson of the Baltimore Catechism that she studied in elementary school: "Why did God make me? To know Him, to love Him and to serve Him," she recites.

"If the world knew why God made us, we would have heaven on Earth," Sister Modesta said.

Sister Modesta's knowledge of her calling came to her at an early age. By third grade, she knew she wanted to be a nun and by seventh grade she knew she wanted to be a nurse. She entered the convent at age 14 and became a nun at age 18.

She says she refused to sign up for public high school, even though her parents had told her they couldn't afford to send her to a Catholic high school. She says she remembers, like it was yesterday, a day in 1939 when her dad came to her and told her he could send her to Catholic high school after all.

She chose the Felician Academy in Detroit – she says she called the school on a Monday, met with the directress on a



Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar stands in the garden with the Blessed Mother. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar prays with hospice patient Victor Waling. Sister founded a program, No One Dies Alone, for those who are in hospice without family. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wednesday and entered the school on a Friday. She announced right then that she was entering the convent, not just high school, she said.

After that she taught elementary school for 13 years, but says she knew her calling to the medical field would be realized one day. Then in the 1950s, Livonia officials approached the Felician

Sisters about starting a hospital, which ended up being built on a plot of farmland at Five Mile and Levan.

That started her long career in health care.

Laboratory work

She graduated from Madonna College and attended Wayne State University in Detroit and the University of Notre

Dame in South Bend, Ind. She holds a master's degree in medical technology and hospital administration.

As chief medical technologist, she organized and directed the hospital laboratory for 18 years and established a School of Medical Technology.

In 1966, Camille Brick of Livonia was 20 years old and a young intern in medical technology when she began working with Sister Modesta, who was head of the laboratory then and also a teacher.

"She promised me she would just be a phone call away if I needed her," Brick said of working for Sister Modesta.

In 1977, Sister Modesta was appointed vice president with responsibility for diagnostic services.

CEO of hospital

Then, she became the third president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital, now called St. Mary Mercy, in 1982.

During her tenure as president from 1982-97, the hospital underwent several major renovations and additions, including the St. Mary

Hospital Pavilion and Marian Professional Building (1988), Marywood Nursing Care Center and Marybrook Manor (1991), Emergency Center (1995), St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center (1996), Diagnostic Services Center (1996) and the West Addition (1997).

In January 1998, Sister Modesta was named senior vice president of special projects.

From 1998 through 2003, she and four St. Mary Hospital Critical Care nurses piloted the No One Dies Alone program. In 2003, the NODA program became a community volunteer program that maintains more than 80 volunteers at the present time.

"She's like a mini giant," Brick said of the diminutive Sister Modesta. "She's always prayerfully giving and offering herself. I'm very privileged to have known her as long as I have. She is my mentor and my friend," she said.

"You do everything in a team effort," Sister Modesta said of her years of service.

Of all those duties, serving others has been her mainstay. "What I enjoyed the most was the people," she said.

And even though she says she's retiring, she has a twinkle in her eye when she mentions, "The other day I worked two shifts ... I love to work midnights."

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End of an era

Northville to lose its last large horse farm to high-end sub

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Come this time next year, there will likely be dozens of expensive homes rising from what is today the Northville community's last large-scale horse farm.

Northville Township officials agreed last month to a developer's plan to build an exclusive subdivision on what is today CJM Farms, a 78-acre property on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Ridge and Napier. The barns and pastures where dozens of horses roam today will be torn asunder to make room for 75 homes.

According to the developer, DEI Properties of Shelby Township, the homes in the Montcaret subdivision will be in the \$500,000 range once they hit the market. Construction is expected to take place in the spring.

Some township officials, particularly Trustee Fred Shadko, who is also a member of the planning commission and Northville Township Historic District Commission, aren't real happy about the plan.

Not only will the township lose its last big horse farm (a few residents still have horses), the developer is also planning to demolish the old Greek revival farmhouse located on the property on Seven Mile. Built around 1840, it is one of the oldest structures in the township, according to Shadko.

Shadko and other local historic preservationists initially pleaded with the developer to preserve the home, perhaps as a clubhouse for the new subdivision. However, the way the development was drawn up shows the home straddling two lots,

which means it has to go. The developer even hired Finnicum Brownlie Architects, which issued a report on the home. Their conclusion was the home has "no historical significance."

'Mr. Harness Racing'
Shadko, among others, takes exception with that conclusion, of course. Over its lifetime, the home and surrounding property have been many things, including a dairy farm. In the 1940s, it was purchased by one of the community's most influential people, Orlo Owen, who converted the property into a horse farm.

Owen was a larger than life character, who is considered by many as one of the originators of pari-mutuel harness racing, which was pioneered at Northville Downs.

"Orlo was known as 'Mr. Harness Racing.' Once he bought this home, he completely gutted the whole thing. Back in his day it was just gorgeous," Shadko said.

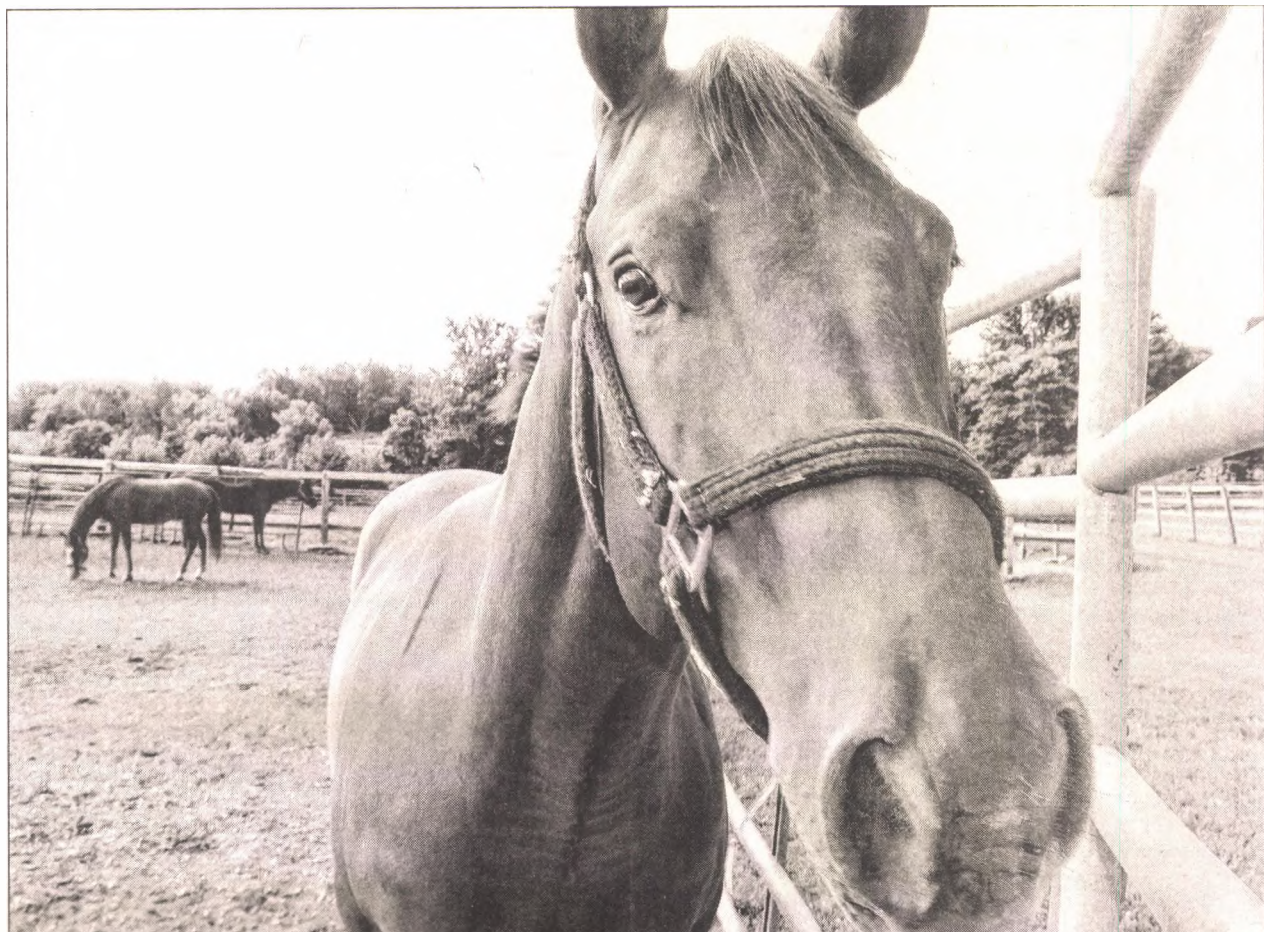
Shadko is now holding out hope that someone will step forward and move the home to another site. The developer has agreed to allow that to happen, but the clock is ticking. As of now, the deadline is May of 2014.

"I would love to see them (developer) preserve it right where it is. That's where it belongs. Or even pick it up and move it over onto its own lot. But it is pretty apparent neither of those options are going to happen," Shadko said. "My third choice is for someone to pick it up and move it somewhere else so we don't completely lose it."

Jean Bemish, who has spent most of her life living on Napier Road not

"I would love to see them (developer) preserve it right where it is."

FRED SHADKO
Northville Township trustee



A horse roams the exercise yard of Northville Horse and Recreation at CJM Farms on Seven Mile Road. The property is slated to become a subdivision with high-end homes. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

far from the property, is also upset about the plan to demolish the home and the pastures where she has spent many days. She remembers the Owen family well.

"We used to ride horses there all the time," Bemish said. "When the nearby Steeple Chase sub went in I cried. This seems like just another

piece of our history being torn away. This has always been such a pretty house. I don't know why they can't find a way to save it."

'Shame to see it go'

Rick Barnes, who is the farm manager for Northville Horse and Recreation operated by CJM Farms, said the

place is still active. In addition to boarding horses (there are about 30 horses there now) and offering sleigh rides in the winter, the business also has a program that teaches girls how to ride horses.

Barnes currently lives in another home on the property. He is unsure what the future holds.

"This is a beautiful property. We see deer and wild turkey all the time. I've even seen a bobcat out here," said Barnes, who has worked for the business for about three years. "It's a real shame all of this is going away."

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Northville church program focuses on values

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

You don't have to be a United Methodist, or even a Christian, to benefit from an upcoming program on values at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Veteran journalist David Crumm of Canton will lead the OurValues program for four weeks at the congregation on Eight Mile, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

"It's sort of a rare opportunity to see this," said Crumm, 58, the former religion writer for the *Detroit Free Press*. In 2007, he took a buyout from the paper to co-found www.ReadTheSpirit.com, an online magazine for which he's editor. It includes with founder Wayne Baker, a sociologist at the University of Michigan, the



Crumm Baker
www.OurValues.org project focused on civil dialogue on values.

ReadTheSpirit.com is also a book publisher that has carried Baker's numerous columns on values. Baker has a book coming out soon, *United America: The Surprising Truth About American Values, American Identity and the 10 Beliefs That a Large Majority of Americans Hold Dear*.

Those at the Northville church program, for which advance registration is needed at 248-349-1144, are eager to be involved.

"We feel like these kinds of discussions about values are really a universal way to engage

people," said Sue Craik, Christian Ministries director for the First United Methodist Church of Northville. "It just kind of made sense for us to do that. No matter what your religion or your background, the values we hold are more in common."

The Northville church has a new lead pastor, the Rev. Marsha Woolley, who is a friend of Crumm's and eager to host the program.

'Buzz about it'

"There's a buzz about it," Craik said. She and others hope to encourage dialogue about faith and getting along.

"I think it's really for a lot of different kinds of people," Craik said. The program's intended for adults and high school youth are also welcome.

Baker's research focuses on what Americans have in common. For the

second week in Northville, his book will be available. The \$20 book charge is the only fee.

The program is beginning at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, followed by Northville. Crumm and Baker are members of the Ann Arbor church.

"The participants are actually going to help us finalize what we're going to tell other groups," Crumm said of the study guide. Crumm's family is sixth-generation United Methodist.

Baker, who holds appointments at U-M's Institute for Social Research and its business school, is known for his research on areas where Americans are in deep agreement. Baker identified 10 values where nine of 10 Americans agree and have for years.

"We're going to start from this point of agreement," said Crumm,

adding Baker will attend one Northville session.

Crumm agreed courtesy can be present in political debate. "I believe that is possible," he said. When ReadTheSpirit.com started, its 10 principles included that peace is possible and we can all come together.

He works with Michigan State University journalism students on books on understanding groups such as Asian Indian immigrants, Arab Americans and native Americans. "We believe very strongly it is possible to find a common ground in our communities," Crumm said.

He earned his bachelor's degree from U-M and returned as a graduate student, as well as a journalism fellow.

Crumm has worked as a journalist since his late teens. He's married to Amy and the couple has two grown children,

Benjamin and the Rev. Megan Walther, a United Methodist pastor Downriver.

Crumm and his son, then 21, traveled the country for a *Free Press* series on spiritual values. "There are a lot of people who remember that series," David Crumm said.

Open to all

"My purpose is to help people talk about their values," he said of his journalism. "We welcome people of other faiths."

He's glad to be in both Ann Arbor and Northville. "It's a wonderful community with a wonderful mix of people," he said of Northville.

"This is about sharing those findings and inviting people who come to see how they connect to their own lives," Crumm said.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Miller Woods tours

Dates/Times: Sundays, Oct. 20 and 27, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Miller Woods, entrance on Powell Road between Ridge and Beck in Plymouth Township.

Details: The Friends of Miller Woods host fall tours through the nature preserve. Tours are free, last about 60 minutes and include historical information about the Miller family as well as facts about the ecosystem, fall colors and the unique trees in the woods. Dogs and strollers are not allowed in the woods.

Health expo

Date/Time: Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Livingword Church, 46500 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

Details: Livingword Church partners with Oakwood Hospitals for a health fair, featuring vendors from the University of Michigan. Free blood sugar screenings and blood pressure checks will be offered; cholesterol checks will be available for a \$10 cost. There will also be a nutritionist on hand for free counseling. Admission to the event is free to the public.

Newcomers meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:15 p.m.

Location: The meeting is held at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford in Canton.

Details: The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club welcome the public to their adult monthly meeting where

they will be hosting Linda Robin of Showroom of Elegance discussing "Jewelry and Fashion - What jewelry is right for you." The evenings' agenda will also include a tasty treat by Olga's Kitchen, a raffle to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, and signups for interest groups including Book Club, Ladies Bunko, Let's Do Lunch, Walking, Let's Do Dinner, Couples Social, Scrapbooking, Playgroups and more.

Contact: RSVP to Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or call 734-981-0486.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
» Thursday, Oct. 3, 9:30-3 p.m., Busch's Market, 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth.
» Sunday, Oct. 6, 8:30

a.m. to 2:15 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren in Canton.

Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at these times and places. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Plymouth-Canton AAUW Book Sale

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

Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The sale will be part of the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show.

Details: The purpose of the American Association of University Women is to advance equity

for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Branch scholarship fund. The group is now collecting gently used fiction and non-fiction books, children and adults (please no encyclopedias, textbooks or damaged books).

Contact: For more information or to donate books contact Becky Copenhaver at 734-981-6023 or bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or Shirley Zaetta at 734-455-6366 or szaetta@wowway.com.

Diesel Club luncheon

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

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia
Details: The Detroit

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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, email dieljelml@aol.com.

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Friends, family remember Dennis O'Neill as 'caring person'

Served as superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools from 1984 to 1992

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Dennis O'Neill is being remembered as a caring and loving man who loved life and loved people.

"Dad was the smartest person I know, but he would make you feel like you were the smartest person in the room," his daughter Maureen O'Neill said. "He was kind and very humble and an amazing father and grandfather."

Services for Mr. O'Neill, a retired Wayne-Westland school superintendent, were held Saturday, Sept. 28, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Mr. O'Neill was age 78 when he died Sept. 23, in Fort Myers, Fla., where he had been living with his wife Charlene.

He had been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease four years ago and "had lived life to the fullest even with the good and bad days," his daughter said.

"He went to sleep on Sunday and didn't wake up, that was how he wanted to go," she said.

Mr. O'Neill spent his entire educational career with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

He started as a teacher West Junior High School in 1960 and ended it as the district's top

administrator in 1992.

Army veteran

He had served in the U.S. Army from 1953-55, worked as a postman and did custodial work at Ford Motor Co. while attending Wayne State University, where he majored in political science and minored in social studies.

He taught at West and John Glenn High School and was an assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School before becoming administrative assistant to the superintendent in 1973. He moved up to deputy superintendent in 1975 and held that position until April 1984, when he was hired as superintendent, a position he held until his retirement in August 1992.

His children also grew up in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and his daughter recalled that she and her four siblings "were raised to think that you never know who knows you, so behave."

"He was always busy, but he never missed one of our events," she said. "He was always there and then he went back to work."

Thomas Svitkovich met his longtime friend in 1964 through the Wayne Federation of Teachers. They both taught in the district at different buildings, but



Mr. O'Neill

didn't end up in the same building until Svitkovich became dean of

students at Wayne High School. He ended up serving as Mr. O'Neill's deputy superintendent.

"He was a very unique person," Svitkovich said. "He loved his wife and his family dearly and was so very proud of them, but he also loved Wayne-Westland. He was a non-stop worker and put in a phenomenal amount of time. He set high expectations for himself and for those who worked for him."

According to Svitkovich, Mr. O'Neill had a vision that all students could learn and be successful and was before his time with the idea of a common core curriculum. While the same subjects were taught throughout the district, there was a difference on how and what was taught. He worked on creating a common curriculum throughout the school district.

"He really had a great vision about education and how students should learn," Svitkovich said. "He was a great supporter of choices."

Strong support

Mr. O'Neill also believed education needed strong government

support. A poster in his office that read, "It'll be a great day when the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a jet," spoke volumes about his sense of humor and his belief that education should get a greater part of the federal budget, Svitkovich said.

He also described Mr. O'Neill as a loyal friend, first of all, and "almost more than a mentor, he was a confidant."

"I talked to him about all kinds of things, I leaned on him an awful lot," he said. "He was my role model and certainly my mentor."

"Denny hired me back in the mid-1980s. He was not only a gentleman, but an honorable man," current Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "He was a great mentor for me and he always kept kids first when making decisions. He will be deeply missed."

He also was an avid runner, something he took up while in the Army. Over the years, he competed in at least 13 marathons, running more than 26 miles in around four hours.

He also was an avid reader and had thousands of books, according to his daughter.

"When they moved from their home in Gladwin, I got boxes and boxes of books," she said. "He read any and everything. He also loved music — Harry

Connick Jr., Motown. The music would be on low, but it was always on."

After his retirement, the O'Neills lived in the Irish Hills and later Gladwin before making their home in Florida, where they had wintered, about 10 years ago.

Maureen O'Neill recalls the years in the Irish Hills as "the best."

"The kids went there when they were little until they were grown. They loved to go there because they were there and because it was like going on vacation," she said.

Mr. O'Neill is survived by his wife Charlene, his children Timothy (Maura), Maureen (Jon Schaber), Terry (Nancy), Colleen (James) McGinnis and Doreen Marsh, 16 grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

"He was always the most positive person I know and he will always be the most positive person I will ever know," Maureen O'Neill said. "He believed he could fix anything."

"He will be long remembered and certainly missed by those who knew him," Svitkovich added.

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Watch out for 'double dipping' advisers

Q: Dear Rick: I've had a financial adviser manage my account for the last three years. I have not been overly thrilled with what he has done. My account has barely

moved since I turned it over to him. In fact, after fees and expenses, I've averaged a little over 1 percent

per year. I found out that in addition to the 1.5 percent that I am paying, he has also received commissions on the funds he has invested for me. When I questioned him about the fees, his answer was "That is the standard practice in the industry."

A: When it comes to advisers, there are three types — fee-only, commission-based and a hybrid.

Fee-only advisers charge a fee for services and then take nothing from any of the investments they recommend.

The next type is a commission-based adviser. He or she can receive compensation in two ways. The first is the commission they receive by buying and selling investments for you. In addition, some investments such as variable annuities and C-share mutual funds pay commission-based advisers a fee year after year, as long as money is left in that investment.

For example, if you own a variable annuity, the person who sold you that annuity receives a fee, paid by you for every year you're in the annuity. Whether the adviser does anything or not, they still get paid.

The third type of adviser (the type you are using) — a hybrid — charges a fee and accepts commissions and other compensation from the investments they use.

I believe if an adviser is charging a fee for service, they should not accept commissions. I agree that it is double dipping. Typically, advisers will either accept a commission or charge a fee, not both.

Unfortunately, many people end up paying double the fees and the reason is that they don't know. Advisers who do take double the fees don't tend to tell their clients about the double dipping and, in addition, the investments that directly pay advisers do their best to hide the fees.

Fees do matter. High fees equal low returns. If nothing more, an investor would be able to increase their return by focusing on low-cost investments. In today's world, where returns are low, saving a percent or two may not sound like much, but it could increase your return substantially. Remember, a lot of these fees are not just charged once. They are charged year after year.

The best commission sales people I know never worry about commissions because their sole concern is their clients. Unfortunately, some commission sales people worry about one thing only — the commissions and the sales incentives that they can earn. Whether the product is good for their client or not is, unfortunately, not nearly as important as the commissions and incentives that they earn.

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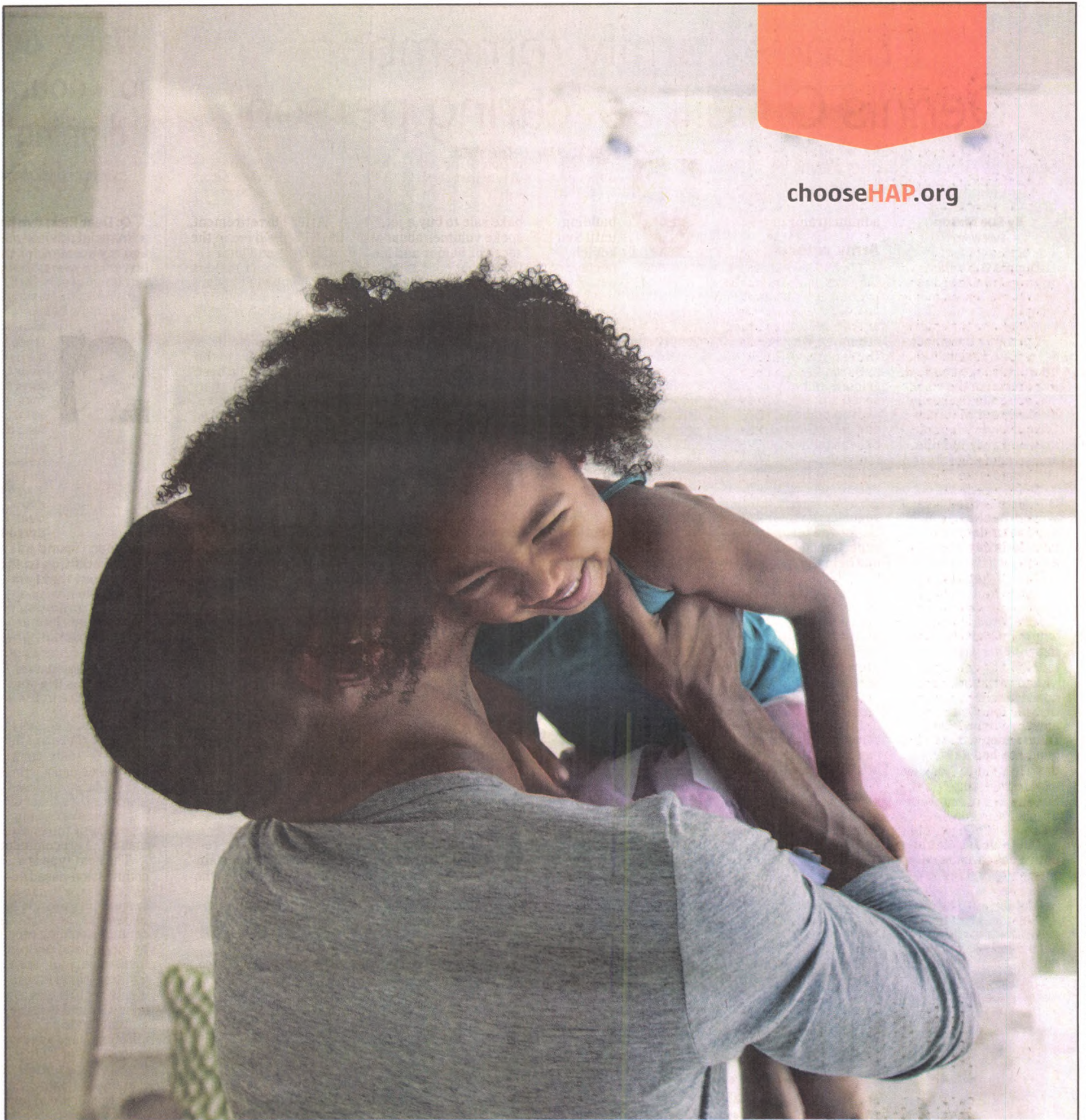
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PREP FOOTBALL - WEEK 5

Salem gridders rally to earn first victory

Jordan's three TDs make homecoming game special

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Having endured a tough stretch to open the 2013 season, Salem's varsity football team wanted more than ever to literally make Friday's homecoming game a winner.

It took some doing, on both ends of the ball, for the Rocks to secure a 26-22 win over KLAA Central Division opponent South Lyon East.

Senior running back Drake Jordan was the offensive star of

the night, scoring three touchdowns and rushing for 174 yards in 25 carries.

Jordan's third TD of the contest, a 10-yard carry just 54 seconds into the fourth quarter, brought Salem all the way back from a 20-7 first-half deficit.

Preserving that lead was sophomore defensive back Shaw Lyall, who intercepted a TD bid by South Lyon East in the Salem end zone just minutes later.

Lyall jumped up to haul in a floating pass by Cougars quarterback Zach Powers, who had moved the team some 70 yards down the field on a series of



Salem's Freddie McGee (No. 31) tackles South Lyon East's Trent Willenberg during Friday's game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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D-III academic honors for Alaniva

Canton High School alum Nick Alaniva was one of 13 Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) athletes named to the 2013 Division III All-Academic Team for men and women's track and field.

Announcing the honors was the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Washington U. women posted a

cumulative GPA of 3.579, which ranked third among the 148 NCAA

Division III women's track & field programs. On the men's side, Washington University's cumulative GPA of 3.457 ranked fifth out of 80 Division III programs.

Alaniva, a Washington U. junior who graduated in 2011 from Canton, is one of four men to garner the honors. He competes for the Bears in pole vault, sprints and jumps.

Hines races for Heroes

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 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 registered by Oct. 3. Visit heroesonhines.com.

MU men's golfers 2nd

The Madonna University men's golf team moved up one spot in the final standings for Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 3, slipping into second place on Wednesday with a 303 for a 602 total at Coyote Creek G.C. in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Senior Joe Parker (Walled Lake Northern) led MU and finished in a tie for second with a 74 for a 146 total. Seniors Benjamin Gawronski (Hartland), who shot a 75, and Billy Teer (Grand Blanc), who posted MU's low score with 73, tied for ninth overall.

KLAA BOYS TENNIS CROSSOVERS



Plymouth No. 1 singles player Jordan Lu is the picture of concentration against Walled Lake Central's Denali Kitayami. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Cats ace the test

Plymouth rolls to victory over first place KLAA North counterparts

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The stakes are being raised these days for Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team, with the KLAA South Division champions squaring off Thursday against their first-place counterparts from the the KLAA North.

And as far as Plymouth head coach Tom

Kimball is concerned, the players — from 1 singles standout Jordan Lu down to the lowest-seed of the doubles lineup — are perfectly fine with that.

Against Walled Lake Central at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats rolled to an impressive 6-3 victory to improve to 8-2 overall (7-1 in the KLAA).

"They enjoy the test," Kimball said. "They enjoy playing the tougher teams in

the KLAA, and so to finish first in their division and play all the other first place teams is what they want."

Thursday's victory continues to show that Plymouth will be a team to be reckoned with Oct. 5 at the KLAA championship tournament hosted by Novi.

"The top-12 teams (three per division)

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KLAA BOYS TENNIS CROSSOVERS

Chiefs proving mettle in big KLAA matchups

Canton wins battle of second place KLAA teams

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton boys tennis coach Barb Lehmann is feeling pretty good about her team as the nitty gritty of the 2013 season comes into view.

On Thursday, the Chiefs knocked off Walled Lake Northern 5-4 in a matchup of No. 2 seeds from the KLAA South and North divisions, respectively.

Even without excellent 2 singles player George Zhou, who was out due to illness, Can-

ton took care of the Knights and now look poised to make some noise at the Oct. 5 association tourney at Novi High School.

"Our wins against Brighton on Tuesday and Walled Lake Northern were really good," Lehmann said. "Plymouth's our nemesis right now. He (coach Tom Kimball) has got a strong team.

"But there are some spots that we did well against them (Wildcats) last Saturday (Sept. 21, at the Canton Invitational) and I think opened up a few more chances for us to truly play our own ability and our



Canton's Noah Lindlbauer continues to excel at No. 4 singles. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Breath of fresh air

PCA's Mady making quick impact on varsity volleyball team

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

'But it's really surprising that she's so amazing and she's just a freshman.'

DIVNA ROI - LEGACY AND PCA TEAMMATE

Not many ninth-graders step onto the varsity scene with the poise, ability and comfort level of Plymouth Christian Academy's Olivia Mady.

Just 14, Mady already is considered a go-to player for PCA's varsity girls volleyball team, right there with established players such as seniors Jen Malcolm and Rachael Fuller.

She jumps almost into the rafters, or so it seems, to spike the ball for important points. She's also a jumper when she serves, putting more oomph into each salvo.

"I've been doing a jump serve for a couple years," said Mady, a Northville resident who also is a player on PCA's coed tennis team this fall. "And when we did training together we were working a lot on jumping. It's so much fun for me."

According to Eagles head coach Katie Decker, she pretty much knew from the opening week of tryouts that the outside hitter would be keeper on varsity.

"She played Legacy out of Novi, their national team," Decker said. "She definitely

came in seasoned and experienced. It was really nice to get a young player in that you don't have to teach all the basics to. You get someone you can just finesse.

"You can tell watching her play that she has experience because she knows what to do when it's not a great set, when it's not a perfect situation. She's very adaptable. She's got a lot of power."

Mady said if she was nervous when she participated in those August tryouts, any such trepidation melted away thanks to the welcoming attitude of her new teammates.

"Not really nervous, maybe a little at the first part of it, but I'm not nervous anymore," she noted. "Malcolm, Rachael Fuller, they're really encouraging and they always lift the team up."

Those veterans have also welcomed two other freshmen to the fold in middle blocker Josie Postma and defensive specialist Divna Roi — who also has been Mady's teammate on recent Legacy teams.

"This is our third year together," said Roi, following PCA's recent victory over Lutheran Westland. "I'm surprised but at the same time not surprised because I've played with her for three years. So I know how she plays."

"But it's really surprising that she's so amazing and she's just a freshman. We're going to do well in the next few years."

It remains to be seen whether a successful postseason run is in the cards for the 2013 Eagles. If it does, that would be the icing on the cake for Mady's freshman season.

It's been pretty sweet no matter what.

That she never stops smiling, on the court or off, should tell you something about what playing on the PCA varsity means to her.

"I'm really having fun and having fun with all older girls," Mady added. "We're learning a lot, and I just have a lot of fun out there. I'm really happy to be part of the team."

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Launching into one of her patented jump serves during a recent PCA contest is freshman Olivia Mady. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth spikers sweep past Zebras

Fueled by contributions up and down the lineup, visiting Plymouth swept Wayne Memorial in a KLAA South Division varsity volleyball match.

The Wildcats (11-4, 4-1) downed the Zebras 25-11, 25-13, 25-18.

"Just a great team effort tonight (with a) variety of contributors," Plymouth coach Sarah Marody said. "We came out ready to take care of business right from the first serve."

Orchestrating the attack with 12 assists each were setters Shayla Smalls and Daniella Barile. Smalls also was solid in other departments, with four service

aces, four digs and five kills.

Up front, Emily Burkman and Olivia Beyer helped the cause with eight and seven kills, respectively.

Burkman led the team with five aces and shared the honors in digs with Haylee Weber (10 each) while Beyer chipped in with eight digs — not to mention five blocks to lead in that category.

Other notable performances were turned in by Katie Stevens (four digs) and Lauren Clemons (three kills).

Wayne's record dipped to 1-20-3 overall and 0-5 in the KLAA South.

PCA wins in 4

Visiting Plymouth Christian Academy earned a 25-21, 25-16, 24-26, 25-23 win Tuesday over Huron Valley Lutheran in a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference - Blue matchup.

For the Eagles (2-2 in the MIAC Blue), Jen Malcolm tallied 17 kills along with four blocks while Rachael Fuller contributed 10 kills and 14 digs.

Freshman Olivia Mady had another strong showing with 11 kills, 13 digs and three aces.

Adding two aces and eight digs was Katie Gibson.

OHL HOCKEY

Whalers finally break into win column

Victor Crus Rydberg scored with 1:34 remaining in the third period Friday to snap a 2-2 tie and lift the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-2 win over host Ottawa.

An empty netter by Ryan Hartman (two goals) at 19:56 sealed the Whalers' first victory of the season following three losses.

The 67's opened the scoring early in the first when Brendan Bell sent a shot past Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (19 saves) but the Whalers gained the equalizer at 9:52 on a power play marker by Carter Sandlak (from Gianluca Curcuruto and Crus Rydberg).

Plymouth struck again with the

manpower advantage with 3:14 left in the second.

But Ottawa made it 2-2 before the end of the frame on a goal by Dante Salituro.

That's how the OHL contest stayed until Crus Rydberg's winner, with the lone assist going to defenseman Nick Malysa.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chiefs survive big scare from Churchill

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

State-ranked Canton proved Friday night it can go deep into the well and run a two-minute offense.

After upset-minded Livonia Churchill tied the game up on Malik Johnson's 15-yard touchdown run, followed by Brian Alsobrook's two-point conversion pass to Tim Dulin, the Chiefs had 2:15 left on the clock in a game tied at 28-28.

That's when quarterback Greg Williams went to work and the junior delivered the game-winning TD drive, hitting three straight clutch passes for 19, 6 and 20 yards out of the Chiefs' run-oriented wing-T and leading Canton to a 35-28 victory while spoiling the Chargers' homecoming.

Charles Turfe scored the game-winning TD on a 2-yard run with only 15.9 seconds remaining as Canton stayed unbeaten at 5-0 and 3-0 in the KLAAs South Division.

Williams was 7-of-7 passing on the night for 128 yards, while Turfe went for 161 yards on 23 carries.

"The kid is a winner," Canton coach Tim Baechler said of his QB. "He's so smart. He makes a lot of checks at the line of scrimmage. He's just a calm, cool customer. I like the ball in his hands."

Churchill (0-5, 0-3), which had defeated Canton in their last two meetings, liked the ball in senior tailback Malik Johnson's hands.

The 5-foot-8, 170-pound senior finished with 265 yards rushing on 28 carries as the Chargers looked far from being a winless team.

"We knew coming in they (Churchill) were a great offensive team," said Baechler, whose team won the total yardage battle, 537-392. "Led by their offense, there's just so much stuff they run and you

prepare for. They're big up front and they execute well and their backs just ran hard. We were trying to move a lot on them, but when we were there, we couldn't tackle. But give them credit, they played great offensively.

"We just battled enough. It just worked out with the clock. We let them score just fast enough to let us have some time. We executed that last drive with some good throws by Greg Williams and good catches. My God, they just made plays."

Despite taking three 15-yard penalties, Canton scored on its opening drive of the game as Williams hit tight end Jake Boucher on a 23-yard TD pass with 8:39 left in the first quarter on fourth-and-six.

But Churchill came right back to score, as Johnson returned the ensuing kick 51 yards and three plays later the scored on a 3-yard run with 7:35 left after Alsobrook's 30-yard QB keeper set up the score.

Canton then scored on its second possession, going 80 yards in just eight plays, capped by Weston Price's 22-yard TD run up the middle with 3:44 to go to make it 14-7.

The Chiefs made it three-for-three on possessions scoring with 8:33 left in the half, when Williams rolled around end for a 15-yard keeper to make it 21-7. The drive covered 68 yards in 10 plays after the Canton defense stopped Churchill on fourth-and-12 on an incomplete pass in the end zone.

The track meet continued as Churchill zipped down the field in just 4:22 thanks the running of Johnson, who had four carries for 61 yards. Alsobrook hit Kyle Staff on fourth-and-goal from the 3 for a TD pass with 4:11 left to cut the deficit to 21-14.

But Canton answered again



Canton's Charles Turfe (left) makes the clutch TD grab for 43 yards late in the second quarter over Churchill defender Logan Facione (No. 10).
DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

with just 1:08 remaining, when Williams hit Turfe over the umbrella of the Churchill defense to make an over-the-shoulder 43-yard TD grab to give the Chiefs a 14-point cushion at intermission.

Churchill, however, took the second-half kickoff and drove 80 yards in 13 plays, capped by Johnson's 4-yard TD run with 6:10 remaining. But the extra-point snap and hold was botched with 6:10 to go, leaving Churchill behind 28-20.

The Chargers' defense also stopped Canton on drives twice in the second half, but couldn't get the final stop.

"Just some critical mistakes at key times," Churchill first-year coach Bill DeFillippo said. "I'm proud of our kids' effort. We missed a couple of passes early in the first half on one drive where we failed on downs. And down at the one (in the final quarter) is when we had a couple of botched snaps. Early in the first half, we al-

lowed them out on some third-and-longs and fourth-and-longs, which kind of did us in at the end.

"They're a real good football team. Our kids played great football tonight, just a couple of mistakes away from a victory over a great Canton team."

Johnson, meanwhile, could not be stopped as many of his yards resulted in broken tackles.

"By far our best player," DeFillippo said. "He's playing both ways offensively and defensively. And he's been running like that all year. Just outstanding. We just kept feeding him the ball and our O-line blocked their tails off up front."

One of the biggest plays came with 1:21 left in the third quarter and Canton ahead 28-20. Churchill got down to the Canton 1, but came up empty on fourth-and-goal at the 2.

"We had a couple of goal line sessions this week to get prepared for that," Baechler said. "They (the defense) battled. They knew it was coming. They (Churchill) made a lot of plays, too. They're good."

Churchill, meanwhile, found its defensive groove in the third quarter limiting Canton to just eight plays.

"It's hard, because their offense is very deceptive," DeFillippo said of the Chiefs. "If you're not disciplined on defense, they can get some play-action pass out there. I thought our kids played real hard on defense tonight and really did a nice job, especially in the second half. We held them to seven points and that was on the final drive. We made some adjustments at halftime, but our kids stayed disciplined and I'm proud of them."

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PREP FOOTBALL - WEEK 5

Big finish lifts Wildcats past Rockets, 37-21

Second-half surge helps Plymouth bounce back

Plymouth scored 30 unanswered points in the second half Friday and went on to post a 37-21 KLAAs South Division football victory over host Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats (4-1 overall, 2-1 in the KLAAs South) trailed 14-7 at halftime and needed to regroup to avoid a second consecutive loss.

That's exactly what they did, beginning with a 25-yard field goal by Viet

Nguyen with 7:41 to play in the third, slicing the John Glenn edge to 14-10.

Before the end of the frame, Plymouth jumped ahead 17-14 on a 1-yard run by D.J. Rossell — who had another spectacular game with 189 yards in 32 carries.

Plymouth's scoring surge continued into the early part of the fourth when quarterback AJ Convertino (9-18, 93 yards) fired a 19-yard pass to Connor Stella to make it a 23-14 contest.

Rossell's 28-yard romp with 4:17 to play upped Plymouth's advantage to 30-14 and Anthony Kenney followed

with a 5-yard fumble return for the Wildcats' final points of the night.

John Glenn (2-3, 1-2) finally got back on the board with just four seconds remaining, when Kimari Johnson scored on a 44-yard run.

The Wildcats, who outgained John Glenn by a 307-233 margin, got off to a quick start late in the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead.

Convertino's 17-yard pass to Matt Busch put Plymouth on the board, followed by the first of Nguyen's four extra points.

For the Rockets, running back De-

von Spalding had another productive game.

He ran 22 times for 117 yards, including a long of 56 yards for a TD that made it 7-6 with 5:58 left in the second.

Spalding scored again 12 seconds later, on a 21-yard run. But the Wildcats put the defensive clamps on Spalding and the rest of the Rockets for virtually the rest of the night.

Penalties also hurt the Rockets. They were whistled 11 times for 80 yards; there were only 45 penalty yards assessed against Plymouth.

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short, snappy passes.

"Shaw's had a great week of practice," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "He was like that all week, hawking balls in practice. So that was a good pick by him and at an opportune time."

Britnell, whose team improved to 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the KLAAs Central, tipped his cap to the enthusiastic crowd that came out in Salem's blue-and-white colors to cheer on

the team. He said the energy from the bleachers made an impact.

"Guys walked in this morning at 6 a.m. from what they did last night and I just got chills, all the decorations," Britnell said. "The school spirit was awesome and I'm glad we got a win for everybody."

"It was a great crowd tonight. They (players) get it, we talk about that all the time. They play for something bigger than just them."

Early excitement

Jordan was the main man, who brought those fans to their

feet throughout the night. With less than four minutes gone in the contest, he capped off Salem's first drive of the game with a 5-yard score, triumphantly raising his arms after crossing the goal line.

"We practice hard and I think my team really deserved this," Jordan said. "We had a rough start, but we're going to have a strong finish. I think we'll be all right."

"What we were missing (before) was enthusiasm and we're going to bring that and that's a promise for the rest of the season."

After the extra point by Alex Kenrick, Salem enjoyed a quick 7-0 lead.

That's how things stayed until early in the second.

Powers — who completed 12-of-19 passes for 205 yards in the first half alone (and 28-of-43, 306 yards for the game) — drove the Cougars 72 yards in five plays. Capping off the drive was a 3-yard plunge by Alex O'Brien.

The Cougars followed that up with a 5-yard TD run by O'Brien and a 36-yard pass from Powers to Wade Morris (followed by a two-point con-

version) to put South Lyon East up 22-7 with about six minutes left in the second.

Setting up the Morris TD was a fumble by Salem quarterback Alex Nicholson (7-of-12 passing, 88 yards, one TD) that was recovered by the Cougars' Lucas Marconcin.

Salem bounced back to score with 3:52 to go on a 1-yard run by Jordan, one play after Nicholson broke around right end for a 13-yard carry down to just outside the goal line.

Before halftime, the Rocks struck again to slice the deficit to 22-20. Nicholson fired a 17-yard pass deep into the end zone, which senior receiver Michael Hoover jumped high to haul in. Salem missed on a bid to tie the game on a two-pointer.

Extra effort

Both defenses tightened things up in the second half, however. The Cougars' halftime lead would last all the way until Jordan's ultimate winning score.

On the first play of that drive, Jordan burst through the middle and veered left for

a 45-yard run down to South Lyon East's 25.

A penalty against the Cougars moved the ball inside the 15 and, two plays later, Jordan finished it off, bulling his way over the goal line with a defender draped all over him.

Jordan was not going to be denied on the special night.

"Coaches got on us (at halftime) about (how) we're going to drive the football, hit people and score touchdowns and that's what we did," Jordan said.

"Our defense came up for us. They got stops, we played as a team and we finished."

Britnell said the roller-coaster ride turned out to be worth it, largely because of the team's positive attitude — epitomized by players like Hoover, Nicholson and Jordan.

"Nothing has been (easy) this year, but it was a good team win and a credit to the guys for hanging in there," Britnell said.

"It's been a rough first month, but they believe in each other, there's no quit."

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BOYS SOCCER

Chiefs keep rolling, blank Churchill

Canton's varsity boys soccer juggernaut continues to gain steam into the second half of the season, with Thursday's 3-0 whitewashing of visiting Livonia Churchill.

Aidan Shennan and Griffin Parks got the Chiefs each scored goals in the final nine minutes of the KLAAs South Division tilt to cap off the win for the division leaders (13-0-2, 8-0).

The way senior goalkeeper Brandon Pickert and a sturdy defense performed, those goals were just icing on the cake. Getting Canton off to a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute was Sam DeLoy, with what proved to be the game-winning marker.

In addition to Pickert, Canton coach Mark Zemanski pointed to excellent play by defenders Jack Zemanski,

Sam Belcher and Kyle Mettlach to keep the Chargers (6-6-1, 4-4) in check.

Meanwhile, Parks added two assists and DeLoy and Shennan each assisted on one goal.

STEVENSON 0, SALEM 0: Livonia Stevenson (5-5-2, 3-3-2) played lock down defense Thursday to earn a scoreless KLAAs Central Division draw against the visiting Rocks (8-1-2, 6-1-1).

Stevenson goalkeepers Austin Kaczmarek (three saves) and Mike Bolin combined on the shutout, while Collin Hewitt had two saves for Salem.

The tie came on the heels of Salem's first defeat of the season, a tough 1-0 loss Tuesday against Northville due to a penalty kick with four minutes remaining.

PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 1: Goals by Jaden Hurtable, Jason Tigouri and Mike Blake lifted the Wildcats (6-7-1, 6-1-1) to a KLAAs South Division triumph Thursday over visiting Livonia Franklin (6-7-1, 6-1-1).

Robert Jiga tallied the lone Franklin goal with 14 minutes left and Patriot goalkeeper Spencer Lewadowski made 14 saves.

PCA RECAPS: In double overtime Tuesday, Plymouth Christian Academy lost 2-1 to Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Eagles and Stoney Creek Summit Academy played to a scoreless draw Monday night in a game delayed one hour due to field conditions.

KLAAs BOYS SOCCER

John Glenn stops rival Wayne Memorial in KLAAs South game

There was a lot Jeff Parrish liked about his Westland John Glenn boys soccer team's performance Thursday.

The visiting Rockets got two goals from Nyle Ellis to beat rival Wayne Memorial for the second time this season, 5-0.

"It's was a good game for

our guys," said Parrish, whose team improved to 5-8 overall and 2-6 in the KLAAs South Division. "We've been playing some close games against really good teams like Plymouth, Churchill and Franklin. They are continuing to build as a team and getting better each week."

Carlos Santiago and Akshay Kommana each chipped in with a goal and assist, while Daniel Sovar added the other Glenn goal. Tunde Alawode assisted in the Ellis goal.

David Petkov and Andrew Doyle combined for seven saves and the shutout for the Glenn.

PREP TENNIS PREVIEW

PCA boasts solid, balanced lineup

Team starting 2013 off where '12 team left off

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity tennis team enjoyed a big year in 2012, going 7-0-1 in dual matches followed by a 5-3 mark in regionals.

A successful encore already is in progress this season.

Led by seniors Matt Sumner, Alex Huber, junior Josh Fitzpatrick and freshman Drew Kwang, the 2012 Eagles excelled in singles play (PCA took first place at 1-3 singles at the Taylor Kennedy Tournament).

And head coach Mike Kwang was recognized by his peers as regional coach of the year.

This season, the coach is optimistic about the infusion of youth as well as returning vets such as Fitzpatrick and Drew Kwang. Early returns are positive, too.

"This year we are a much more balanced team," Mike Kwang said.

"Our doubles teams are much improved. This is clearly demonstrated at the News Herald Tennis Tournament in Taylor (Sept. 7) where we finished in fourth place with seven of our players winning medals.

"This is the first time we had at least one point generat-



Plymouth Christian tennis players (from left) Andrew Fernandez, Greg Manni, Jake Maxwell, Matt Myers, Jake Shook, Austin Greuber and Will Crecelius pose with their medals earned at the recent News Herald Tournament.

ed from every player on our team."

Once again, PCA will sport a strong lineup throughout.

At 1 singles is sophomore Drew Kwang, followed by

senior Josh Fitzpatrick (2

singles), sophomore Jake Shook (3 singles) and senior Josh Paladino (4 singles).

Leading the team in doubles is junior Roderick Hatcher and senior Luke Holmes at 1.

PCA boasts an experienced duo at 2 doubles with seniors Matt Myers and Jake Maxwell.

A younger duo is competing at 3 doubles, namely sophomores Austin Greuber and

Will Crecelius.

Rounding out the line are junior Greg Manni and freshman Olivia Mady at 4 doubles and freshman Andrew Fernandez and junior Jordan Talbot at 5 doubles.

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play in one tournament, and the bottom 12 teams play in another tournament," Kimball said. "So we'll play with the big guns there."

The team's strong, top-to-bottom depth is a key to the team's success. Of course, it starts with 1 singles player Jordan Lu, who suffered a tough 6-3, 6-2 loss to Central's Denali Kitayami, a well-regarded freshman.

Setting the tone

"Jordan's the table setter," Kimball said. "To see a sophomore that hits the ball as hard as he does, it's just one of those rare players that can come in to the program."

"He sets the tone as far as not just the level of play, but his work ethic and his attitude and his sportsmanship. He's young but a great role model and an inspiration for the other players on the team."

Despite being defeated, Lu said the matchup against Kitayami will help him down the road.

"I've learned some strategies watching him play," Lu said. "Like, running around the back end and then hitting forehands, because forehands are harder shots that can hit winners and open up the court."

"Sometimes you have to play defensive, mix up your styles. I saw him return a lot of my harder shots and I was surprised by that."

Lu entered the match looking for improvement over the previous time he faced Kitayami, in a tournament.

"I came in expecting a tough match because I've played him in other tournaments and he beat me pretty badly," Lu said. "The last time was like 6-3, 6-0. So today I was hoping I could get a set, or possibly win a match."

"I played fairly well in the first set. It was tied 3-all, 40-love my lead but I

couldn't close the game and then the momentum shifted from there."

Conn flair

Another excellent singles player this season has been senior Jon Conn in the 4 slot. He was Plymouth's lone victor in the singles matchups, winning 6-1, 6-4 against Vamsi Garimella.

Conn, a varsity wrestler during the winter, is described by Kimball as the best-conditioned player on the squad.

"Jon has the best record on the team," Kimball said. "I think he's only lost two matches all year out of close to 20 (and) that's pretty impressive."

"He has a very unorthodox style of play that just drives the opponents crazy, gets under their skin and tends to win almost every match. ... He'll just wear you down. The war of attrition, he'll win it."

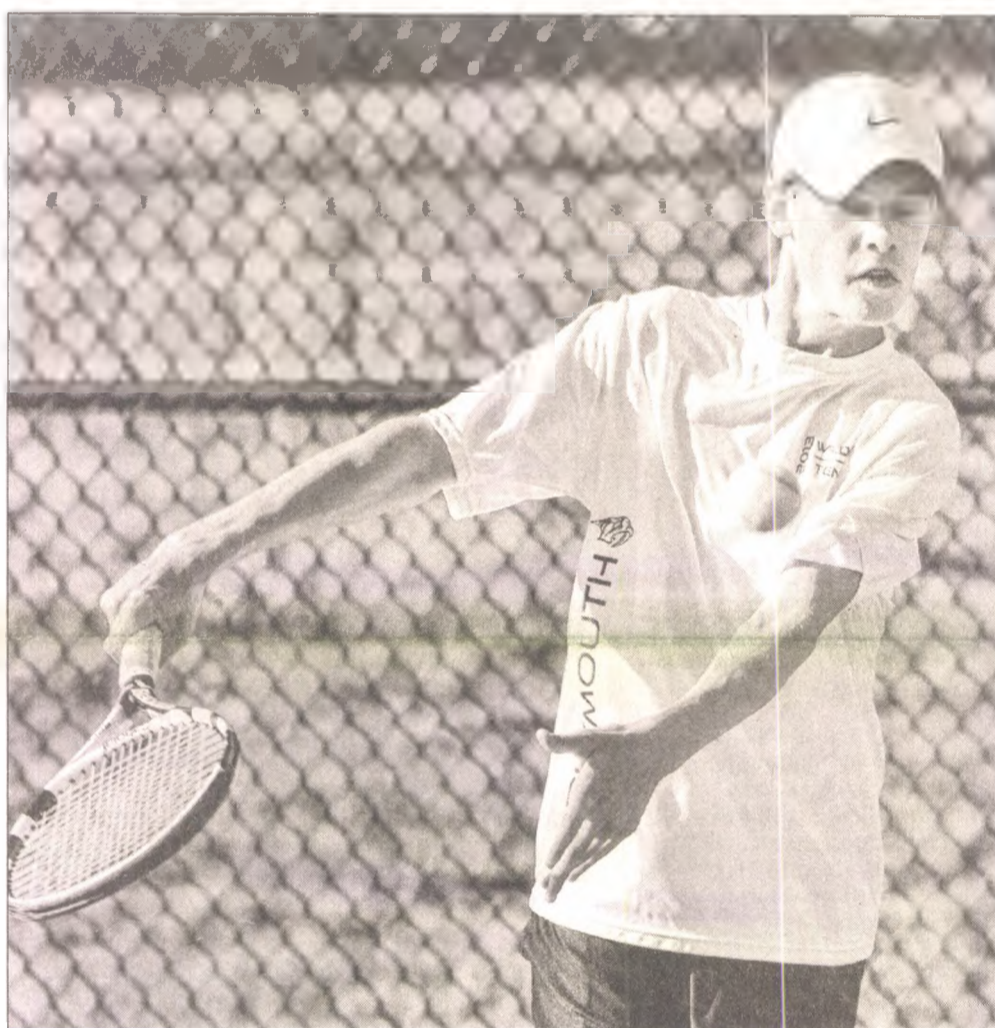
Plymouth's doubles lineup also made an obviously huge contribution to Thursday's victory — sweeping all five flights.

"My doubles teams stepped up," Kimball said. "We had some guys (Alex Tskoff-Charlie Anderson at No. 5) start down 0-6, 0-4 in the second set and come back and win it in three sets (0-6, 6-4, 6-3). All the close ones really are going our way."

Also needing three games to win was the 3 doubles tandem of Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mohanraj, taking their match 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

At 4 doubles, Matt McDonald-Ramana Ramanathan won in a pair of 7-5 games. Also victorious were Jared Hopf-Deven Patel at 1 doubles (6-3, 6-3) and Justin Kapke-Kevin Hou at 2 doubles (7-5, 6-3).

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Matt Decker, Plymouth's 2 singles player, looks to return a volley Thursday. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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style. I think the association tournament will be interesting to see."

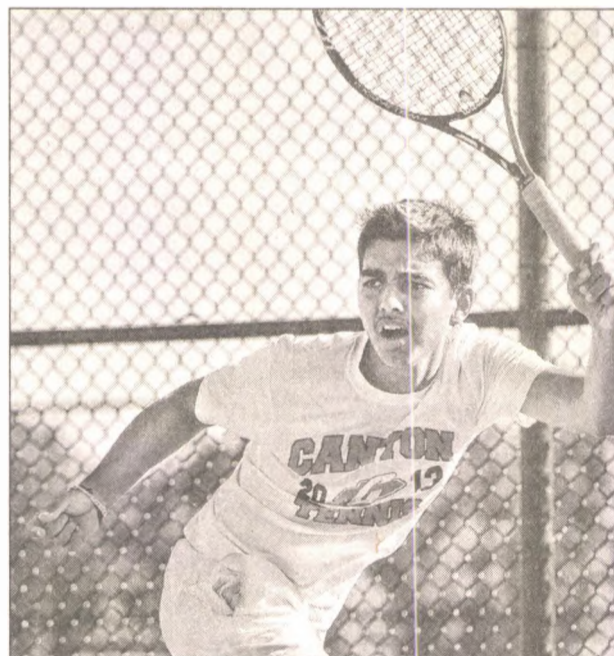
Lehmann raved about the play of her revamped singles lineup against Northern, starting with Rohan Vaishnav at 1 singles. He prevailed 6-0, 7-6 in his flight.

"What I see him doing now, which I didn't see when the season started, is his strength and power," said Lehmann, about Vaishnav. "Right now he's in great shape, but what he's now doing is making the opponent work for hits. It's not just simply a ball going back and forth 20 times."

"It's Rohan setting up the shots and the kid has to book for it. He has to make sure he gets to it, because it's not something he's just going to hand to him. Which is nice to see."

She subbed in Austin Tetlow for Zhou at 2, but Athul Rao and Noah Lindlbauer excelled in the 3-4 spots, respectively.

Rao and Lindlbauer are growing more and more comfortable as singles players with every match; they were a doubles tandem in 2012 for the Chiefs. Rao won his 3-singles matchup against Adam Beneson by a 7-5, 6-1 tally; Lindlbauer earned a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Will Schultz.



Gearing up for his next shot Thursday is Canton 1 singles player Rohan Vaishnav. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Moving on up

"Today he (Rao) went back to how he knows how to play and he hit the ball rather than just being a guy out there practicing against an opponent," Lehmann said. "Today he beat the kid, he won the match."

As for Lindlbauer, she could hardly hold back her enthusiasm.

"Noah has become a great singles player," Lehmann noted. "He's not your typical 4, a lot of times you see a 4 that's a push play, that just kind of rally for 30 or 40 shots. He's not that player."

"What he's done is made the kids play his

way. And I think he plays the point where it's not 100 percent about power. He's balanced power with accuracy."

Lehmann said both are making a smooth transition from doubles to singles, "but they both wanted out, they both wanted to move up and they proved it."

Two Canton doubles tandems won against the Knights. At 3 doubles, seniors Michael Kang and Kirk Wang won 7-5, 7-6 while, at 4 doubles, the tandem of seniors Varun Krishnamoorthy and Alex Boudreau captured a 6-4, 6-2 victory.

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at www.schoolcraft.edu/financials.

Glenn Cerny
Vice President and CFO

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Notice is hereby given that registration for Qualified Voters for the November 5, 2013, General Election for electing vacancies for the City Commission, will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours. Business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, City Hall is located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, and the City Clerk office is on the first floor.

Registration will close on Monday, October 7, 2013 and no further voter registrations will be accepted. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registering to vote are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of Age
3. Resident of the State of Michigan for thirty (30) days
4. Resident of the City of Plymouth on or before thirty (30) days prior to the day of the election

Qualified Electors who are currently registered with the City Clerk will not have to re-register. If you have a physical problem and cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements. The telephone number is 734-453-1234.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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Church program focuses on values

Religion reporter David Crumm to lead discussion

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer



Crumm



Baker

You don't have to be a United Methodist, or even a Christian, to benefit from an upcoming program on values at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Veteran journalist David Crumm of Canton will lead the OurValues program for four weeks at the congregation on Eight Mile, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

"It's sort of a rare opportunity to see this," said Crumm, 58, the former religion writer for the *Detroit Free Press*. In 2007, he took a buyout from the paper to co-found www.ReadTheSpirit.com, an online magazine for which he's editor. It includes with founder Wayne Baker, a sociologist at the University of Michigan, the www.OurValues.org project focused on civil dialogue on values.

ReadTheSpirit.com is also a book publisher that has carried Baker's numerous columns on values. Baker has a book coming out soon, *United America: The Surprising Truth About American Values, American Identity and the 10 Beliefs That a Large Majority of Americans Hold Dear*.

Those at the Northville church program, for which advance registration is needed at 248-349-1144, are eager to be involved.

"We feel like these kinds of discussions about values are really a universal way to engage people," said Sue Craik, Christian Ministries director for the First United Methodist Church of Northville. "It just kind of made sense for us to do that. No matter what your religion or your background, the values we hold are more in common."

The Northville church has a

new lead pastor, the Rev. Marsha Woolley, who is a friend of Crumm's and eager to host the program. Woolley is the former pastor at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

'Buzz about it'

"There's a buzz about it," Craik said. She and others hope to encourage dialogue about faith and getting along.

"I think it's really for a lot of different kinds of people," Craik said. The program's intended for adults and high school youth are also welcome.

Baker's research focuses on what Americans have in common. For the second week in Northville, his book will be available. The \$20 book charge is the only fee.

The program is beginning at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, followed by Northville. Crumm and Baker are members of the Ann Arbor church.

"The participants are actually going to help us finalize what we're going to tell other groups," Crumm said of the study guide.

Agreeing on values

Baker, who holds appointments at U-M's Institute for Social Research and its business school, is known for his research on areas where Americans are in deep agreement. Baker identified 10 values where nine of 10 Americans agree and have for years.

"We're going to start from this point of agreement," said Crumm, adding Baker will attend one Northville session. Baker's presentation will include stories and real life experiences.

Crumm agreed courtesy can



be present in political debate. "I believe that is possible," he said. When ReadTheSpirit.com started, its 10 principles included that peace is possible and we can all come together.

He works with Michigan State University journalism students on books on understanding groups such as Asian Indian immigrants, Arab Americans and native Americans. "We believe very strongly it is possible to find a common ground in our communi-

ties," Crumm said.

He earned his bachelor's degree from U-M and returned as a graduate student, as well as a journalism fellow. Crumm has worked as a journalist since his late teens. He's married to Amy and the couple has two grown children, Benjamin and the Rev. Megan Walther, a United Methodist pastor Downriver.

Crumm and his son, then 21, traveled the country for a *Free Press* series on spiritual val-

ues. "There are a lot of people who remember that series," David Crumm said.

Open to all

"My purpose is to help people talk about their values," he said of his journalism. "We welcome people of other faiths."

"This is about sharing those findings and inviting people who come to see how they connect to their own lives."

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Annual 'Giving Circle' event teaches women about philanthropy

Carol Goss, president and CEO of The Skillman Foundation, will present "How Philanthropy Can Help Save Detroit" at the annual meeting of the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

With assets of over \$430 million and an annual budget of \$23 million, The Skillman Foundation is a private, independent foundation with a mission is to improve the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit by strengthening schools and neighborhoods. Goss joined the foundation in 1998 as a

program officer and became president and CEO in 2004. She was named one of the 2010 Michiganders of the Year by *The Detroit News* and received the Eleanor Josaitis "Unsung Hero" award in 2008 as part of the Shining Light Awards sponsored by the *Detroit Free Press* and Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. She plans to retire at the end of the year.

"Carol Goss is an amazing woman in terms of her experience with the Skillman Foundation," said Nancy Eggenberger, chair of the Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle. "We are thrilled to have her. Although our goal is



Goss

to support women in the Plymouth-Canton area, and we are focused here, I don't think learning about philanthropy (in Detroit) can do anything but improve our knowledge. If Detroit does well, we all do well."

Eggenberger said the annual October meeting helps the Giving Circle explain to women in the

community "what philanthropy is and why we do it." Registration and a reception will begin at 6 p.m. The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Madrigal Singers will perform. Goss's presentation starts at 7 p.m. A short business update, coffee and deserts will conclude the evening's program. Ticket price is \$20, with registration through the Canton Community Foundation at www.cantonfoundation.org or call 734-495-1200.

Founded in 2006, the Giving Circle was born out of the belief that women in the Canton-Plymouth area can work together to make a mean-

ingful impact on the lives of women and families in need.

The organization has granted more than \$28,000 to local women and children through organizations such as First Step, the Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank, Starfish Family Services, and the Detroit Area Diaper Bank.

Patron memberships are \$1,000, which can be paid over three years. A supporting patron gives up to \$1,000.

Eggenberger said some attendees contribute by giving money to a "pass the hat" collection at Giving Circle events. Others offer their time

by volunteering on event committees.

"There has been a concern with the economy recently, but we have a 'pass the purse' at every event and we continue to raise money by women just throwing, \$5, \$10, \$20 in the hat. It's been inspiring," Eggenberger said.

The organization's membership and its annual meeting is not restricted to women in Plymouth and Canton, although its bylaws require that more than 50 percent of monies raised be spent in those communities.

— By Sharon Dargay

Walk/run proceeds send foster kids to camp

Lace up your running shoes and help send 48 abused and neglected children to camp next summer.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville and Northville Christian Assembly (NCA) church co-sponsor a of Royal Family Kids Camp in Fenton every year. It's one of 150 camps nationwide that provide recreation, education and affirmation designed to aid emotional healing for youngsters who are in foster care.

The fourth annual Walk-N-Fund Run on Oct. 5 will help raise public awareness and financial support for the camp in Fenton.

The event will feature a two-mile and a four-mile walk along with a two-mile and a four-mile fun run. Registration will run from 8:30-9 a.m. followed by both the walk and fun run events. They'll start at the at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile, and will follow the I-275 bike path from the church to Grand River



Runners and walkers head toward the starting line at the annual Walk-N-Fund Run that raises money for a Royal Family Kids Camp in Fenton.

and back.

Participants may bring their dogs to the Walk-N-Fund Run which will include a dog watering hole at the halfway mark.

The fee of \$30 per walker/runner will include a commemorative T-shirt, water and a snack. The event is free to children 12 and younger. Prizes will be available to participants.

Register by contacting Shelly King at 248-348-7600 or by email at sking@dfcnazarene.org, or Peggy Sanchez at 313-682-1045 or by email at gap7stander@aol.com. Registration forms

also will be available the morning of the fundraising event. A sponsored walker form is available for runners and walkers who plan to raise money through pledges.

More than 80 volunteer staff members from throughout metropolitan Detroit will spend a week next year to help provide a positive, life-changing summer camp experience for children, ages 7 to 11, who are involved in the foster care system in Wayne County. The camp is free for youngsters who are selected for camp by Wayne County Department of Human Services.



A Thunderbird Ski Club member, Ron Ferenczi, skis Steamboat, Colo.

Ski club provides fun year-round social events

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Thunderbird Ski Club members will toss bowling balls, kick up their heels on the dance floor, and taste a few fine wines in the coming weeks.

Some of them may even strap on ski gear and head to the slopes beginning in January 2014.

Mary Ann Baier, "T'birds" vice president, says the club offers dozens of year-round meeting and mingling opportunities along with seasonal ski trips. It's both a social club and travel group for skiers. The ability to ski is not a prerequisite and some individuals attend only non-ski events.

"We're open to the public. We have a lot of golfing and social activities. We're having bowling at Thunderbird Lanes. We have 20 tickets to see *War Horse* (at the Fisher Theatre). We have social nights — it's a way of getting together," Baier said. "People give suggestions for activities. We also ask people to volunteer to run them and we come up with our own suggestions, too."

In addition to bowling and wine tasting, the fall activities roster also includes a barn dance, golf trip, Plymouth Whalers hockey game, movie night, live theater and a Christmas party. Golf, baseball games, bike and canoe outings, boat trips and dinner meet-ups are scheduled throughout spring and summer. The Club holds a picnic every month from June-September. The final picnic includes a chili cook-off.

"Of course our main thing is skiing. We run five trips," Baier said. "We go through a seasoned travel agency that has been putting together ski trips for years and we have a good rapport with them."



Ski trophies? No, members of Thunderbird Ski Club won awards for making the best chili at a recent Club outing. They are Diedra Vollmer (left) of Canton, Kathy Miliucci, Cecilia Palen and Ron Glowzinski of Plymouth.

More information

She and other T'birds board members will be on hand at an open house with information about trips and social events, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

The open house will include ski vendor displays, a DJ, dancing, appetizers, cash bar and prize giveaways. Cost is \$5; age 21 and over only.

Membership is open to age 21 and over and is required for overnight ski trips. Children can accompany their parents on trips, although some outings — such as skiing at Shanty Creek Resort in January 2014 — are more family-friendly than others. Most of the local social events draw adults only.

Membership is \$35 for the first year and \$25 each additional year. Nonmembers may participate in any of the social activities, Baier said, but they may pay a slightly higher admission for some events. Cost is \$1 more for nonmembers, for example, at the upcoming bowling night at Thunderbird Lanes in Allen Park.

Club meetings are held Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 18 and Jan. 8, 2014, at Doc's Sports Retreat,

19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The gathering starts with a "mix and mingle" at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

T'birds, founded in 1949, is a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council.

"That's an umbrella group of about 20 ski clubs. Some are totally family-oriented. Because we're affiliated we have reciprocal agreements," Baier said, adding that T'birds members can participate in ski trips offered by affiliate groups.

Visit the T'birds website at www.tbirdskiclub.com.

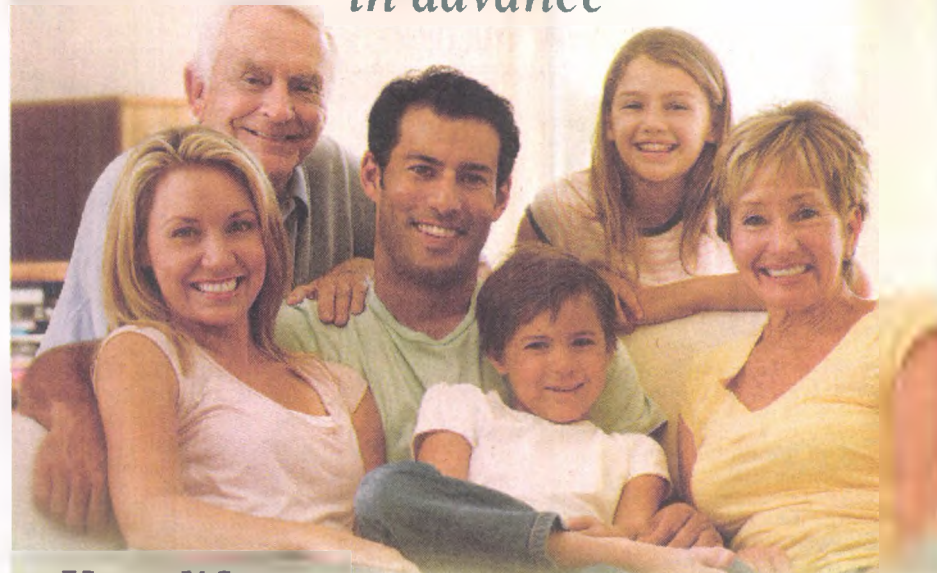
Here's a sampling of other local ski clubs listed on the Council website:

» Livonia Ski Club offers social activities and ski trips. It meets at 8 p.m., the first Thursday of the month, at Subu's Leather Bottle, located on Farmington Road south of Eight Mile.

» Skis 'N Tees, a ski and golf social club, meets at 9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, at Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Find a list of activities at skisntees.org.

For more listings, see mndcski.org.

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SEPTEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

Botsford Hospital is collecting non-perishable foods through Oct. 31 for Michigan food banks. Food collection boxes are stationed at the main entrance to the hospital, the main entrance to the Zieger Center and the main cafeteria entrance on the ground floor. The hospital is located at 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; 248-471-8000.

OCTOBER ALZHEIMER'S CARE TRAINING

Home Instead Senior Care will offer a free Alzheimer's care training workshop, 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. During the workshop participants will learn about managing behaviors, encouraging engagement and caring for themselves while caring for a loved one. For reservations call 734-525-5300.

CELIAC SUPPORT

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet Oct. 17 at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting, featuring the group's dietician advisor, Lana Coxton, begins at 7 p.m. Coxton will talk about "Gluten-free living — Surviving the holidays." For more information visit tccsg.net

HEARING AND DIABETES

Ariel Waitzman, M.D., an otolaryngologist, will talk about diabetes-related hearing loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. He'll also talk about the signs of hearing loss and causes of hearing loss other than diabetes. The program is free. For more information call 734-655-8950.

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Cochlear implant manufacturer, Med-El, will present its new products and will answer questions, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Garden City Hospital, Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, classroom 1, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297 or atferack@comcast.net.

LAMAZE AND BEYOND

St. Mary Mercy Marian Women's Center offers expectant parents two options for childbirth education classes. The first is a one-day Childbirth Education Workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. The second option is a five-week series of weekday Childbirth Education Classes, 7-9 p.m. Monday, beginning Oct. 7. The series of classes teaches the same information as the one-day session, but with

more practice of breathing techniques. Both classes meet in Classrooms 1 and 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia.

Classes are based on the Lamaze method and are designed to help expectant parents increase their knowledge and build the confidence needed to lessen the fear of childbirth. The fee for either option is \$75 per couple. To enroll, call the Marian Women's Center at 734-655-1162 or go to www.stmarymercy.com

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

SUBSTANCE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

Dawn Farm will offer a free program addressing the intersection of substance abuse and domestic violence, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Presenters include Christine Watson, legal advocate at SafeHouse Center, and David J.H. Garvin, LMSW, founder of Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, and chief operating officer for Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. For more information call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Nathan Foster, cardiologist, will discuss how to prevent sudden cardiac death, during Botsford Hospital's monthly nature walk and discussion, noon, Thursday, Oct. 17, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The most common cause of sudden cardiac death in adults over age 30 is a buildup of cholesterol plaque in the arteries. Meets rain or shine. Call to register: 877-477-Doct (3621), option 1.

ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis.

Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights; and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

CHOIR THERAPY

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org.



Dr. Nathan Foster

U-M improves detection test for prostate cancer

The University of Michigan Health System has begun offering a new urine test called Mi-Prostate Score to improve on the traditional prostate cancer screening test.

The traditional test measures a prostate specific antigen, or PSA, but doesn't give doctors a complete picture. The new test incorporates three specific markers that could indicate cancer and studies have shown that the combination is far more accurate than PSA alone.

"Many more men have elevated PSA than actually have cancer but it can be difficult to determine this without biopsy. We need new tools to help patients and doctors make better decisions about what to do if serum PSA is elevated. Mi-Prostate Score helps with this," said Scott Tomlins, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of pathology and urology at the University of Michigan.

Researchers validated the new test on nearly 2,000 urine samples. Mi-Prostate Score, or MiPS, was significantly more accurate than PSA alone for predicting cancer as well as predicting aggressive prostate cancer that is likely to grow and spread quickly.

Mi-Prostate Score developed from a discovery in the

lab of Arul Chinnaiyan, M.D., Ph.D., in 2005 of a genetic anomaly that occurs in about half of all prostate cancers, an instance of two genes changing places and fusing together.

This gene fusion, T2:ERG, is believed to cause prostate cancer. Studies in prostate tissues show that the gene fusion almost always indicates cancer.

The new urine test looks for the T2:ERG fusion as well as another marker, PCA3. This is combined with serum PSA measure to produce a risk assessment for prostate cancer. The test also predicts risk for having an aggressive tumor, helping doctors and patients make decisions about whether to wait and monitor test levels or pursue immediate biopsy.

"This combination test is not designed to say definitively at diagnosis whether a man has aggressive prostate cancer, but it can provide a more accurate estimate of the likelihood of having cancer and the likelihood of that cancer being aggressive," Tomlins said.

The test is available to anyone but requires a request from a doctor. For more information, call the University of Michigan's MLabs at 800-862-7284.

Gala benefits patient room renovation

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 21st annual Gala "La Dolce Vita" is set for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

The event will start with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet Italian dinner, dancing, music by Intrigue and special La Dolce Vita entertainment.

The annual black-tie preferred event will benefit the Generations Together Cam-

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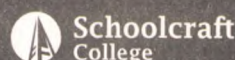
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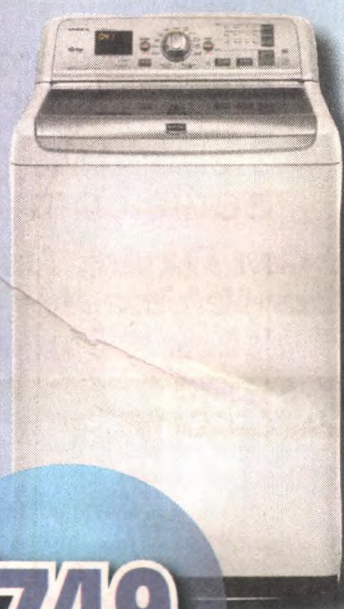
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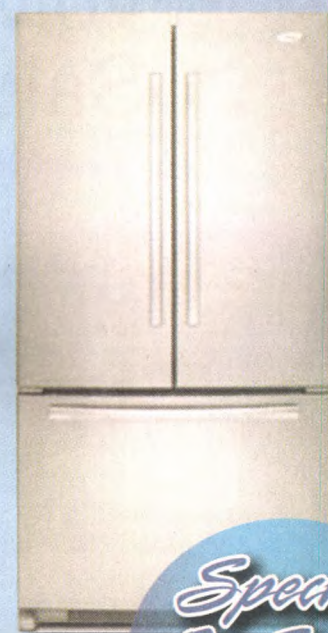
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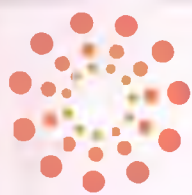


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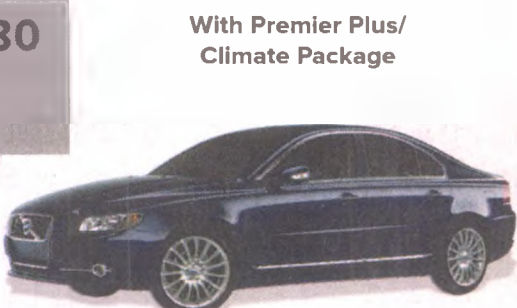
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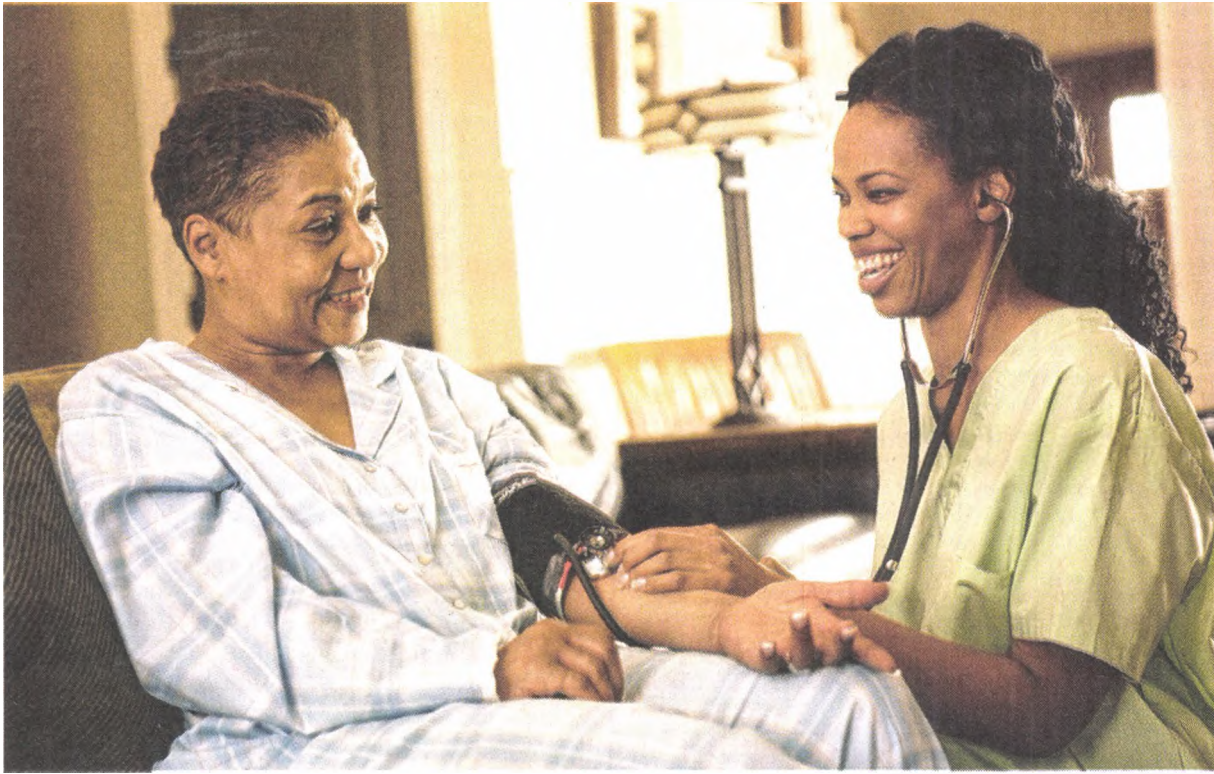
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By Kristy Turner
Contributing Writer

The health care industry is continuously growing and there's no sign of it slowing down soon. The growth can also be seen on the allied health care services closely tied up to medicine.

The reason for this growth is the continued demand for health care. It was further fueled in the past decade by the fact that the world population is aging and is therefore requiring more health care services.

Based on this knowledge we can easily see that one of the best industries to start a career is in health care. With its continued growth this industry promises a stable career as well as possible fulfillment knowing that if you are a professional in this field, you are helping directly in making people's lives better.

However, it's not a secret as well that the traditional ways of obtaining a job in the medical industry isn't easy nor expensive.

It takes years and a lot of money to study for a health care career especially if you are working on the clinical side.

The good news is that there's another side to the medical industry where accountants, programmers, encoders, and people from other professions can go into. That is the administrative side of the health care industry.

Though the clinical side of health care is the hearth of this industry, allied services are also required to keep the health care system working.

Accountants, marketers, purchasers, stock room custodians, computer programmers, encoders, transcribers, and back office staff are also needed in the administrative side of the health care system.

So if you are thinking of starting a career in the health care system but you don't have the money to invest for a profession in the clinical side of things, you can study for one of the allied health care services. One of the fields you can go into is medical billing and coding.

Medical billing and coding is the part of the administrative side of health care that deals with the revenue cycle. Medical billers and coders are the people that process the health insurance information of patients, the services rendered to patients and finally make sure that claims for services rendered to insured patients are submitted and settlements are received.

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The working knowledge of medical billers and coders in medicine is a must. They are interacting with physicians and health care workers so it's a requirement that they know how the theories of medicine.

So the best way to become a medical biller and coder if you are interested in becoming one is to have professional training and learn all of the following critical knowledge required from all medical billers and coders:

- Human anatomy, physiology and diseases
- Medical language and terminology
- Health insurance and reimbursement process
- CPT and ICD-9-CM medical coding databases

These are the subjects that you must learn and master if you want to get into the health care industry by becoming a medical biller and coder. Though it will still take time to study these subjects it won't be as hard and as expensive as studying for a career directly involved in the clinical side of health care. Good luck!

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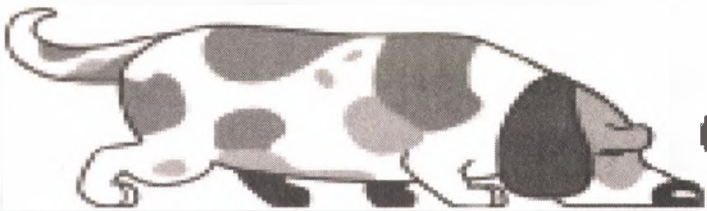
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Toyota, Lexus Go Mass and Niche to Promote New Vehicles



By Dale Buss

As Toyota and Lexus have regained footing in the US market and restocked their product portfolios, the brands' marketing has taken on new confidence as well. And like the rest of the auto industry, Toyota and Lexus are pursuing both the masses and the niches of American consumers with more verve than ever as they seek to squeeze every last sale out of a vibrant US car market.

Of course, the biggest thing Toyota has going on right now is a very mass-market campaign to launch the new 2014 Toyota Corolla, its bread-and-butter compact sedan. That effort includes a ubiquitous primary broadcast spot, called "Style Never Goes Out of Style," which features Corolla over its 45-year history in the U.S. — very Forrest Gump-like — as a fixture of American pop culture just like the decades of evolving music that the ad celebrates.

But Toyota also is using a narrower approach than ever before to marketing the dramatically restyled 11th generation of Corolla. It includes a slate of ride-and-drive experiences around the country, custom Vine and Instagram videos in a social-media effort, a virtual "test drive" through the "Corolla Touch Drive" mobile app, and billboards and outdoor signs in major markets such as New York and Los Angeles that launches a virtual test drive through certain smartphones.

"We're thrilled to debut a fun campaign that reaches a younger audience through social, digital and mobile elements that convey the Corolla's elevated design," said Ed Laukes, a marketing executive of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A.



Toyota rolls its one-millionth Tundra truck off the line in San Antonio plant.

Another thing Toyota is doing now is occurring way down the breadth scale from Corolla — about as far down as the brand could go.

Toyota is experimenting with a partnership with DirecTV to zero in on would-be customers for the all-electric version of its RAV4 SUV. Even though Toyota essentially has given up on EVs as a high-volume proposition—in favor of flogging the Prius hybrid brand—the company is attempting to target tech-savvy early adopters in major California cities using DirecTV subscriber data to reach narrow slices of consumers.

"A national campaign doesn't make sense," Dionne Colvin, Toyota's national media marketing manager, told *Automotive News*. "But we do want to get the message out."

Meanwhile, Toyota is also taking a more concentrated tack toward pickup truck buyers as it seeks to get a share of the booming segment for its Tundra nameplate. Overall, the brand doesn't invest nearly as much in pickup sales as the Detroit Three

do; Tundra hasn't been redesigned since 2007, and doesn't offer all the optional configurations that GM, Ford and Chrysler do for their trucks.

But Toyota does believe Tundra has a shot at some of the so-called "lifestyle" buyers who are coming back into the pickup market after being chased away by the Great Recession and its aftermath. These are people who don't need pickups for construction work, farming or other professional applications—individuals that Toyota has taken to calling "The Evolved Trucker" in a new campaign.

And while some truck executives believed such buyers were basically extinct, Toyota's new TV-ad campaign that began this week focuses on Tundra as a family vehicle for DIY home projects, for instance.

Lexus is doing its share of edgy marketing as well. There are the planned openings of the brand's new Intersect lounges in select major cities around the world, for one thing. But in the US, Lexus also is experimenting with all kinds of unusual events, sponsorships, grassroots movements, social media, performances "and a mashup of the

above," as Marketing Daily put it.

For example, Lexus has a two-year-old Culinary Masters Team that works with the brand on multiple initiatives including customer-appreciation programs and charitable outreaches. Earlier this month, more than 100 diners gathered at Animal restaurant in Torrance, Calif., for a Lexus Culinary Masters program featuring a menu crafted by renowned chef Michelle Bernstein.

Another of those innovative efforts is a four-week program called "It's Your Move After Dark," a partnership with NBCUniversal that comprises a series of TV spots for the new Lexus IS sedan that are being created on the spot by improv actors and comedians based on suggestions from viewers and online denizens. It is happening in ad pods on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*.

"People are so busy and doing so many things that a great ad isn't enough to get people's attention," Brian Smith, CMO of Lexus in the US, said at a recent marketing seminar, according to the publication. "We have to do it in a different way. Our approach is simple: creating great content and delivering it appropriately, and driving 360 experience."



The 2014 Toyota Corolla is carrying high hopes for the brand.

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