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'Empty-nester' Reaume looking to downsize at home

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume says it's time for him to downsize.

Reaume confirmed Friday that his house is up for sale and said he's looking for a condominium in the township. His 1,865-square-foot house on Waverly Drive is listed with Keller Williams Realty for \$225,000 and went on the

market Sept. 27.

"I'm an empty-nester. As a single parent, I've raised my three daughters," Reaume said Friday. "Now is probably the time to downsize."

Reaume also confirmed that he recently purchased property in Florida, but says he's not planning on leaving his township post.

"I'm selling my house because I'm an empty-nester," he said. He said he thought now was the time to buy in a

Florida market that's still somewhat depressed.

He described the Florida purchase as part of a long-term plan, saying it doesn't suggest any more about his current status in the township than the property that his family owns along Lake Michigan.

"Some people retire up north and others retire to sunshine," he said.

Asked if he was planning to seek a fourth term as supervi-

sor in 2016, Reaume said it was too early to say.

"That's premature at this time," he said.

Reaume and three other township officials, Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold, are the targets of a recall movement announced just over a month ago.

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, with his daughter Jasmine Millwood on election night 2012, said he's an empty-nester now and felt it was "time to downsize."

LEGACY FUNDING GAP

Township on track for costs

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Despite steep future costs for retiree benefits, especially a health care liability with an estimated total of more than \$20.9 million, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards says officials are on track to meet them.

"We're fine," Edwards said recently as he discussed so-called legacy costs: defined-benefit pensions for some township retirees and some form of health insurance for most of them. "I think we have the right things in place."

The most recent actuarial report, Edwards said, puts the township's health care obligation for retirees at \$20,942,686 as of Dec. 31, 2013, down from \$27,751,940 in 2009. That's based on many factors, in-

cluding the number of people who are receiving or will receive retirement health insurance from the township, plus actuarial estimates about their life expectancies and projected increases in the cost of health care.

The township is on a pay-as-it goes system for retiree health care and spent \$553,760 on retiree premiums in 2013, Edwards said, down from \$615,766 in 2012.

"There's already money in our budget that pays the yearly cost of the health care. It hasn't spiked up," Edwards said.

Further, Edwards contends that more than \$2.5 million of the \$20.9 million is owed to the township by the city of Plymouth, due to retirement health care costs related to employees of the fire depart-

ment the two communities shared for nearly 17 years. Plymouth left the Plymouth Community Fire Department at the end of 2011 to partner with the Northville City Fire Department.

City officials have not agreed with Edwards' figures and say more study is needed.

Not alone

Plymouth Township certainly isn't the only community facing these costs (see chart). The city of Plymouth, for instance, has a \$6.7 million health care cost that's completely unfunded and \$8.3 million in pension cost that's only half-funded.

Neighboring Northville Township only has \$6.9

City works to cut legacy costs

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The future is now in Plymouth when it comes to paying into an underfunded pension system.

The city is in the second year of making extra payments toward pensions through Michigan's Municipal Employees Retirement System, or MERS, and officials are hopeful the additional payments of up to \$250,000 a year will cut Plymouth's retirement obligation and boost the pension plan's funding ratio.

The city's total liability for

defined-benefit pensions is currently pegged at nearly \$8.3 million and is 50-percent funded, according an audited financial report for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The liability is expected to drop to under \$8 million in July of next year, based on more recent actuarial data, even as the city's payments inch up, said Mark Christiansen, the city's finance director.

"We are confident that the 'extra' payments to MERS will help in the long run reduce the amount of time needed to pay this obligation off," Mayor Dan Dwyer wrote in an email. "This is much like paying a little extra each month on your home mortgage, in the long run you pay off your house sooner."

Cost to peak

The city is expected to pay about \$1.073 million into the pension fund during the current fiscal year, up from about \$943,000 during the last fiscal year. The payment is expected to go to just over \$1.265 million for the fiscal year beginning next July, peak in the 2016-17 fiscal year at nearly \$1.329 million and then begin a downward curve to just \$215,000 by 2029, projections show.

Plymouth certainly isn't the only community struggling (see chart). Neighboring Plymouth Town-

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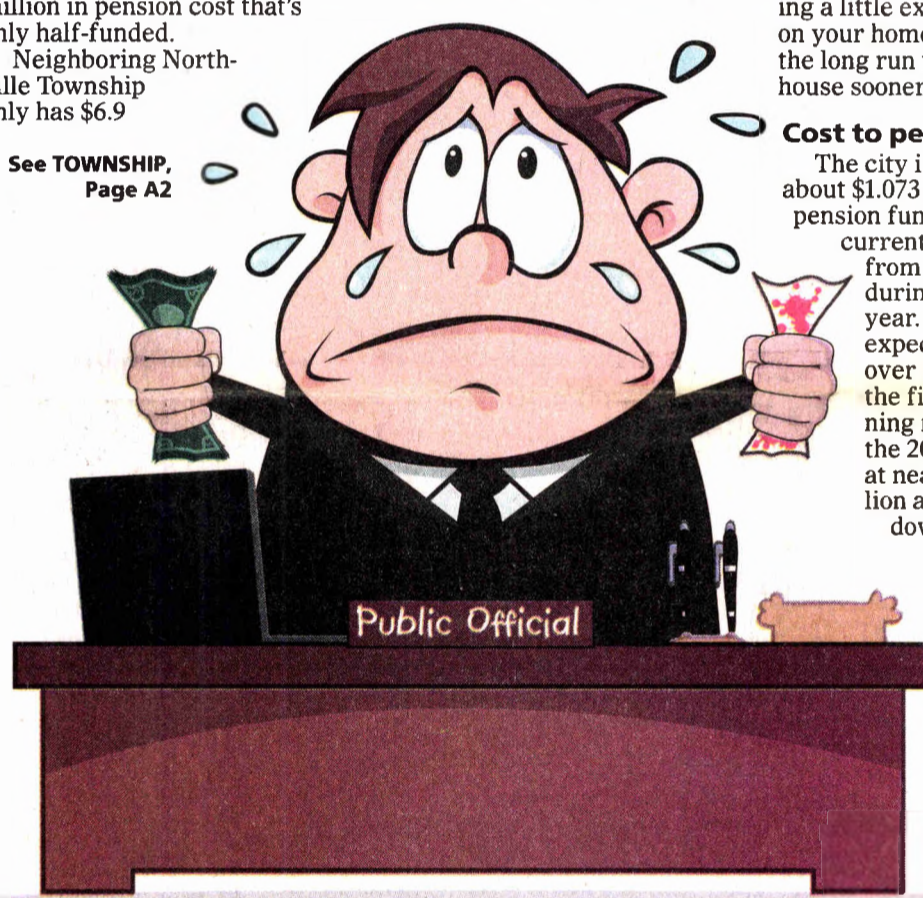
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LEAVING A LEGACY?

Municipal governments are facing increasing budget pressure due to the cost of retiree health care and pension plans.

HEALTH CARE	Canton	Plymouth	Ply. Twp.	Northville	Northville Twp.
TOTAL	\$77.8	6.7	20.9	19.3	6.9
Funded	\$5.2	0	0	6.9	4.4
Unfunded	\$72.6	6.7	20.9	12.4	2.5
% Funded	6.7	0	0	36	63.3
Participants	444	67	125	84	120
PENSION					
TOTAL	\$97.0	8.3	6.6	19.2	33.4
Funded	\$70.1	4.15	5.0	11.2	23.3
Unfunded	\$26.9	4.15	1.6	8.0	10.1
% Funded	72.6	50	75	58	69.8
Participants	445	103	64	86	121

Sources: Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township * Dollars in millions



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Native son Romney rallies GOP troops

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Two-time presidential contender Mitt Romney rallied area Republicans in Livonia on Thursday, stumping with U.S. Senate hopeful Terri Lynn Land and a host of other candidates for state and national offices.

Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts and a Michigan native whose father, George, was governor from 1963-69, spoke to several hundred people at Laurel Manor, criticizing President Barack Obama, who defeated him in the 2012 presidential



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mitt Romney greets the crowd at the close of Thursday's rally. At right, local Republican operative Carl Berry of Plymouth Township.

race, and saying a Land win would be important in helping Republicans take control of

the Senate and push a GOP agenda.

"Her voice will be one of those that takes us in a very different direction," said Romney, who was given a standing ovation and loudly cheered several times during his short speech.

Visitors to the event were met by protesters gathered outside who held up signs critical of Land and supportive of Mark Schauer, a Democrat who is challenging Republican Gov. Rick Snyder in this fall's gubernatorial election. Snyder did not attend

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Wildcats royalty



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Nathan Harris and Madeline Bartek were crowned Plymouth High School's 2014 homecoming king and queen. For more on the homecoming game, turn to B1.



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Democrats bring members of Congress to town for rally

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Democratic crowd inside UAW Local 182 Hall in Livonia erupted in cheers after hearing another candidate planned a write-in campaign for the 11th Congressional District, taking more votes away

from the Republican nominee. Speaking at a rally for candidate Bobby McKenzie, U.S. Rep. Sander Levin told a crowd he received news current U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio had planned to file as a write-in for the race, even after being defeated in the primary by chal-

lenger Dave Trott earlier this summer. Levin, along with his brother, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee and former U.S. Rep. David Carson held a campaign rally Thursday at the UAW building in Livonia for McKenzie, who is running against

Trott in the 11th Congressional District. "We have over 200 volunteers right now. We have one of the most aggressive field operations in the country," McKenzie said. "It is a grassroots insurgency. Things are trending well." It was the second campaign rally to take place

Thursday in Livonia; the Republican Party held a rally at Laurel Manor for various candidates, including Trott and U.S. Senate candidate Terri Lynn Land. McKenzie said it was important for voters to see his record over the years and compare it to Trott's, a lawyer whose

law firm conducted foreclosures. "Trott is certainly going to outspend me," he said. "But for the last 18 years, I've been trying to make the world a better place and Dave Trott has been taking away people's homes."

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TOWNSHIP

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million in health care (\$2.5 million unfunded), but does have \$33.4 million in pension costs to deal with (\$10.1 million unfunded). The city of Northville faces \$19.3 million in health care costs (\$12.4 million unfunded) and \$19.2 million in pension costs (\$8 million unfunded).

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Addressing costs

The township has taken steps in recent years to reduce its future retiree health insurance costs, including:

- » Having retirees who are not covered by Medicare, the federal government's health care plan for people over age 65, pay more toward health insurance premiums. In cases in which the retiree was a unionized employee, that was done through negotiations with the bargaining unit and current employees also began sharing premium costs.

- » Moving Medicare-eligible retirees from health insurance and replacing it with an annual allowance of \$1,500 (\$3,000 for a married couple) to help them pay

for health care expenses that aren't covered by Medicare.

- » Replacing, for new hires, the retirement health insurance benefit with a \$50-per-pay-period payment into an account to be used for health care in retirement. New employees will be 50-percent vested in the system after 10 years with the township and 100-percent vested after 20 years and the township will not provide health care benefits once they retire.

There are currently 43 retirees getting some kind of retirement health care benefit from the township and 82 current employees who will be eligible for it once they retire, Edwards said. Those figures do not include spouses who also may be covered. Only six employees have been hired under the retirement health savings account system and the program is too new for any of them to be vested, he said.

Pension fund

The township, Edwards said, also has a pension liability that was estimated at about \$6,634,000 at the end of last year. It's about 75-percent funded through Michigan's Municipal Employees Retirement System, commonly referred to as MERS.

Of that, Edwards announced to fellow Board of Trustees members late last month, about \$1.3 million is owed by the city of Plymouth, as it can be attributed to PCFD employees who worked in the fire department when it was shared by the two com-

munities. City officials say they still need to study actuarial data from the joint department, provided by the township last month, in order to come up with an estimate.

Plymouth Township didn't have a defined-benefit pension system until 2005, when it adopted one through MERS for police officers, firefighters and public safety dispatchers, at a time when many communities were moving away from guaranteed pensions and into defined-contribution plans similar to 401(k) plans. Other township employee groups had, and continue to have, defined-contribution plans, meaning the township will have no pension obligation to those workers once they retire.

There are currently 19 retired employees getting a defined-benefit pension from the township, Edwards said. The township's contribution toward defined-benefit pensions in 2013 was \$523,809, down from \$554,612 in 2012. Retirees and current employees who are in the defined-benefit pension system have also paid into it.

Township officials are working to phase out defined-benefit pensions for the public safety employees by replacing them, for new employees, with defined-contribution plans. This has been done for the firefighter and dispatcher employee groups, Edwards said, and is under negotiations with police officers.

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CITY

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ship, for instance, has \$20.9 million in health care costs, all of it unfunded. Plymouth Township also has \$6.6 million in pension costs, though only \$1.6 million of that is unfunded.

The city of Northville faces \$19.3 million in health care costs (\$12.4 million unfunded) and \$19.2 million in pension costs (\$8 million unfunded). Northville Township only has \$6.9 million in health care (\$2.5 million unfunded), but does have \$33.4 million in pension costs to deal with (\$10.1 million unfunded).

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Numbers game

There are currently 58 retired Plymouth employees collecting a pension, more people than the city's current full-time work force of 40. There are nine more people eligible for pensions, one a current employee who still has a pension plan and eight people who left the city's employment with a guaranteed pension but have not started collecting it. The city's pension

liability will drop to zero over time, as Plymouth has not had a defined-benefit pension plan for new hires for more than 15 years. A defined-contribution plan, similar to a 401(k), was adopted for most employee groups in July 1997 and for command officers in the police department in July 1999.

Christiansen said projected pension obligations change based on a number of factors, including the number of employees in the plan, the earnings on pension investments, which took a hit during the Great Recession, and the number of retirees collecting a pension – and their life expectancies. Increasing lifespans, he said, have meant people are living longer retirements and collecting more guaranteed pension checks.

"This is a nationwide problem. This is not just a problem here in the state of Michigan," he said.

Health care

Plymouth is also making efforts to control future retiree health care costs, which are estimated at nearly \$6.75 million.

"It's a big number, but it's something we're making progress on," Christiansen said.

There are currently 58 retirees getting some form of health insurance from the city; with their spouses, the number of people getting Plymouth retirement health insurance is 92.

The city, self-insured and on a pay-as-it-goes system for health care,

spent \$678,880 for retiree health care during the 2012-13 fiscal year, Christiansen said.

In addition, there are 45 people working who will be eligible for city-provided health insurance upon retirement. (The number is different than the number of full-time city employees because some employees are covered by insurance not provided by the city and some Plymouth Housing Commission employees are covered by the city's plan even though their portion is funded separately by the Housing Commission and they are not counted as city employees, Christiansen said.)

The city has worked to save on retiree health care by moving retirees who are eligible for Medicare, the federal health insurance for people over age 65, to a Medicare Advantage plan administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The so-called "Medigap" plan helps the retirees meet health care costs that aren't covered by Medicare.

Retirees under age 65, Christiansen said, also have city insurance coverage, but make premium contributions comparable to those by active employees.

And new hires will not be given retirement health coverage, but rather will walk away with the proceeds of a health care savings plan into which the city will set aside money during their employment. Thus, the city's obligation to provide health insurance will end upon their retirement.

ROMNEY

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Thursday.

A Republican-controlled Senate, Romney said, would help the country secure the U.S. border with Mexico, fulfill what he called the failed promise of health care reform and keep control of education issues at the state level.

'Tragic mistakes'

Romney attacked Obama on those issues and others, including the Keystone oil pipeline that has not been given presidential approval and the rise of new terrorism concerns in the Middle East.

"It's just tragic, the mistakes that have been made," Romney said. Romney was also a Republican presidential candidate in 2008, but lost the nomination to Sen. John McCain, R-

Arizona.

Land, who faces U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Hills, in the contest to replace the retiring Democratic Sen. Carl Levin, spoke next, touching on some of the same issues.

Michigan's former secretary of state said that, as part of a majority Republican Senate, she would "repeal and replace" Obamacare, the nickname for the Affordable Care Act, which she contended isn't working.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Utah, was also a target of Land and several others who said a Republican-majority Senate will retire him as the majority leader.

"Michigan can definitely be the difference between new leadership in the Senate or more of Sen. Harry Reid," Land said.

"Are we ready to fire Harry Reid?" Bobby Schostak, the Michigan Republican Party chair-

man, said to loud applause. "Now, it's up to you."

Hopefuls speak

Several other candidates had spoken earlier, including David Trott, a lawyer and businessman who faces Democrat Bobby McKenzie, a former Central Intelligence Agency analyst, in the 11th Congressional District, which includes Livonia, Plymouth and Canton townships.

If elected, he would work toward "limited government," Trott said.

"I want to go to Washington and get the federal government out of the way," he said. Trott defeated U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, in the August primary. Bentivolio last week announced his intention to run for re-election as a write-in candidate.

Among the other speakers were Mike Bishop, a candidate in

Michigan's 8th Congressional District; Terry Bowman, a candidate in the state's 12th Congressional District; and Republican candidates for the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University governing boards. Carol Ann Fausone, a Republican running for the Michigan House of Representatives in the 21st District, which includes much of Canton, led a prayer to open the event.

Afterward, Livonia resident Laura Reyes Kopack said the rally's messages resonated with her. Though she doesn't always vote Republican, she said, she supports Snyder and Land.

"She did a terrific job as secretary of state and she served her customers well," Kopack said of Land.

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Senate 7th District hopefuls draw differences in campaigns

Two candidates — incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Democrat Dian Slavens — are seeking the state Senate 7th District seat, which includes the city of Wayne, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville, Northville Township and Livonia. The candidates offered their views on several issues.

State and local roads and bridges are in deplorable shape. As a member of the Legislature, how would you address the issue? Explain where you believe the money should come from.

Colbeck: Michigan already spends 53 percent more per mile than the national average. Road funding solutions focused on raising taxes would only send good money after bad until we address the quality of our current road construction. I have developed a path to fix our roads that doesn't require tax increases. Readers can see it at MorninginMichigan.com.

While I continue to pursue full implementation of this plan, please note that I have already been successful obtaining over \$5 million in state funding to address the Ford Road/I-275 traffic safety issue.

Slavens: I agree our roads are in need of serious and systemic repair. The solution should be balanced and come with equal contributions from individuals and businesses, as the House package I voted for did. But the Senate has tinkered with the bills and, as it stands now, want the package to hinge almost completely on individual

tax hikes with no truck weight limit fines or fees or other earnest contributions from the business community. I supported a transportation plan that included some tax shifts and fee changes. The formula for properly funding our roads should include a balanced approach that isn't unfairly hurting one group.

Did the Senate do the right thing this summer by adjourning without really addressing the issue?

Colbeck: We did address the issue. We passed several bills promoted in my road funding plan. These bills focused on ensuring that all of the taxes gathered at the gas pump go towards our roads (SB 6, SB 149) and reducing the costs of maintaining our roads by requiring warranties and competitive bids on road projects (HB 4251, HB 5460, HB 5167). These reforms go along with funding increases of \$737 million in the FY14 and FY15 budgets. It is a disservice to our taxpayers to suggest that the only way to fix our roads is to raise taxes.

Slavens: I urged my colleagues in Lansing to get back to work all summer so we can find a solution to our road funding issues. It is clear the people of this state are fed up with their road conditions and want action to be taken. Unfortunately, the Republican-led House and Senate decided to place politics over the people in June. A comprehensive solution needs to be formed that ensures everyone is paying their fair share when it comes

PATRICK COLBECK

Residence: Canton

How long have you lived in the district? Over 18 years

Family: Married to my wife, Angie, for 19 years. Our parents and several family members live in Livonia.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, 1987; Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, 1988; graduate of the Life Sciences Department of the International Space University, Strasbourg, France, 1989

Current job/profession: Currently serving as the state senator for the 7th State Senate District. My management consulting business has been put on hold during my service as state senator.

Community involvement: Member of Northridge Church in Plymouth; co-founder and board member for the Michigan Freedom Center serving military personnel and their families at Detroit Metro Airport and the Troy Military Entrance Processing Station; member of the U.S. Navy League; honorary member and supporter of the Civil Air Patrol; member of the Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Livonia Chambers of Commerce; earned designation as a Microsoft Small Business Specialist; member of Good News! Via de Cristo lay Christian apostolic organization.



Colbeck

to the use of our roads.

Twenty years after the implementation of Proposal A, there remains a wide disparity in per-pupil funding for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific.

Colbeck: The push for "equity" in funding has hurt our school districts. Most recently, this push diverted over \$100 million from "donor" districts (i.e. most of the school districts in the 7th state Senate district) to lower-funded school districts. The result was a \$60 per-pupil increase rather than a \$94 per-pupil increase.

We need to be pushing for "fair" funding that addresses cost of living differences throughout the state, not "equal" funding. I have fought

successfully to do so in previous years. I will continue to push for fairness in funding as we go forward.

Slavens: One of the goals of Proposal A was to narrow the gap between the highest and lowest funded schools and progress has been made on that front. Narrowing the gap has been accomplished by school districts at the lower end getting a larger per-pupil increase. I support moving toward equity. The School Aid Fund has enough money to fund all our schools. Diversion of School Aid funds to other parts of the budget to make up for tax cuts is a disservice to our children. It also breaks the faith with voters who approved Proposal A with the intention that those tax dollars go to our local school districts.

The 7th Senate Dis-

DIAN SLAVENS

Residence: Canton

How long have you lived in the district? 26 years

Family: Husband, Mark Slavens. Three children and one grandson.

Education: Associates degree in applied science from Oakland Community College in June 1981. I became a certified respiratory therapist in August, 1981.

Current job/profession: State Representative

Community involvement: I am a long-time active community member, volunteering at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, as a Sunday School teacher at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton Township and as a Girl Scout leader for the Huron Valley Council.



Slavens

trict is a diverse district that includes an ever-changing diverse population in Canton. What do you see as the issues in the district and how would you address them?

Colbeck: I prefer to focus on the principles that unite us rather than those that divide us. As Americans, we are all united by the common belief expressed in our Declaration of Independence that we are all created equal. One of the biggest issues we face today is that there are many among us who seek to divide us into sub-groups for the purposes of political gamesmanship.

We need to rekindle an appreciation for the expression "e Pluribus unum" which translates to "from many into one." This signifies that the ideas that unite us are stronger than those which divide us.

Slavens: As an active resident of Canton for 26 years and its representative for the past six, I am certainly in touch with the township's diversity. In fact, Canton's diverse community is what

makes it such a great place to live and raise a family. What the people love more than anything are their outstanding public schools. Unfortunately, our public schools systems have faced multiple hurdles over the past few years. A notable hindrance is that they are underfunded.

My colleagues have cut \$1.8 billion from K-12 education funding. I will make adequately funding our public schools and protecting School Aid Fund dollars a top priority in the Senate and will also fight against efforts to turn education into a for-profit enterprise in Michigan.

Does the redrawing of the district's boundaries change its needs and how do you plan on addressing those needs?

Colbeck: Most needs transcend any arbitrary political boundaries. We all need jobs. We now have over 19,000 jobs within a 25-mile radius of Canton. We all need access to affordable health care. That is why I continue to oppose the Af-

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Local team earns right to compete in World Robot Olympiad

Three high school students from Canton and Northville have earned the right to represent the United States in the World Robot Olympiad by winning the Open Senior category at the national championships held Sept. 27 at Lawrence Technological University.

Charles Liu (junior, Salem High School) and Christopher Geng and James Xue (juniors, Northville High School) competed as the Robocruisers S team and took first place in this year's Open Senior category competition, which has the theme of "Robots and Space." Student teams design and create robots that can assist humankind in solving tasks in space.

The team from Canton and Northville will represent the U.S. in the Open Senior category of the WRO's international competition to be held Nov. 21-23 in Olympic Village in Sochi, Russia. Nine teams have qualified to represent the



World Robot Olympiad national champions in the Open Senior category are Charles Liu of Canton (front, from left) and James Xue and Christopher Geng, both of Northville. With them are Lawrence Technological University professor C.J. Chung, national director of WRO, and Thomas Goulding, chair of LTU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

U.S. This is the first time the U.S. is participating in the WRO international competition

that was founded in 2004. This year, more than 20,000 competitors from elementary school through college in 50 countries

used LEGOS and other kits to build robots that perform multiple tasks.

The Robocruisers S robotic model, "Space Solar Power (SSP) - Saddle the Sun, and Ride into the Future" is a space satellite that would capture energy from the sun's rays and transfer the power down to Earth wirelessly. The educational robotics system was designed to raise awareness of energy and environmental urgencies and encourage people to think of possible solutions.

"Through information gathering, hardware building and programming in developing the SSP demo model, our team experienced a valuable problem-solving process by learning how to choose a subject, make and execute a plan through time management and effective team work and present to the judges and the public," said Liu, who has been involved in LTU's Robofest competition for the past five

years and is now captain of the Robocruisers S team.

A major goal of the WRO competition is to provide students with a fun way to learn more about science, technology, engineering and math - the STEM subjects.

"WRO is an event that brings young people from all over the world together," said LTU professor C.J. Chung, founder and director of Robofest at LTU and the WRO national director for the U.S. "Teams of youngsters get the opportunity to learn more about STEM and develop their creative and problem-solving skills through various robotics challenges."

WRO General Secretary Claus Ditlev Christensen of Denmark attended the national finals held at LTU. "Everyone felt it was very important to have the United States involved and we are very grateful that LTU was able to accomplish so much on short notice," Christensen said.

White Coat students

Parth Patel of Canton and Katherine Haddad of Plymouth received their white coats at the White Coat Ceremony at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tenn., Sept. 27.

Patel is a first-year osteopathic medical student at LMU-DCOM. Prior to enrolling at LMU-DCOM, Patel attended Ferris State University.

Haddad is a first-year osteopathic medical student at LMU-DCOM. Prior to enrolling at LMU-DCOM, Haddad attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The White Coat Ceremony is a special ceremony designed to mark a student's entrance into medical school. The first White Coat Ceremony was held in 1993 at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and is now a stan-

dard ritual in institutions of both allopathic and osteopathic medical education across the country. During the Ceremony, each medical student is presented and "robed" with his or her short white laboratory coat, formalizing and welcoming the student's entrance into the study of medicine.

College Night

More than 80 colleges will be at Schoolcraft College 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, for the annual College Night. The program will be in the Vis-Tech Center on the main campus in Livonia.

Area high school and college students and their families can learn about the programs of more than 80 colleges and universities. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost and extracurricular activities.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

A sample of in-state schools attending include Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Grand Valley State University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan Technological University, Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, College for Creative Studies, Adrian College and Hillsdale College.

Out-of-state institutions attending include Defiance College, Valparaiso University, the University of Alabama and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., to name a few.

More information, including a complete list of participating colleges and universities, can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/collegenight or by calling 734-462-4683.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia.



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Beating the rain

After trying four other times to hold a ceremonial ground-breaking for the new middle school in Canton, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustees finally got to put shovels in the ground Monday. Digging in are Treasurer Mark Horvath, Trustee Mike Maloney, Secretary Kim Crouch, former Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes, current Supt. Dr. Mike Meissen, President Judy Mardigian, Vice President Adrienne Davis and Trustee Sheila Paton. The school, to open in September 2015, is being built on Cherry Hill near Canton Center.

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Forever After Productions performs "Cinderella" at the Village Theater later this month.

Forever After to stage 'Cinderella' at Village Theater

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The school house is The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton and the teachers are youthful actors from Forever After Productions, a youth theater company based in Canton whose mission statement "to provide quality performing arts education and family-friendly entertainment for the families of southeast Michigan" is the driving force behind these "classroom" experiences.

FAP is starting its sixth year of theater education and performing in southeast Michigan. It has produced 25 shows at theaters in Canton, Ypsilanti and West Bloomfield.

At the end of almost every production there is a two-day, four-show run for schools only. That means home-schooled students and public and private school groups from preschool to high school are invited to attend performances, during the school week, at a special "school show" price.

The 2013-14 theater season had approximately 3,000 students from schools in Redford, Brighton, Taylor, Ypsilanti, Dearborn, Ann Arbor and the Plymouth-Canton area attending "school shows" at the Village Theater.

"Exposing my students to the arts is a must," said Stacy Scarpace, a first-grade teacher from Holland Elementary School in Taylor. "They are able to make real-life connections that are tied in to common core state standards. Before watching the plays, we read the book. The children create their own images in their heads about character and setting. Then we get to see the book come to life on stage. The cost to see a Broadway-like play is extremely affordable for my students and families."

Allen Elementary School in Plymouth brought its entire student body to performances of *Peter Pan Jr.* in March. Dannon McGuire, the literacy interventionist at Allen who has coordinated school show trips with FAP for the past few years, said making the show is "an important life lesson for students to experience live theater."

"We coordinated this last trip with our March is Reading Month activities," McGuire said.

"The PTO is a huge supporter of this trip, providing the transportation to the theater. I believe that this shows that parents also value this wonderful experience."

Area schools will have an opportunity to experience theater education first hand as FAP opens its sixth season with Roger and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

School shows for *Cinderella* will be at 10 a.m. and noon Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27-28. Tickets are \$8 per student. Reservations must be made prior to the show. No walk-ins are accepted.

Contact the FAP office at 734-547-5156 or www.foreverafterproductions.com for more information and to make reservations. An educational packet is provided to attending groups that outline theater lessons as basic as theater etiquette to show background and setting, synopsis and show themes.

Performances for the general public are set for 7 p.m. Oct. 23-26 (there are also 2 p.m. matinee shows Oct. 25-26). Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at www.ShowTix4U.com or by calling FAP at 734-547-5156. Group rates are available.

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fordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare) and have developed a better approach called the Patient-Centered Care Solution (See MorninginMichigan.com). We also need access to quality education. That is why I oppose one-size-fits-all education models such as Common Core and promote policies that empower parents with education choices.

Slavens: While redrawing the 7th Senate District's boundaries changes its makeup slightly, it does not necessarily change the needs of the people that live in our communities. While every neighborhood has its own concerns, most of the issues Wayne County voters care about are universal across city and township

lines. Our residents want a high-quality public education system that is adequately funded. They want tax relief for working families, a secure retirement for seniors and equal pay and equal rights for women. They want support for small businesses and investment in new jobs. I have stood up for these issues in the House, and will do so in the Senate.

What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Colbeck: My service to date reflects that I have consistently remained focused on the best interests of my constituents not playing politics. Rather than simply saying "no" to bad legislation, I have gone the extra mile to provide better alternatives. Over 20 years of engineering and management experience has taught me that government policies have real

world impacts.

This experience has provided me with the insights to go beyond the talking points and dive into the unvarnished facts driving our issues. For more information, I encourage you to view my editorials, speeches, solutions and the data supporting these solutions at MorninginMichigan.com.

Slavens: I am the best candidate for this position because I am in touch with the communities I represent, the voters and their needs. When I was elected to the House of Representatives, I promised to fight for my district and I'm ready to continue that fight in the Senate. I voted against right to work and against taxing the pensions of Michigan seniors. I voted for equal pay for women and will fight to keep our K-12 funding where it belongs - in our public schools.

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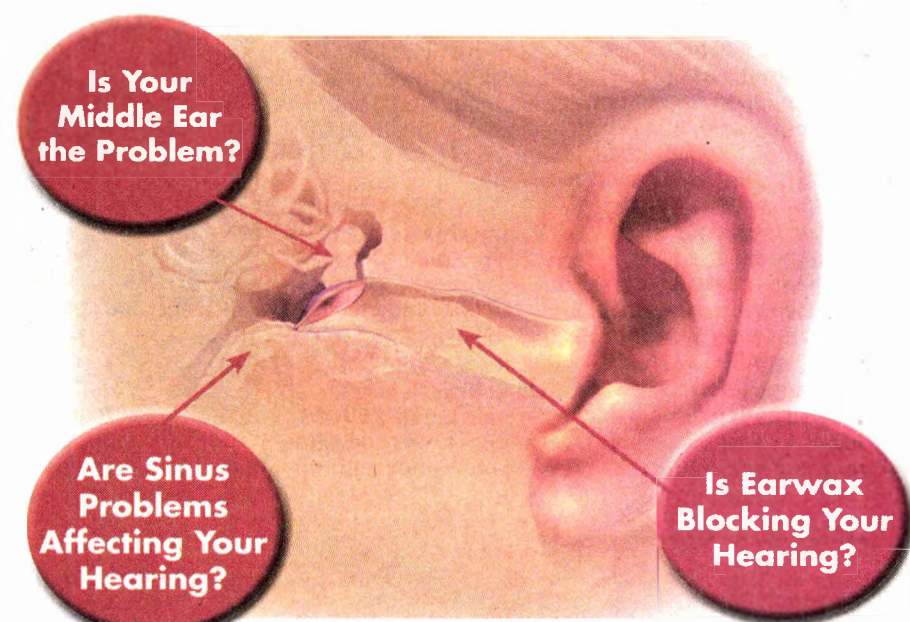
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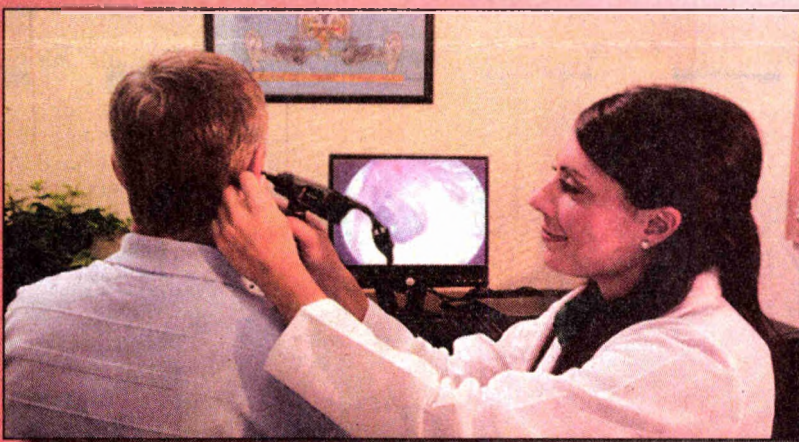
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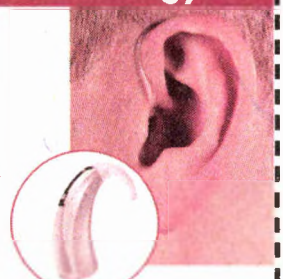
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Families educated about Cloud 9 dangers

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A Westland family knows firsthand what synthetic drugs can do. They went through "four days of pure hell" in helping their daughter overcome her addiction to Cloud 9.

"She became addicted very fast," the girl's mother said. "She couldn't eat. She lost 30 pounds in six weeks. She needed a hit just to sleep."

The parents, who asked to remain anonymous, spoke to a group of parents and children at the Community Forum on Synthetic Drug Use Among Teens.

Held at John Glenn High School in Westland, the forum was organized after two students went to the hospital Sept. 29 after ingesting the clear liquid substance. It was hosted by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in partnership with the cities of Westland and Wayne and Oakwood Healthcare Systems.

"The success and safety of our students is an important job of this community," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Michele Harmala said. "If one student uses a synthetic drug, it's one too many. If one is hurt and experiences the consequences of using, we all hurt."

The audience heard from representatives of the Wayne and Westland Police Departments, Westland Youth Assistance and medical pro-

fessionals about synthetic drugs, their effects and what can be done. They also watched a video that showed a naval doctor talking about the effects synthetic drugs can have on users.

'Educate yourself'

"You have to educate yourself," said Joanne McKay, administrator of clinical services for Oakwood Hospital. "Cloud 9 is a liquid, it can cause severe paranoia. This is unlike anything we've seen before. They can be combative, violent, see demons and monsters. The speed of the onset of symptoms is very quick — one to 15 minutes."

"This isn't the Calgon bath salts we're talking about. You don't put this in your bath water," she added.

Police responded to the issue of Cloud 9 with police officers visiting gas stations, party stores and smoke shops to make sure they weren't selling the drug.

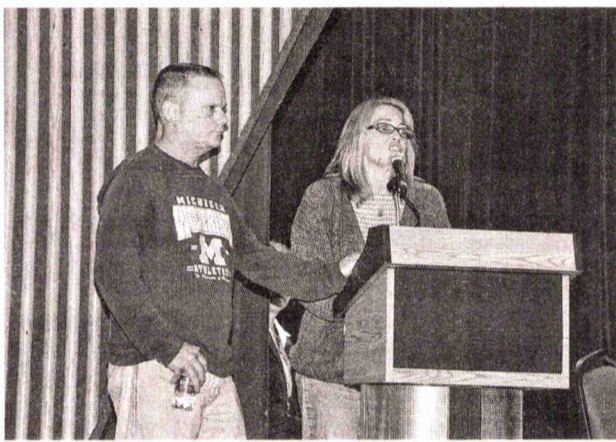
"Once it became an issue, we went out immediately," Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar said. "We checked 22 gas stations, party stores and smoke shops and only one had Hookah Relax. The owner voluntarily disposed of it."

Spunar has gone on blogs and was encouraged to find posts that people couldn't find the drug in the Detroit area.

"I think they kind of learned a lesson not to mess with it," he said. "I think we've gotten the word out that it won't be tolerated."



School board members Carol Middel, Thomas Buckalew, Shawna Walker and Charles Trav Griffin were among those in attendance for the forum on synthetic drugs.



A Westland couple, who asked not to be identified, tell parents about their experiences with their daughter who was addicted to Cloud 9, a synthetic drug.



Deidre Hamel asks the panel a question about synthetic drugs.

Needs to be a talk

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said there needs to be talk about synthetic drugs. Kids are putting the liquid in energy drinks, e-cigarettes and sprinkling it on marijuana and smoking it.

"This isn't a drug, this is a deadly poison," Jedrusik said. "They change the name, they change the chemical and sell it. It's hard to get ahead because they can put out a garage drug very quickly. Next week, next month, they'll be selling something different."

"Kids need to know that this isn't a leisure drug," he added.

Paul Motz, director of Westland Youth Assistance, told parents they need to ask their kids questions, go through their things and call the parents of their friends to be sure they are where they said they are.

"It's a parent's job," he said. "When you find out they're using, you have to make a big deal about it. You can't sweep it under the rug. This starts earlier than this. They don't wake up one day and are addicted."

It was the same message for parents: "You know your kids. Check your children's phones, their Twitter and Facebook accounts."

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HOW MANY IN THE ROOM?

The tradition is that a physician should see a patient privately, that questions surrounding health must be just between doctor and patient. It is still true that in the majority of instances when a husband accompanies a wife to an appointment in my office, the husband stays in the waiting room during the time I see the wife, even when no physical examination is involved.

But when someone brings the patient to the office, and that person is anyone but a hired driver, it is in the best interest of the patient, unless the matter to be discussed is very personal, to have that person accompany the patient into the examining room.

The person can act as a witness to help the patient remember the doctor's instructions, or to add details of events that the patient may have forgotten or misconstrued. For instance, I've had the experience of asking a patient if knee pain kept the patient from activities. The patient said no, but the daughter, who accompanied the patient said: "Mother, be truthful. You haven't gone to church for months because of that knee."

Of course, the person accompanying the patient needs to do so with etiquette. The person should not interrupt the patient interview nor bring up matters related to the person's own medical problems. On the other hand, if the patient does not understand an explanation or medical orders, the person has the right to ask for clarification, just as if he or she were the patient.

One instance in my practice in which I ask to see the patient alone is when the patient is an adolescent. My experience is that any child over age 12 can give reliable answers to questions about their health and prefer to do so without parental assistance.

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"I'm mad, I never thought she would do something like this," she said, choking back tears. "I talked to her about drugs. She was buying at a smoke shop at Wayne and Cherry Hill. I went in and asked why they did that and he said it was legal. This drug has been devastating for us."

According to the girl's father, she had a good job and all the money she earned went to buy the synthetic drug.

"One of the proudest

days was when she said she needed our help," her father said. "It was hard, she fought through it. The night sweats are gone, she can sleep at night. She's happy and says she feels like a human."

Tests don't work

According to Jamie Balavitch, a prevention program supervisor at the Taylor Teen Health Clinic, typical drug

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CHRISTOPHER GUDECK

Joanne McKay (from left) the administrator of clinical services at Oakwood Hospital, shared the stage with Justin Thomas and Paul Motz of Westland Youth Assistance, Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar, Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Jamie Balavitch, prevention program specialist with the Taylor Teen Health Clinic.

CLOUD 9

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screens don't pick up the synthetic drugs.

"There is no way to identify them," she said. "This drug isn't being made at the CVS on the corner; when six people by it, none are alike. Any illicit drug is a dangerous drug."

In addition to parents and students, representatives from neighboring school districts, the Garden City Community Coalition on Drug and Substance Abuse and Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition attended the forum.

"You want to get involved in policy and ask questions," said Susan Nicholas of the Garden City Community Coalition on Drug and Substance Abuse. "You're going to see a lot of liquids, they're easy to conceal. There's only so much we can do."

"I'm helping organize a parent forum in Redford Union," said Karen Bonanno of the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition. "This was exactly



CHRISTOPHER GUDECK

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Michele Harmala told the audience that "we have to put the safety of students first and learning will follow."

what I hoped it would be. In Livonia, we're putting together a flier together about the signs and symptoms, what to look for in an addiction."

Bonanno also was doing a community breakfast Friday in Farmington and planned on sharing the same information.

"We have to raise awareness," she said. "We have to link arms

and share."

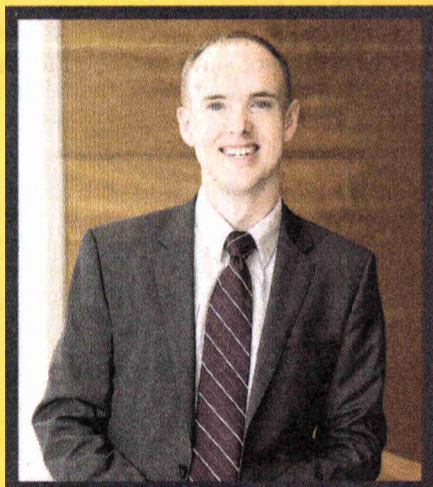
Harmala told the audience that as a school leader, her perception is that Cloud 9 is "everywhere."

"We have to do this together. We have to put the safety of students first and learning will follow," she said.

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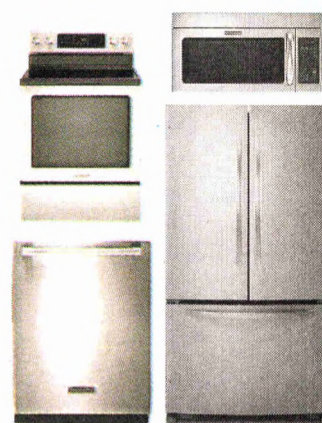
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The United Way is looking for volunteers to help seniors with yard work and light chores.

EDGE recognized for partnership with SER-Metro Detroit

Wayne County's Economic and Development Growth Engine has been named Partner of the Year by SER-Metro De-

troit at its annual Amigos de SER Business Recognition Luncheon.

EDGE received the award for its financial, technical and collaborative support of SER-Metro Detroit projects,

most of which centered on the emerging field of deconstruction. EDGE Director Bryce Kelley and Deputy Director of Community Development Ann Leen accepted the award at the lun-

cheon held Wednesday at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"Since 2012, our successful partnership with SER-Metro Detroit has helped the local economy by creating employment opportunities as well as helping the region tackle the problem of blight," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who also served as honorary co-chair of the luncheon. "I commend our EDGE team and our partners at SER-Metro Detroit for a job well done. We look forward to further serving the needs of the citizens of Wayne County through our successful collaborations with SER-Metro Detroit."

SER-Metro Detroit works to give each consumer of services the resources needed to create a life of self-sufficiency and self-fulfillment. SER's program mix includes literacy and education, job readiness skills training, occupational skills training, vocational skills training, job seeker and

employer services, welfare reform programming, economic and community development, employment and extensive youth programming. The services delivery system includes the active participation of the public and private sectors, education and government.

The EDGE and SER-Metro Detroit partnership dates back to 2012. EDGE has awarded more than \$900,000 to SER-Metro Detroit in Neighborhood Stabilization 3 federal funds to deconstruct and demolish approximately 44 abandoned and blighted properties in Wayne County and \$178,000 in Community Development Block Grant federal funds to demolish an additional 15 properties in Ecorse.

With EDGE's financial and technical backing, SER-Metro Detroit was able to employ 24 graduates from two of its innovative deconstruction workforce development programs. The graduates

retained employment for a period of 18 months while addressing blight in Ecorse and River Rouge.

In May, EDGE awarded SER-Metro Detroit a federal grant in the amount of \$277,000 to employ program graduates on the CDBG Acquisition Rehabilitation Project. Workers in the program will complete minor rehabilitation and repairs for low income seniors in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

"For more than 40 years, SER-Metro Detroit has helped thousands of individuals each year prepare for work through its numerous innovative initiatives and programs," Ficano said. "We are grateful to be recognized by SER-Metro Detroit."

For further information on programs and initiatives by SER-Metro Detroit, go to www.ser-metro.org/SMD/. For more information on Wayne County EDGE, visit www.waynecounty.com/edge/index.htm.

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ANNABELLE (R)
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D-BOX 11:15, 1:45, 4:05, 7:10, 9:30 FRI/SAT LS 11:55

GONE GIRL (R)
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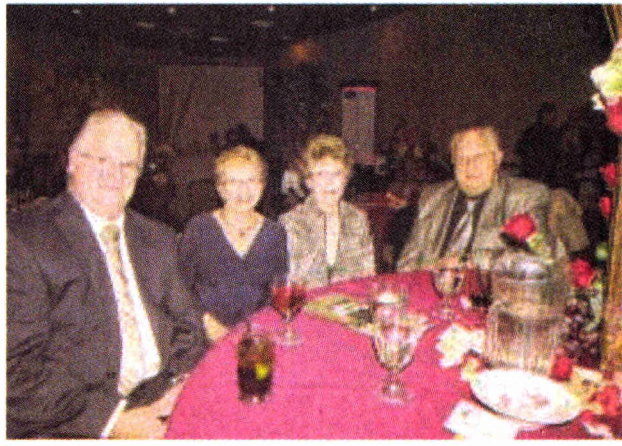
Everyone is a VIP at annual Angela Hospice gala

The annual Light Up A Life Event at Angela Hospice has had themes varying from sports to exotic locations. But this year's theme is a little more personal. "You Are the Star" will be honoring someone very special to Angela Hospice: you!

"It's an opportunity for friends, families, corporations and the like to come together to celebrate the spirit and the mission of Angela Hospice," said Helen Balmforth, events coordinator. "What better way to give back than to participate in this night of friendship, fundraising and entertainment in celebration of the on-going admirable work of Angela Hospice."

The evening featuring gourmet dining, an open bar, silent auction and raffle will take place at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia and is being sponsored by The Riley Foundation.

For volunteer Donna Beamish, the best part of the event is "being with the other volunteers and friends and guests." Listening to good music and getting dressed up are added bonuses. Speaking of music,



Douglas and Carole Peck of Livonia and Donna and Dale Beamish of Plymouth enjoyed an enchanting evening at the 2013 Light Up a Life Benefit. Both Carole and Donna are also Angela Hospice volunteers.

this year's guests will get to hear the soothing sounds of classical musicians, violinist Hektor Qyepi and pianist Pierre Fracalanza. Guests will also get to rock out and dance during a performance by Steve King and the Dittilies. The band earned a special tribute in 2002 by the state of Michigan in which they were dubbed "Michigan's Official Band."

If dancing isn't your thing, be sure to check out this year's silent auction items. Or take part in the raffle draw-

ing. Or just enjoy the food.

Reservations are \$100 per person, required in advance, with all proceeds going to benefit Angela Hospice's programs. Sponsorship opportunities are available, too, and donations are still being accepted for the silent auction. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase and you don't have to be present to win.

For more information, visit AskForAngela.com or contact Balmforth at 734-953-6045.

PCAC makes open call for exhibit entries for December show

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announces its first December open juried exhibit, "Inspired."

This three-week exhibit will feature two-dimensional artwork in any media. The subject must be something that is inspirational or it may be a piece of work that evolved from an inspirational source.

Entry fee for up to two pieces will be \$15 per artist (18 years and older). Entry forms will be available at drop-off day, at the PCAC office and on the PCAC website (www.plymoutharts.com).

All artwork must be clearly labeled with name, phone number, title, media and price. At least one submitted piece from each artist

must be for sale. Art may be rejected if it is oversized or if it has been exhibited previously in the gallery.

A holiday-themed artists reception for family and friends will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

"In the past, we have only hosted one open exhibit per year, our April annual exhibit," PCAC Executive Director Lisa Howard said.

"Although we have new solo shows each month in our Main and Front Wall gallery spaces, the calendar only allows for so many per year. So we decided that adding a second open exhibit to our

schedule would be a great opportunity to showcase more of our talented local artists."

Important dates for the December exhibit:

» Drop-Off Day - Monday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

» Artists Reception at PCAC - Thursday, Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.

» The exhibit is open for viewing during PCAC business hours Dec. 4-18. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, during all public events and by appointment.

There will be special hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Additional hours for gallery showings will be announced at art drop-off.

For more information, email Howard at lisa@plymoutharts.com.

Newcomers group offers one-stop information at library

Do you know how to get another recycling bin? Where you can find a good preschool activity? And what is the rule about garage sale signs?

Whether you've lived in the Canton community for many years or just a few months, you'll find answers, resources and information at the One-Stop Open House 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Canton Public Library.

The Canton New-

comers & Neighbors Club has brought together a lineup of Canton leadership organizations and Canton Township direct service departments to answer questions and provide information.

This is a chance to connect to the clerk's office to start the process of registering to vote and the treasurer's office to purchase a recycling bin. The police department will provide safety

tips and Leisure Services will have information on programs and recreational options. Also, get a library card, learn about library resources and other community resources.

This free event also includes refreshments and free door prizes.

For more information, go to www.cantonwomen.com or contact Linda Obrec at Obrec@wowway.com or 734-945-6685.

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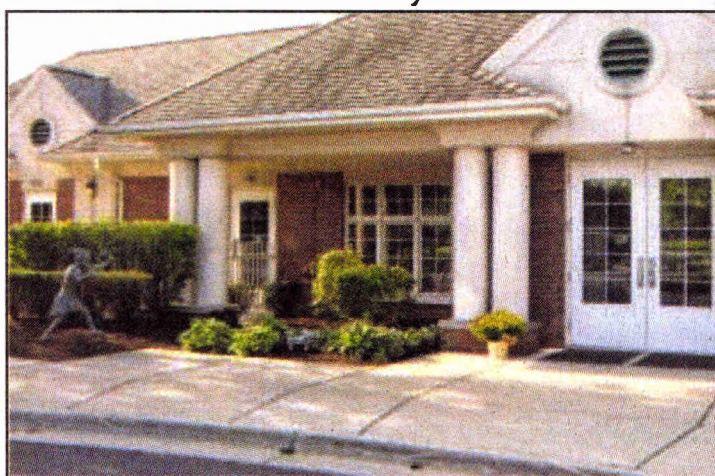
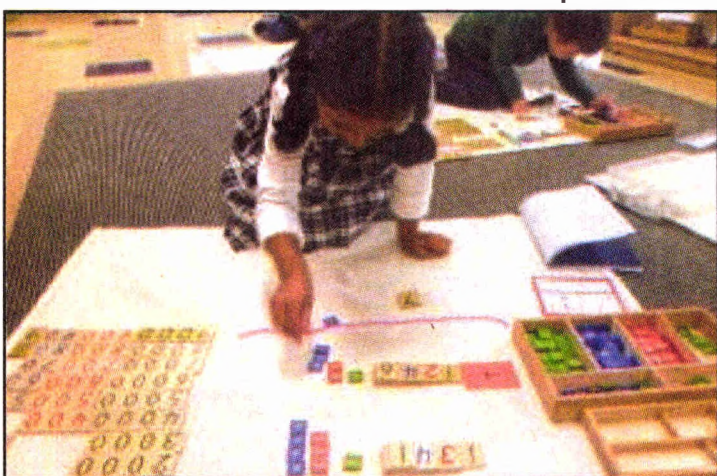
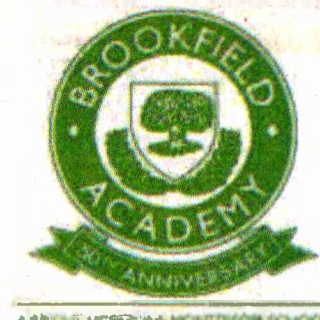
Varsity Game 4:00 pm

Each Half Time we will recognize all our past football players, cheerleaders, coaches and board members! We wouldn't be able to celebrate 50 Years without each one of you! Half time approx. will be at 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00.

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VENDOR SALE EVENT
Saturday, October 25, 2014
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Calling all shoppers! Take advantage of this great opportunity of one-stop shopping for the holidays, birthdays, weddings and all gift-giving events! Brookfield Academy staff and children invite you to spend a morning with us in our friendly environment and shop at the following vendors: Party Lite, Tupperware, Discovery Toys, Barefoot Books, Matilda Jane, Mary Kay, Stella & Dot and more! Vendors will have cash-and-carry merchandise available and will also take orders to be shipped directly to your home. Shop with friends and neighbors; enter a raffle give-away, and meet the staff of Brookfield Academy.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LADIES NIGHT

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Location: Red Olive Banquet Center, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Canton-based Clearly You is asking women to join them for a "Tricks and Treats Ladies Night Out." Participants will learn some seasonal tricks for beauty, skin care and styling while shopping for treats for themselves or getting a jump-start on holiday ideas. Some of the women businesses that will be there include Clearly You Professional Skin Care Center, Stella and Dot, Canton Newcomers, Orange Fork Chefs, The Z Spot, Paint & Picnic, Palm Readings by Darlene and many more. There is no charge for admission and the event will feature a cash bar and raffle prizes to benefit Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

Contact: Call 734-453-7475 or 734-604-1984.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 9, 1-3 p.m.

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

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

Contact: Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information, visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

BLUES @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Blues @ The Elks presents Laura Rain and the Caesars with Laura Rain on vocals, George Friend on guitar, Phil Hale on keys and Ron Pangborn on drums. This group covers a wide range of genres. A \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, 45254 Joy, Canton

Details: Parents are invited to attend a free workshop about effective parenting techniques in an introduction to a series of six Parent Talk classes that will be offered each Tuesday evening, beginning Oct. 28. The three skills presented in this complimentary session will be valuable in all situations and are

independent of the classes. Topics covered during the Parent Talk workshops include teaching responsibility, setting limits with choices, praising effectively, promoting independence and encouraging character.

Contact: For more details about attending the free introductory session and to register for the Parent Talk workshop series, visit www.pcmontessori.org, email Sue Fitzpatrick at sfitzpatrick@dhmontessori.org or call 734-459-1550.

QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Canton Newcomers & Neighbors hosts a Quarter Auction Friendzy. Bring your quarters and come early to see the 50 auction items up for bid. One quarter is worth up to \$49 during bidding. Auction item values range from \$25 to \$150, so the bids are one to six quarters per paddle. There will be special drawings and door prizes. There is a cash bar and food available for purchase. It's just \$5 per person and includes your first bidding paddle.

Contact: For more information, go to cantonwomen.com or contact Kristina Wittner at 734-787.9954 or kwittner@ymail.com.

SOCIAL SECURITY SEMINAR

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 4-6 p.m.

Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Great Lakes Investment Group is hosting renowned Social Security speaker Elaine Simmons, along with presenter John Shelar, senior vice president of Fidelity Investments. Simmons worked in the Social Security Administration for more than 33 years and has helped families and individuals across the U.S. maximize their Social Security benefits.

Contact: RSVP by calling 248-344-7294.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz @ The Elks features the Cliff Monear Trio, with Barbara on vocals (in her first appearance at the Elks), Cliff Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Jim Ryan on drums. Cost is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com

CHURCH CONCERT

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.

Location: First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth presents tenor



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Season's end

Stacked chairs and falling leaves mean the end of the outdoor dining season in downtown Plymouth.

Lonnie Reed in a recital that will include works by Handel, Schumann and spirituals. Reed is pursuing a master's degree in vocal performance at the University of Michigan. Prior to the concert and at the intermission, students from the Music@First Fine Arts Academy, which is part of the music ministry at First United Methodist Church, will perform. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the Music@First scholarship fund and the CROP Walk.

Contact: Call Marcia Van Oyen at 734-453-5280 or email marcia@pfumc.org

SACRED DRAMA

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Canales Academy presents "An Evening of Sacred Drama," when three Biblical stories will be brought to life through the compositions of Michael Canales. The audience will witness dance, hear glorious singing and see beautiful costumes. The event will be

followed by a champagne reception in the dining hall. Tickets are \$20 per person. Half of the proceeds will go to Good Hope Lutheran Church, the other half will go to Canales Academy.

Contact: Call 734-427-3660.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Fire Station No. 1, 9911 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Fire Department hosts its popular Fire Safety Open House. The event, free to the public, will feature the Fire Safety House for kids, free food, fire station and apparatus tours and demonstrations of how to use a fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication and how to handle a stove fire.

AAUW BOOK SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, 4441 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
The Plymouth-Canton AAUW hosts a

book sale as part of the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show. Admission \$2. The purpose of the American Association of University Women is to advance equality 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: 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.

DKG CRAFT SHOW

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Road (at Sheldon), Plymouth

Details: Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education. Its biggest fundraiser for scholarships is its annual craft show. More than 65 juried crafters will be featured, displaying unique jewelry, hand-crafted soaps of natural ingredients, seasonal decor, gourmet foods, hand-painted scarves, pottery, unique pet supplies and more. The event will include a surprise drawing every hour as well as a drawing for several big prizes, including a hand-stitched quilt, a round of golf at Fox Hills and at Pheasant Run, a 932 Bed & Breakfast certificate, framed Tigers memorabilia, a \$50 gift certificate from Focal Point, two \$25 gift certificates to Vanessa's Flowers and many local restaurant gift certificates. The American Association of University Women, which also provides scholarships to students, will again join the show with its annual used book sale. Admission is \$2.

Contact: Debbie Cortellini at deb-cortellini@comcast.net

TUTOR TRAINING

Dates/Times: Thursday, Oct. 16, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 23, 6-9 p.m.

Location: 39750 Joy Road, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council provides volunteer tutors to adults with literacy skills below a ninth-grade level. Interested volunteers are invited to attend the October training session consisting of 12 hours of training spread out over the course of three days. Once trained, volunteers spend just 1 1/2-2 hours/week helping in a setting of their choice. Some volunteers work with a student one-on-one, while others help in a small conversation group or assist in an adult classroom. No prior experience is needed. Register online to reserve your spot in the training class today.

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Connor Sherman of Canton is this season's final Paws for Applause winner.

DETROIT TIGERS

Youth who 'brought smiles' is Paws for Applause winner

By Choya Jordan
Staff Writer

Connor Sherman of Canton is the "true example of an extraordinary kid and he deserves to be applauded." That was the opinion of Cheryl Williams, included in a letter to *O&E Media* nominating 10-year-old Connor for the Paws for Applause recognition award.

"Not only did he go above and beyond for all kids with special needs in his community, he demonstrated how powerful inclusion can be for everyone involved," Williams wrote. Connor had a vision to create a day camp for special-needs youth to have a special day full of fun and football, despite their personal challenges

and limitations. With the help of many in the community, he brought smiles to youth and their parents that warm day in July.

O&E Media sportwriter Tim Smith reported on Connor's achievement earlier in the season, writing that Connor stood in the middle of the varsity football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and addressed event attendees. "Every kid should have the opportunity to play this sport, which is why I came up with this idea," Connor said.

"True magic happened on the P-CEP varsity football field July 18, 2014, all thanks to Connor's Sunshine's Football Clinic," Williams wrote, reflecting on the memorable day when her own

special-needs son, Tony, was one of the lucky youth to participate in the clinic. "Connor's dream allowed all of us to enjoy football at an amazing level."

O&E Media proudly recognizes Connor Sherman as this season's final Paws for Applause winner. Paws for Applause is a partnership of the *O&E Media* and the Detroit Tigers to honor extraordinary young people who have made a difference in our communities.

Connor won four Detroit Tigers baseball tickets to the Sept. 28 game, a Little Caesars value certificate and an autographed photograph of a Detroit Tigers player. He was congratulated by Paws and presented a certificate from the Detroit Tigers.

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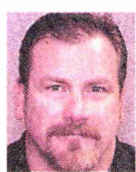
Rouge River canoe race seeks paddlers looking for challenge for a good cause

Some people told me it could never happen, a canoe race on the Rouge River. The idea was too crazy and the odds too long. I had been hearing that ever since I started volunteering my time to clean up the Rouge more than a dozen years ago. People would say that the river was dead or an open sewer – or lots of other negative things.

Yet, as someone who loves the outdoors, especially canoeing and kayaking, hosting a race was always my goal. I have seen major improvements in the river with each passing year. And every time our group of volunteers – and there is a hardcore group of us – pulled a tire or shopping cart from the river or opened another logjam, I would think about that goal. I've always felt a race would be a great way to showcase the Rouge.

The fact is the Rouge has really been making a comeback in recent years. Fish and aquatic insect surveys have shown this. So have water quality tests, which show improved dissolved oxygen levels, as well as much lower bacteria counts, particularly during dry weather. Despite the fact that there are still challenges, especially the impacts of poor storm water management, there is no denying the fact that the river is coming back to life.

I'm happy to report that last year, after years of effort, we shrugged off the naysayers and held the first-ever Logjam Classic canoe race along a three-mile stretch of the Lower Branch of the Rouge through the city of Wayne. More than a dozen teams participated in the race, including men and women. For me, the highlight of the whole thing was speaking to the



Kurt Kuban

LOGJAM CLASSIC RULES/REGISTRATION

The race takes place Oct. 11 in Wayne. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at 3600 Commerce Court in Wayne.

Here are the rules:

- » Two contestants for each canoe. They must remain as a team for the duration of the race, in the same canoe as started with.
 - » Any canoe may be used.
 - » Competitors must be at least 18 years old.
 - » Contestants must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved P.F.D. (personal flotation device).
 - » Commonly accepted rules of sportsmanship will prevail. Intentional capsizing or damaging an opponent's canoe will mean disqualification.
- Preregistration is a must due to limited spots. Contact Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783.

competitors after the race. Almost to a person, they told me how surprised they were with the river – and how much fun they had.

We will be hosting the second annual Logjam Classic next Saturday, Oct. 11, along the same stretch of the river. The race will again coincide with Rouge-A-Palooza, a daylong celebration of the Rouge and the outdoors in general that will take place in Wayne's Goudy Park.

The event will include lots of activities, including a group canoe/kayak trip, canoe and kayak rentals, live music, fam-

ily activities and lots of educational displays (Michigan DNR/State Parks, Wayne County Parks, Friends of the Rouge, Howell Nature Center – to name just a few).

For me, however, the race is the main highlight of the festival. In a day and age with extreme competitions like the Tough Mudder being so popular, the Logjam Classic should be appealing to paddlers who are looking for a tough physical challenge. Despite the name, there won't be any impassable obstructions in the river. However, the Lower Rouge offers a fairly technical course. There are logjams to maneuver around (and under, in some cases), riffle areas that must be navigated and lots of bends and turns to the river.

Experienced paddlers will really enjoy the challenge.

Our rules are pretty basic: There must be two people in a canoe and any canoe can be used. Unlike the famous AuSable Canoe Marathon, the Logjam Classic is more of a sprint. Winning teams should finish in less than an hour. Last year's winners, Michael Parsons and Steve Landfair, came in at 37 minutes. They will be back to defend their title.

Although Michigan Avenue and Ford Motor Co.'s massive Michigan Assembly complex are nearby, competitors in the race will never know it as the river traverses its way through a scenic terrain of large cottonwoods, maples, willows and sycamore trees.

The whole point of the race is to draw more attention to the Lower Rouge and all the efforts that have been made to turn it back into a recreational resource for communities like Wayne,



Jeff Barch of Livonia and Scott Spielman of Canton near the finish line in last year's Logjam Classic Canoe Race. They finished in third place.



Rouge-A-Palooza organizers Matthew Mulholland (left) and Kurt Kuban present trophies to Michael Parsons and Steve Landfair last year after they won the inaugural Logjam Classic canoe race. The trophies were made from wood taken from an actual logjam on the Rouge River.

Canton Township, Westland and even Inkster and Dearborn further downstream. In fact, plans are currently under way to have the Lower Rouge designated a national water trail.

The best thing about the Rouge River is the fact it's in our backyard. People who live in the Detroit area usually have to drive an hour or more to paddle a Michigan river. Our goal is to provide that opportunity closer to home.

The winners of the race will earn a cash prize (the amount will depend on the number of participants in the race), as well as trophies cut

from a logjam on the Rouge. The rest of the proceeds from the race will go toward making canoeing and kayaking the Rouge a reality.

If you think you have what it takes, preregister by contacting me at 734-716-0783 or kkuuban@hometownlife.com. You can show up the day of the race (registration begins at 9 a.m.), but we are only allowing 30 canoes in the race. Cost is \$30 per boat. Each competitor will get a Rouge-A-Palooza T-shirt. If you don't have a canoe, but would like to compete, you can rent one for \$35 through Heavener's Canoe & Kayak

Rentals by contacting Jeff Vallender at 248-798-7434.

If you don't want to compete in the race or participate in the group paddle, but are interested in efforts to clean up the river and the outdoors in general, head over to Rouge-A-Palooza on Oct. 11 as we celebrate our river.

Kurt Kuban is the environmental reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, community editor of the Northville Record, and a Rouge River clean-up volunteer. He welcomes your feedback at kkuuban@hometownlife.com or 734-716-0783.

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Dave Kauscher is the new restaurant's owner operator.

First Michigan Hot Head Burritos opens in Livonia

The first Hot Head Burritos in Michigan has opened in Livonia Plaza at 30975 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The quick-service Mexican chain born outside Dayton, Ohio, offers made-to-order Mexican fare with fresh ingredients and more than a dozen sauces ranging from mild to wild. A grand opening celebration is planned for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

The event will include a chance to win free burritos for a year, plus a spinning prize wheel and a sampling station.

Members of the Livonia Fire Department will join Dave Kauscher, the restaurant franchise's owner-operator, for a ribbon-cutting to kick off

the grand opening celebration.

"We're excited to open the first Hot Head Burritos restaurant to Michigan," Kauscher said. "We're looking forward to bringing the Livonia community Hot Head Burritos' freshly prepared food and terrific customer experiences."

The "How to Order" restaurant operations starts with asking "What's Your Style?" where you decide on a burrito, bowl, taco, nachos, quesadilla or even a meal built for kids. Next you'll "Add Some Fiber" and "Pick a Protein" as you walk down the service line; you'll also choose lots of other fresh ingredients, plus your choice of sauces.

The Livonia Hot Head Burritos seats 42 people and has 26 employees. The new location's fun decor includes five TVs.

Kauscher has bachelor's degree in accounting from Eastern Kentucky University. After a career in the hospital industry, Kauscher decided that opening Michigan's first Hot Head Burritos would be a good fit for him.

The Michigan location is one of 55 locations in six states, with many more in development. Coupons and special offers reward fans for their loyalty and can be found on the company's Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as the Hot Head Burritos app.

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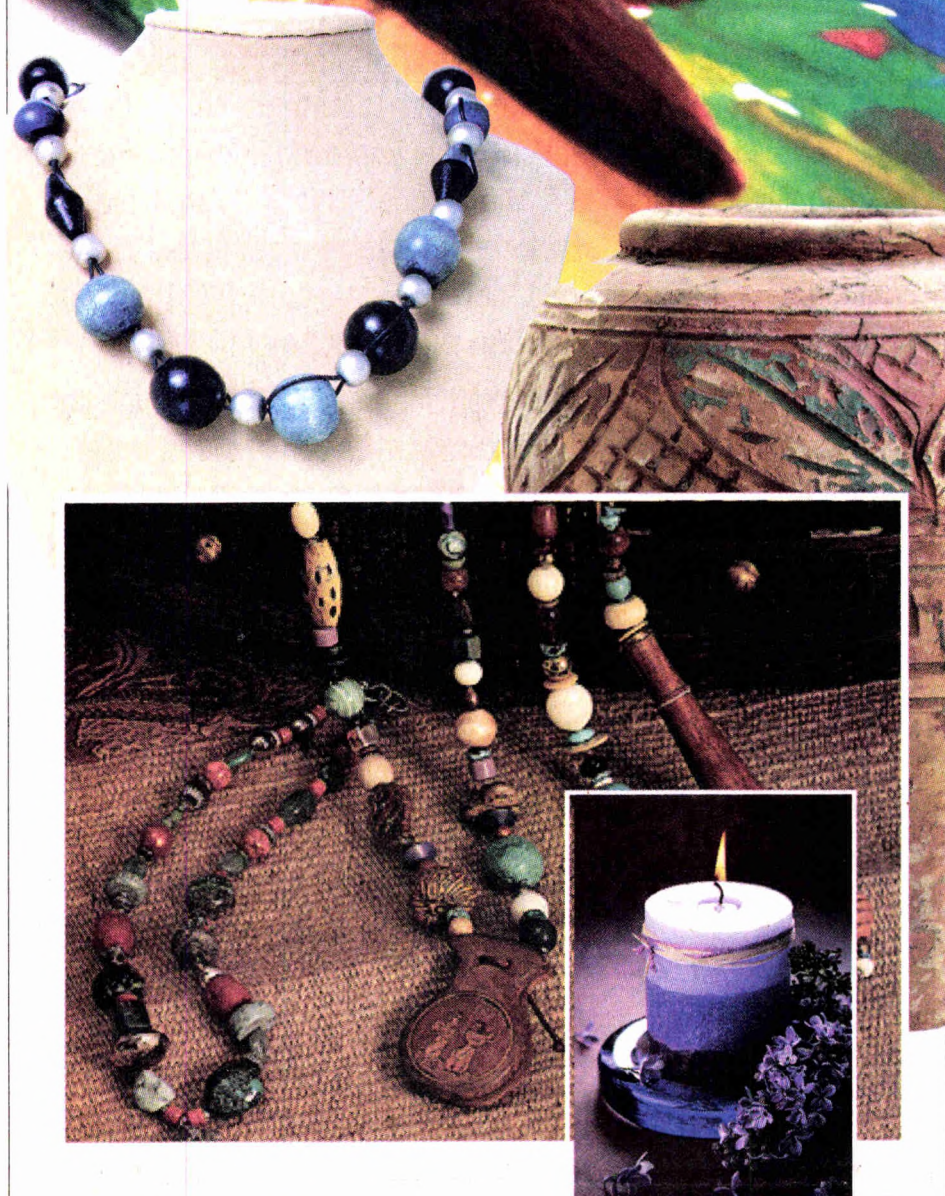
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Local student pushes for e-cigarette restrictions to minors

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Mark Bilger never expected the debate topic he and his fellow Detroit Catholic Central High School students discussed would end up sparking similar discussions on the state Legislature floor.

Bilger, currently a student at the University of Michigan, was a member of the Shamrock Voice, a political discussion club at the high school in Novi. The topic of e-cigarette sales and accessibility of the products to minors was something he saw in his classes at the school and wanted to talk more about the cause for restricting them to those under 18.

"Kids would try and be sneaky and try to puff it behind the teachers," he said. "It's got that kind of faint, sticky-sweet smell, but not very strong."

After the debate, Bilger wrote an email to state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, asking him to consider taking up the issue. To his surprise, that began a correspondence between the high school senior and state senator on legislation that was introduced earlier this year.

Since then, Anderson introduced Senate Bills 667 and 668, which would restrict the sale and pos-

session of e-cigarettes and alternative tobacco products to individuals under 18. The bill, which Anderson said he worked on with Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, was introduced in November and is still working through Lansing.

Some opponents of the bill say while they would like to ban the sale and possession of these items to minors, they believe it doesn't go far enough. Some argue e-cigarettes are still too new and to separate them from rules pertaining to regular tobacco could be seen to give e-cigarettes a different status.

The Food and Drug Administration was expected to look into the issue by last year, according to a legislative analysis, but that had not taken place by the time the bill was introduced.

'Coolest thing we ever heard'

Bilger exchanged emails several times, helping Anderson with the language and pitching ideas. He said seeing the work he and his classmates did end up in Lansing was a great feeling for the students and the club, which was fairly new.

"The idea of the club was to get kids thinking about political change. It was very exciting and we had accomplished it," he said. "I think it's a great start to solving this problem."

The national Centers for Disease Control esti-

mates that between 2011-13 the number of children who tried using an e-cigarette but not conventional tobacco increased from 79,000 to more than 263,000.

Catholic Central High School junior Alex McLaren, current president of the Shamrock Voice, said the topic was the first one in the group that made its way out of the high school and into the community. He said the fact that it came from discussions among students was thrilling for the members.

"We all thought it was the coolest thing we ever heard," the Brighton resident said. "We're being the people and we're being represented. We're seeing government in action. We're learning something you can't really be taught in a classroom."

Anderson said while e-cigarettes are becoming a bigger market, more is becoming known about the effects of the product on the human body. He said he could see an argument that the devices can help those looking to quit tobacco, but should be regulated in a similar sense to regular cigarettes.

"I think there is a legitimate argument for this being a tool for people to get off of cigarettes. But it shouldn't be in the hands of kids," he said.

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A: It makes sense to take the lump sum. Doing so gives you lots of options into the future. For example, if you decide that you want to spend winters elsewhere, you have plenty of resources. In addition, if later in life you find that you need assistance or other type of care, you'll have the



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resources to protect yourself.

Therefore, your best move is to have the money directly transferred into an IRA and to use it on an as-needed basis to increase the quality of your life.

Companies offering buyouts for pensions can be a win-win situation for both parties. From the company's standpoint, pensions are hard to administer and thus, by offering buyouts, it can relieve itself of its obligations.

From an employees' standpoint, taking the lump sum can allow someone to increase the quality of their life and protect themselves throughout their lifetime.

However, taking the lump sum is not for everyone. A few years ago, when Ford and General Motors offered their buyouts, I recommended the lump-sum option.

I believe the key is to look at your individual situation and use that as a

guide. If you need the income to cover your living expenses, then it leans toward keeping your pension. If you don't need the income and have no problem investing the money in equities, then taking the lump sum can be advantageous.

The first step in deciding whether someone should take a lump sum or keep their pension is to look at how the number was computed. In the Ford and General Motors cases, the buyouts were fair, not generous. Unfortunately, in many situations, the buyouts are not fair to the employee. That is why it is important to have someone independently look at the numbers to determine if the offer is fair.

Generally, when you're offered a buyout, the company gives plenty of time to make a decision. However, don't delay.

Good luck.

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Refresh resumes regularly to prepare for today's job openings

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Job seekers recently picked up resume writing tips from two Schoolcraft College professionals.

The Garden City Library invited Kathleen Cox and JoAnne Standicar from the Schoolcraft College Student Employment Services Center to give a presentation on how to improve a resume and cover letter.

The free services they provided were a surprise to some.

"There is no cost," Cox said. "We encourage people to follow up with us. We don't do their resume for them. We give them the tools to continue with the process and, down the road, they are able to update it."

Their clients can email their completed resumes back to them or come in for another meeting to make sure everything is thorough.

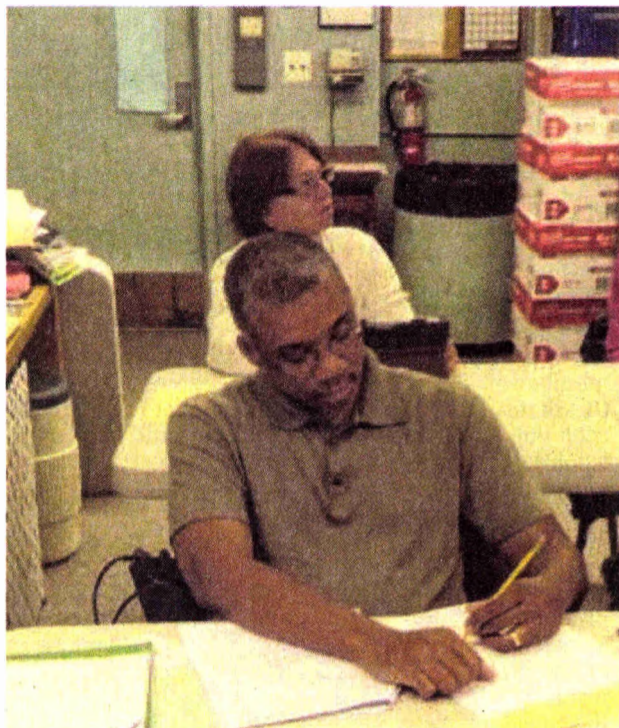
"Last month, we hit a milestone," Cox said. "We had 406 new jobs (listed)."

Found online

About 25 percent of the people who contact Standicar haven't been college students. Many find her online.

"We do a lot of outreach," she said.

Cox, coordinator for Student Employment and Career Services, has worked in outreach for more than a decade. She has developed close working relationships with employers like UPS, Disney, FedEx, the state of Michigan, Home Depot and the Detroit Zoo. Standicar is a certified professional resume writer and has assisted students in their job searches.



Garden City residents Darryl Prestwood and Sarah Waldman are looking to refresh and update their resumes.

Job listings are growing. The department knows of a wide range of job openings, including those for hard-to-fill trade positions.

"Things are so different now," Cox said. "One general resume can't be used for a variety of jobs. Your resume has to be targeted."

Although some resumes can be on one page, other resumes need to be longer. That goes against some advice to keep it to one page.

"You are the author of your resume," Cox said. From years of experience, she can tell who has and hasn't written the resume being reviewed.

Standicar closely follows what statistics say are most effective job searches.

"You are marketing to a specific audience," she

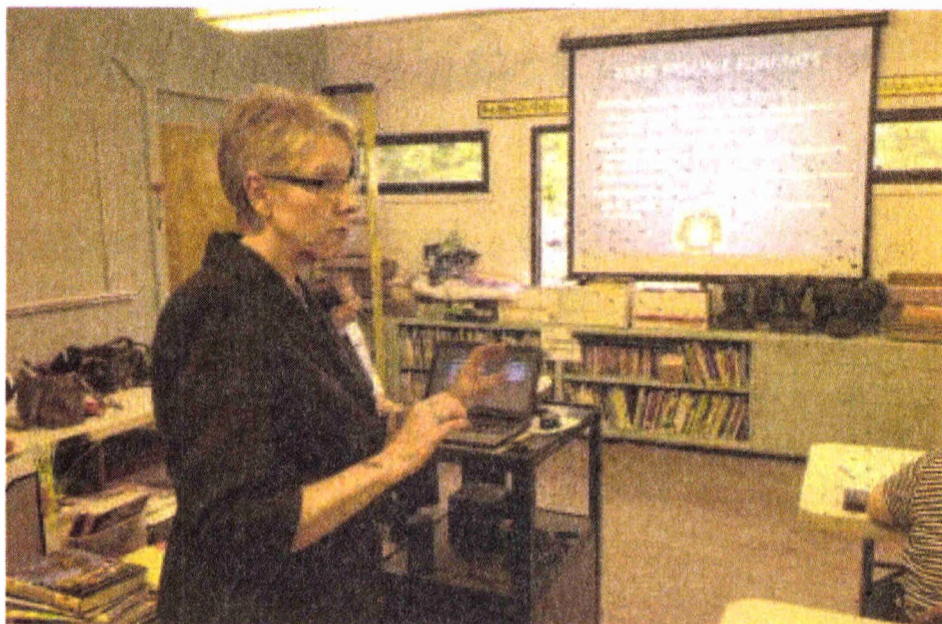
said. Sarah Waldman, a Garden City resident, is looking for an administrative assistant position. "I am also networking in another way," she said.

Include accomplishments

Job candidates shouldn't sell themselves short. Part-timers are an essential part of an office and these employees often don't write resumes that detail all of their accomplishments.

"A job is a job, whether it is paid or unpaid," Cox said. "Whether you are full time is irrelevant, it is what you contribute to the workplace. Emphasize recent experience."

High grade-point averages from the 1970s are accomplishments, but they don't carry as much weight as being able to



JoAnne Standicar, a certified resume writing specialist at Schoolcraft College, said that she was wearing the proper attire for a business interview.

mention more recent accomplishments.

"If you have even any college at all, even one semester, do not put high school graduate on the resume," Standicar said. Studies show that employers view those who list a high school education as less qualified and less professional. Include education information and determine the best and most relevancy placement on the resume.

Also avoid unprofessional sounding emails and long messages on

phones in preparation of a potential employer's call.

Cover letters have made a resurgence in the last two years. Employers want to see a demonstration of sincere interest. Thank-you letters for an interview should be sent quickly, even by email.

Standicar advises job searchers to Google themselves and see what pops up. Facebook can also be a problem. Employers may ask to pull up social media.

Attendees talked

about why they attended the workshop. Darryl Prestwood, a Garden City resident and systems analyst, said that he is looking to improve his resume to get a better response.

Cox and Standicar are located in Room 105 of the McDowell Center on the Schoolcraft College Livonia campus. The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. Call 734-462-4421.

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A Canton church is hosting free Kidney Smart Education classes for people at risk for kidney disease, such as those with high blood pressure or diabetes, as well as those already diagnosed with kidney disease.

The next class is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at New Hope Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. For questions, call Angela Humble at

864-525-9599 or send an email to Angela.Humble@davita.com.

The class involves the following:

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Classes are taught by a certified kidney smart educator and are at no cost. Visit www.kidneysmart.org or call 864-525-9599 to register for a class.

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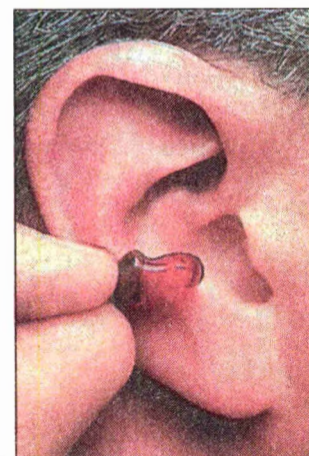
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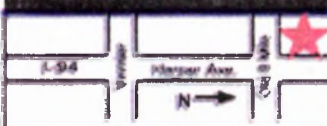
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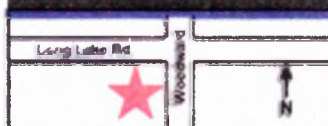
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Park rivals play to soggy deadlock

Division champion Canton scores late to earn 1-1 draw with Plymouth

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There really wasn't much at stake Thursday night when Canton and Plymouth hooked up for a KLAAs South Division varsity boys soccer matchup.

The Chiefs had already clinched their fifth consecutive division crown.

Yet judging by the intense play from both squads during the second half of the 1-1 tie, it looked as though the whole ball of wax remained up for grabs.

Plymouth senior co-captain Calvin McCracken's unassisted goal with 32:20 left in regulation put the Wildcats up by a goal.

But the Chiefs (15-0-2, 9-0-1) turned up the offense on a rainy

night and finally netted the equalizer with 9:35 left when senior Carter Schenk headed a direct kick (taken by junior Jimmy Walkinshaw) over the top of Plymouth junior goal-keeper Damon Favero.

"Carter's just coming back from injuries, he's been out for two and a half weeks (lower back)," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "He scored a big goal against Churchill on the same type of header and this one tonight. We've missed him and once he's back at full force he's a horse to handle. He did a good job."

Finally rewarded

Walkinshaw pitched the ball from the right corner into the

18-yard box, and Schenk perfectly timed his jump before heading it in.

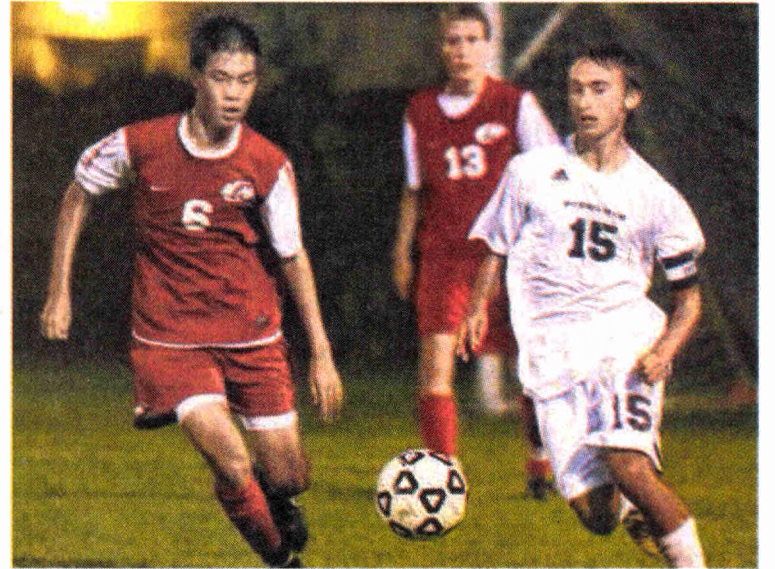
The goal followed a dazzling double stop by Favero just a few minutes earlier.

One of the saves was a dive to his left to thwart Canton junior Sam DeLoy at the right post.

"I actually dove before he shot it, it was a guess," Favero said. "But it hit me. It worked."

Favero also denied the Chiefs in the 88th minute to maintain the draw. A corner kick was redirected in front, but Favero sprawled to block it.

"Damon played a strong second half and James (Gibbs)



Converging on a 50/50 ball Thursday night are Canton's Jason Ren (No. 6) and Plymouth's Jason Liguori (No. 15).

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INSTANT CLASSIC

Chiefs stymie Churchill charge



Canton's Chuck Turfe (No. 28) catches a pass and gains more yards, trailed by Livonia Churchill defender Steven Szymanski.

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Canton's defense stonewalls Churchill at the 5 to survive, 40-35

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Normally, football games that saturate the scoreboard with 75 total points and produce mountains of yardage don't generate rave reviews

for either team's defense.

But Friday night's Livonia Churchill-Canton clash was anything but normal.

The Chiefs' defense put on a goal-line clinic in the final minute to stymie the Chargers on four straight plays at

the Canton 5 to secure a remarkable 40-35 victory in a game played on the P-CEP's junior varsity grass field.

Canton junior safety Jared Stephens sealed the deal — and the Chargers' fate —

by intercepting a fourth-and-goal Brian Alsobrooks pass in the right corner of the end zone with 54 seconds on the clock.

The victory left both

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FOOTBALL WEEK 6

Clutch 'Cats edge Glenn

Smith powers Glenn comeback, but Plymouth responds

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For much of the second half Friday night, Westland John Glenn's pedal-to-the-metal offense kept pushing until the Rockets finally broke out in front.

Two lengthy drives — featuring power running by junior Jaylen Smith (254 yards in 25 carries), senior Leon Crawford and senior Jamie Melchor — brought the Rockets back from a 17-3 halftime deficit.

And when Smith's 3-yard touchdown run with 4:20 to play in the fourth quarter capped a 77-yard march in eight rushes, the Rockets were finally in front 22-17. That brought a hush over the Plymouth homecoming game crowd.

But to those fans' delight, the Wildcats responded in the nick of time with a game-winning, 17-yard scoring strike from senior quarterback Deji Adebiyi to junior wide receiver Christian Walls with 2:22 remaining to enable Plymouth to reclaim a 23-22 advantage.

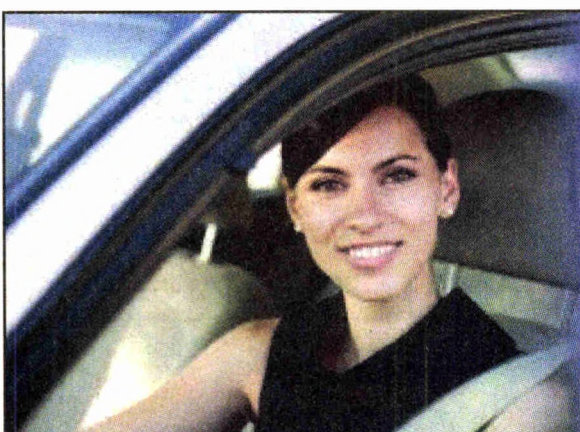
A two-point conversion pass from Adebiyi to senior tight end Kevin Justice then wrapped up Plymouth's 25-22 win, which gave the Wildcats a 5-1 record (3-1 in the KLAAs South Division).

"I tell you what, they made some adjustments there when they went to the three-back and just kind of lowered the blade on us there for a while," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "We didn't line up correctly a few times."

"But they have some big boys on their team and we had to just really get fired up for that last series and come up and make a play instead of sitting there and taking it, like we did on those two drives that they had."


On Plymouth's winning series, senior fullback Cameron Stella (16 carries, 122 yards)

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Canton depth sparks another victory

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton's serious depth continues to be tantamount to success, with the latest example Thursday's 100-85 victory over visiting Plymouth.

The Chiefs collected 57 personal best times as they improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South Division.

"The entire team came together to earn the win for us," Canton varsity girls swim coach Ed Weber said. "We only had one event in which we earned the sixth-place finish."

Senior Claire Green was a catalyst with firsts in two events including a personal best time in the 200 freestyle.

Personal bests also were registered by junior Adrienne Paton (200 IM, 100 backstroke), junior Rachel McGue (100 free), sophomore Lauren Phillips (100 back) and junior Stephanie Cox, who placed third in her diving debut with 111.30 points.

Plymouth diving standout Megan McKeehan garnered first in that event (197.55 points), with the Wildcats' Beth Henderson second (117.25).

Canton continued to score multiple events per race, such as in the 50 free. Although Plymouth's Caylin Waters won that event with a time of 26.95 seconds, the Chiefs garnered the next three places with senior Jocelyn Moraw (27.05) in second.

Finishing 3-4 were freshman Kristen Wiseman (27.63) and junior Madelaine Brownley (28.53).

It was a similar story in the 100 butterfly, with juniors Emily Osika (1:02.32), Brenna Wayne (1:11.55) and Emily Downs (1:11.93) finishing 1-3-4 with Plymouth's Kathryn Waters second (1:04.01).

Weber cited the 500 freestyle and 100 breaststroke as two other events featuring Canton's depth.

"Claire Green, Sydney Darnall and Courtney Smith grouped together to take the lead in the meet by a 1-2-3 sweep in the 500," Weber said.

Green captured first with a 5:29.24 mark, followed by junior Darnall (6:03.61) and senior Smith (6:09.99) with Plymouth's Sarah Haggitt fourth (6:56.03).

Sealing the team's win



Canton's Jane Benson swims during a recent meet. She and her teammates continue to parlay strong numbers per event into wins.

with "great times in the 100 breaststroke" were senior Emily Hugan (first, 1:13.03), McGue (second, 1:18.13) and junior Madelaine Brownley (fifth, 1:25.74).

Plymouth took the 3-4 spots in that race, with Isabella Giacobone and Sruthi Sundar finishing with respective times of 1:23.29 and 1:23.43.

The Wildcats did take the top spot in two of the three relays.

In the 200 yard medley relay, Plymouth senior Alexa Earls, junior Allison Lennig, sophomore Kathryn Waters and senior Caylin Waters pre-

ailed in 1:58.59. That same quartet took first in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:53.51.

Other individual event winners for the Wildcats included Lennig (200 IM, 2:21.30; 100 free, 55.76) and Earls (100 backstroke, 1:01.89).

Canton also won the 200 free relay. Wiseman, Smith, Moraw and Green did the job with a time of 1:50.99.

Salem prevails

Also victorious Thursday was Salem, earning a 105-81 win over South Lyon East in a KLAA Central matchup.



Salem's Julia Cunnien competes during a recent girls swim meet.

"It was a great team win," Rocks head coach Chuck Olson said. "A great team effort with lots of first places. Katie Xu got her D1 state cut in the IM."

Xu did so with a time of 2:13.93, to finish first in the 200 IM.

Salem got the meet off to a big start with the 200 medley relay team of Molly Rowe, Lisa Zhang, Xu and Jenna Chen taking the top spot (1:55.89).

Linda Zhang took first in the 200 free with her time of 1:59.15 ahead of teammate Stephanie Solterman (second, 2:04.81).

The Rocks (2-0, 1-0) kept the ball rolling with wins by Xu (200 IM) and Lisa Zhang (50 free, 25.40). In the 100 butter-

fly, Linda Zhang garnered the top place with a time of 1:00.82) while Lisa Zhang won in the 100 free (55.57).

Distance standout Patricia Freitag then won in the 500 freestyle, with her 5:27.29 comfortably ahead of South Lyon's Emily Kososki (5:31.28).

Rowe and Xu finished on top in the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke with respective times of 1:02.83 and 1:11.14.

Salem won the 200 free relay, with Xu, Freitag, Solterman and Linda Zhang finishing in 1:43.60. And it was more of the same in the victorious 400 free relay (3:46.23). Teaming up were Lisa Zhang, Freitag, Solterman and Linda Zhang.

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Canton Lions split with Westland Comets

Week 4 for Canton Lions football teams resulted in two victories and two defeats against the visiting Westland Comets on Sunday.

The Canton Lions varsity team dropped a 20-0 decision to the Comets and will look to bounce back Saturday against the Ypsilanti Braves.

First quarter highlights included multiple tackles from Jimmy Gibbons and Nick Faris while Desmond Dewberry and Blake Pospo teamed up on another takedown. The second quarter showed continued strong blocking by Faris, multiple interceptions by Andrew Atallah and Joe Kaceli, a recovery by LaRan Blunt and a run to the 1-yard line by Jeremy Fuchs (who also recovered a fumble).

The third quarter included a first down by Cameron "Deuce" Wilborn; the ball corralled by Gabe Fifer, and tackles by Atallah, Kaceli and Pospo. A first down by Blunt and a recovery by Charles Godman were fourth quarter highlights. Atallah, Fuchs, Godman and Pospo were strong with the blocks.

Rounding out the offense's standouts during this game were Blunt, Dewberry, Gibbons and Wilborn with the majority of the carries.

Junior varsity

The Lions junior varsity squad also suffered a loss on Sunday, 20-0. It was the team's first loss of the season after three victories.

Freshman

Defense was the difference maker for a dominating Lions freshman squad, as they stifled the



Canton Lions junior freshman defensive end Jacob Modelski (right) makes a strong tackle in the backfield, resulting in a loss of yardage for the Westland Comets.

Comets 6-0 for their second shutout of the season. Key plays were made by Daniel Baldwin, JaMarcus Barnes, Gavin Bobby, Tyler Klabunde, Avery Satterlee, Jeffrey Shipp and Derik Watson.

The Lions defense was consistent in the first quarter, but it was in the second when they really shined. A third-down fumble recovery on the 3-yard line was made by Bobby. And later in the second, the tough Lions defense shut down the Comets, who were threatening at the 5-yard line. This held the first-half score to 0-0.

The third quarter opened with Lions special teams' Ryan Campbell recovering the kickoff and, in the fourth, line-backer Shipp's interception gave the Lions the lead — and the eventual win.

Though the Lions offense as a whole was quiet, running backs Aaron Alexander, Luke Matusik and Shipp all had strong

gains. The freshman will look to improve on their 2-2 record when they face the Braves Saturday.

Junior freshman

The Lions junior freshman team fired past the Westland Comets as they posted four unanswered touchdowns and improved to 4-0 on the season.

Key to the win was an early surge. The Lions scored two touchdowns before halftime, including one on a 5-yard run by Kristopher Easley and another on a 35-yard interception return by Caleb Williams.

Strong blocking by the offense and a third-quarter fumble recovery by Zachary Devergilio set the stage for additional trips to the end zone by both Williams (62 yards) and Easley (65 yards).

The Lions defense dominated throughout, led by strong tackling from Jacob Modelski, Bralen Willis, Tarek Beydoun and Chris Medoro.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

PCA spikers in division driver's seat

Eagles still undefeated in conference following back-to-back victories

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls volleyball team is riding high, having passed a couple of key conference tests.

The Eagles remain the lone undefeated team in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference — Blue Division following victories Tuesday against Oakland Christian and Thursday against Lutheran Westland.

PCA improved to 13-3 overall and 5-0 in the conference with the wins.

According to Eagles head coach Katie Decker the team's 1-2 punch of Abby Wyman and Olivia Mady keyed the team's 25-8, 25-18, 22-25, 25-22 triumph

over the Warriors. "We had great contributions from Abby Wyman with 15 kills, 2 aces and 3 blocks," Decker noted. "Olivia Mady was a standout again posting a double-double with 15 kills and 17 digs."

They had support from Grace Kellogg (14 kills, six digs, four aces), setter Jessie Paulson (30 assists, 14 digs) and Callie Morby (five digs).

On Tuesday, PCA rolled to a 25-17, 25-21, 25-18 win over Oakland Christian.

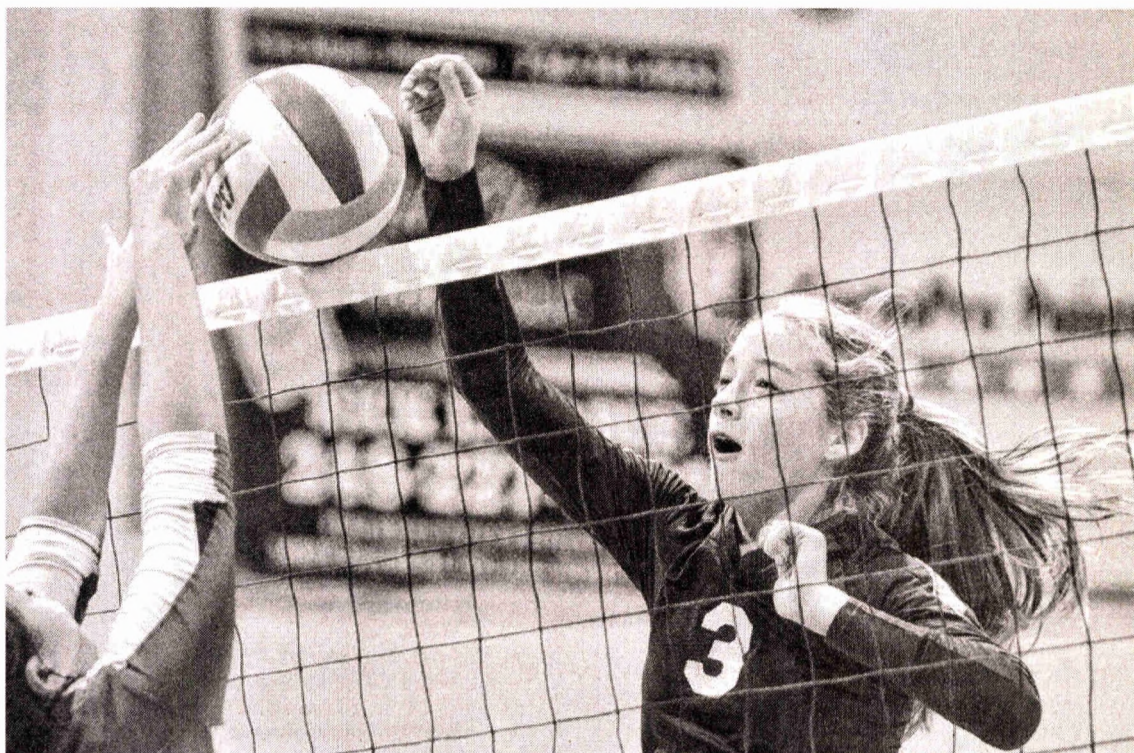
Kellogg and Mady powered the victory, contributing 12 and 11 kills, respectively.

That duo also combined for 15 digs, routinely frustrating Oakland Christian's offense.

Chipping in with 11 digs was libero Divna Roi with Kelsey Williamson added eight digs.

Wyman tallied six kills along with two aces to provide additional spark to the PCA attack.

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Plymouth Christian's Grace Kellogg (No. 3) slams the ball past an opponent during a recent contest.

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CANTON

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teams with 5-1 overall records. Canton improved to 4-0 in the KLAAs South Division, while Churchill slipped to 3-1.

"I said a few prayers before the first-down play down there and then I said, 'I'm ready to do this.' Canton defensive tackle Richard Lenczewski said, recounting the goal-line stand. "I am so proud of this team. We had to stop them and we did it."

With the ball situated on the right hash mark, the right-handed Alsobrooks rolled to his left on the first three plays from the 5. Tight coverage by the Canton secondary forced him to throw the first two passes into the grass.

On third down, 6-foot-4 Canton linebacker Jalen Cochran came up big when he tipped away a pass in the end zone to set up the all-or-nothing fourth-down play.

Alsobrooks rolled right and lofted a tight spiral into the corner, but Stephens was on the spot to make the pick.

"That was an unbelievable defensive stand," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "They have it first-and-goal at the 5, they have a great quarterback, great receivers, we had match-up problems all over the field, but our kids just stepped up."

"I'll tell you what — everybody who was here tonight got their money's worth. This is a game these kids will never forget."

Trailing 35-28, Canton pulled to within one point when Charles Turfe rammed in from the 3 with 6:16 left. Much like they did last week in their 22-21 victory over Westland John Glenn, the Chiefs went for two and the lead, but Turfe was stuffed at the one by a mass of Chargers, led by Aaron Kerr.

After a long Churchill kickoff return was called back by a holding penalty, the Chargers started at their own 21. The first two plays produced 9 yards, but Paul Romain was stopped for no gain on third- and fourth-and-inches attempts to give Canton the ball on the Churchill 31.

Lenczewski said the fourth-and-one play is the kind de-



The Canton Chiefs celebrate Friday's big victory over Livonia Churchill.

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Canton's Brian Newton reaches the end zone, despite a diving tackle attempted by Jacob Mallad (No. 11) of the Chargers.

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fensive linemen like him live for.

"We were in a formation we call 'Hawk'," the senior said. "Some people go down toward their knees and the others blitz in the 'A' gap. I blitzed through the 'A' gap, got (Romain's) legs and held on. When I got up, I saw they

were behind the line of scrimmage and we went crazy."

Four plays later, Canton senior quarterback Greg Williams connected with senior tight end Nolan Gilo on a third-and-eight TD pass to give the Chiefs a 40-35 advantage with 2:42 to play.

It didn't take long for Chur-

chill to push the ball into Canton's red zone. Alsobrooks hooked up with Tim Dulin on a 42-yard bomb to give the Chargers the ball on the Chiefs' 20. Another Alsobrooks completion to Dulin put the ball on the Canton 5, but that's as far as the Chargers would get thanks to the Chiefs' inspired performance.

"That's a tough offense to play against; you just have to do the little things like make your reads and things like that," Canton junior safety Micah Rinke said. "We weren't perfect tonight; we made mistakes, I know I did. But we came up big when we had to."

Despite playing a less-than-perfect opening 24 minutes, Churchill carried a semi-comfortable 28-14 lead into the half.

"When you turn the ball over three times like we did in the first half, you don't expect to lead by 14," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "So I figured if we cleaned things up in the second half, we'd be OK. We just seemed to lose momentum in the fourth quarter and defensively we couldn't get a stop, which is why I went for it there on fourth-and-inches."

Williams had a solid night engineering Canton's offense as he completed 6-of-11 passes for 74 yards in addition to running seven times for 48 yards.

Turfe picked up 94 yards and three TDs on 10 carries. Marcus Sanders (15 carries for 86 yards) and Brian Newton (10 carries, 51 yards) both scored a touchdown for the winners.

Alsobrooks completed 17-of-32 passes for 275 yards. The senior had at least five passes dropped by his usually sure-handed receivers.

Romain ran for 115 yards and two scores on 24 carries.

Steven Szymanski had a night to remember of Churchill. The senior threw a 41-yard TD pass to Dulin on a double-reverse pass play. He also caught seven Alsobrooks aerials for 123 yards.

Churchill outgained Canton in total yards from scrimmage, 457-379. But it was the 5 yards the Chargers couldn't move the ball at the end that mattered most.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Northville girls nip Rocks for Central title

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Thanks to Cayla Eckenroth's school-record performance, the Northville girls cross country team secured at least a tie for their fifth straight KLAAs Central Division crown with a 24-31 win over Salem at Cass Benton Park.

The Mustangs, who improved to 4-0 in the KLAAs Central, can win the title outright with a victory next Tuesday against rival Novi in a meet beginning at 4:25 p.m. at Cass Benton.

Eckenroth, a sophomore, covered the 5,000-meter course in 18 minutes, 36 seconds to finish 24 seconds ahead of runner-up Lauren Arquette of Salem, who was timed in 18:59.

Eckenroth's time eclipsed Rachel Coleman's Cass Benton school record mark of 18:38.

"It was a battle from the start and at the two-mile mark we were actually losing," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "The girls stepped up today and left it all on the course."

Northville's other four scorers included Emma Herrmann, third (19:23); Hailey Harris, fourth (19:37); Rachel Zimmer, seventh (20:26); and Mirai Kobayashi, ninth (20:29).

Herrmann and Harris now rank 10th and 11, respectively, on the Northville record board, while Zimmer and Kobayashi both posted personal bests on the Cass Benton Course.

"Rachel and Mirai really won it for us as they moved up after the two mile (mark) to overcome a Salem pack of runners," Smith said.

Boys showdown

Both the undefeated Northville and Novi boys teams both captured their KLAAs Central Division dual meets handily on Sept. 30 to set up next Tuesday's first-place battle at Cass Benton Park.

Northville, which has moved up to No. 2 in the Division 1 boys state rankings, downed Salem in a dual meet at Cass Benton Park, 18-43.

The Mustangs captured eight of the first 10 places led by Conor Naughton's first-place time of 16:55.

Novi, meanwhile, rested its starting lineup en route to a 20-43 win over host South Lyon East at Island Lake State Park.

East's Adam Caruso took first in 17:30, while Novi sophomore Aric Landy was seven seconds behind in 17:37 as the Wildcats captured nine of the top 10 places.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 24, SALEM 31
Individual winner: Cayla Eckenroth (Northville), 18:36 (5,000-meter school record)

Other Northville finishers: 3. Emma Herrmann, 19:23; 4. Hailey Harris, 19:37; 7. Rachel Zimmer, 20:26; 9. Mirai Kobayashi, 20:29; 12. Emily Rudberg, 20:52; 13. Helena Bryans, 20:55.

Salem's finishers: 2. Lauren Arquette, 18:59; 6. Madalyn Simko, 20:12; 8. Shekinah Johnson, 20:28; 10. Elizabeth Tripp, 20:33; 11. Kaya Knacke, 20:38.

Dual meet records: Northville, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAAs Central Division (clinched tie for title); Salem, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAs Central.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 18, SALEM 43
Individual winner: Conor Naughton (Northville), 16:55 (5,000 meters)

Other Northville finishers: 2. Jason Ferrante, 16:56; 4. Kenny Goolsby, 17:15; 5. Christian Freiburger, 17:16; 6. Sean Flanagan, 17:21; 8. Jeff Baxter, 17:41; 9. Jacob Blackmore, 17:53; 10. Evan Ferrante, 17:54.

Salem's top finishers: 3. Noah Engerer, 17:04; 7. Nabli Ahmed, 17:38.
Dual meet records: Northville, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAAs Central Division; Salem, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAAs Central.

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bulled forward for 10 yards in two rushes to get it going.

And Adebiyi then fired the ball over the middle that Walls (three receptions, 75 yards, two TDs) dove to reel in at the John Glenn 36-yard line.

Adebiyi (5-of-8 passing, 130 yards, three TDs) found Walls yet again on a slant route for the winning score. The wide-open Walls grabbed the ball while gliding toward the far-left corner of the end zone.

On target

"I would think they would know we were throwing on that down," Adebiyi said. "But coach (Brian) Rochon, our offensive coordinator, called a great play. Chris just ran a great route and all I had to do was deliver the pass to him."

"Chris played hard tonight,

he never gets tired. He could go for 24 hours straight and I just love the kid."

Walls said he wasn't surprised to be so open, nor that "the best quarterback in Michigan" threaded the needle on the pass.

"I was just thankful, really thankful," Walls said. "I have all the trust in my quarterback."

The Walls touchdown made it two heartbreaking losses in two weeks against Park teams for the Rockets (3-3, 1-3), who lost by a point Sept. 26 to Canton.

"You got to tip your hat to them (Wildcats), they made the plays when they needed to," John Glenn head coach Tim Hardin said. "They hit a big pass there at the end, the kid made a great catch. It's tough losing two like this, two weeks in a row, but we're not going to give up."

Hardin said he switched things up for his offense dur-

ing halftime, bringing in an extra blocker and challenging his O-line to pick things up.

"We have a really good offensive line," Hardin said. "At halftime, we just told our offensive line, 'Hey, we're putting it on your shoulders, you guys got to take over.' And I think they did."

"To come back and take the lead late in the game, I think they (Rockets) did a hell of a job."

Hitting the holes

Meanwhile, Smith said he just followed the lead of his blockers and "hit the holes hard and fast."

He tallied runs of 40, 42 and 51 yards, with the latter going for a touchdown with 9:28 to play in the fourth, slicing the Plymouth edge to 17-16.

The Adebiyi-to-Walls combo got the night's scoring started, too. After a 66-yard burst around left end by Stella moved the Wildcats to the

Rockets' 10-yard line, Walls snagged a low toss for a 12-yard score with 10:21 to play in the first.

Early in the second quarter, Plymouth added a 29-yard touchdown pass from Adebiyi to senior receiver Kalen Dunham (two catches, 65 yards), who made a leaping grab along the right side of the end zone.

Trading field goals during the first half were John Glenn's Gary Harmon and Plymouth's Van Nguyen (connecting from 39 and 18 yards, respectively).

The tone of the game changed early in the third, when the Rockets got the ball at their own 8-yard line. By the time that drive ended, in the first minute of the fourth, John Glenn scored on Melchor's 4-yard run through the left side of the line.

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COURTESY TAMI BEALERT

Riding their bikes during Try Tami's Tri are Ypsilanti's Tim and Stephanie LaFever and (far right) Philip Munie of Canton. They were among 28 participants who completed a 20K bike course.

TRY TAMI'S TRI

Giving it a 'tri'

Triathlon hosted by Hickory Woods' Bealert benefits Blum's Landing

It was a perfect day for the third annual Try Tami's Tri that took place on the rolling hills at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The first of three events started with a 5K walk/run down Napier Road to Warren just past Plymouth Orchards where runners were given free cider by volunteers. Following the run, all 28 participants hopped on their bikes and started riding south of Ford Road making their way through Cherry Hill Village and down through Geddes Road. All riders finished the 20K and stopped in for lunch before venturing out to their final challenge, a four-person team golf scramble.

Scoring was based on individual places in each event. Medals were awarded for first, second and third place teams.

Proceeds from the event — hosted by Hickory Woods PGA teaching

pro Tami Bealert — were to benefit Blum's Landing. Their mission is for those persons who have defended our freedom during the War on Terror. It is not a rehabilitation center, but rather a retreat for those active or inactive personnel and their immediate family for a short period of time.

The Blumbergs purchased 12 acres of land on Orchard Lake near Rogers City, Mich. Only minutes from the picturesque beaches of Lake Huron, they built a retreat home in the tranquil wooded area on Orchard Lake.

Former Canton residents Terry and Janet Blumberg have built Blum's Landing in loving memory of their son Sgt. Trevor A. Blumberg — known to his fellow soldiers as "Blum."

Trevor was killed Sept. 14, 2003, in Fallujah, Iraq. He had also served in Korea and Afghanistan prior to deploying to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division.

If you would like to make a donation to Blum's Landing, visit Blumslanding.org.

Submitted by Tami Bealert

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Bitten named to Team Canada U-17 tourney

Plymouth Whalers rookie forward Will Bitten made the cut for one of Hockey Canada's three teams in the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge Nov. 2-8 in Sarnia-Lambton, Ontario.

The tournament will be the first to feature three Canadian national teams — Black, Red and White. From 1986 to 2014, Canada was represented by five regional teams: Atlantic, Ontario, Pacific, Quebec and West.

Bitten will skate for Team Canada Red.

"It is an exciting day for Hockey Canada and the Program of Excellence," said Scott Salmond, vice president of hockey operations and national teams with Hockey Canada.

This is a tremendous group of 66 players we have named today, and we're confident they will represent their country with pride and passion as we kick off a new era for the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge."

The 66 players were selected by Ryan Janowski, Hockey Canada's director of player personnel, together with Joël Bouchard, a member of Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence management group, and regional scouts Donald Audette (Quebec), Brad McEwen (West), Kevin Mitchell (Atlantic) and Kyle Raftis (Ontario).

Players were evaluated with their club teams early in the 2014-15 season, at Canada's national under-17 development camp in Calgary, Alta., in August, and during the 2013-14 season, including at three regional



RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Plymouth rookie forward Will Bitten (No. 41) was named to Team Canada Red's roster for the upcoming 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

under-16 events: the Western Canada U16 Challenge Cup, OHL Gold Cup and QMJHL Excellence Challenge.

The 24-game World Under-17 Hockey Challenge will be centered out of the RBC Centre, home of the OHL's Sarnia Sting, but will also feature games at The Shores Recreation Centre in Lambton Shores, Ont. Those two communities, along with Petrolia, Ont., and Watford, Ont., will host pre-tournament games on Oct. 31.

Whalers lose 4-2

After taking a quick 2-0 lead Friday night, the Plymouth Whalers gave up four unanswered goals to host Guelph and dropped a 4-2 decision.

Scoring at 6:40 of the first period for Plymouth (1-1-1) was Mathew Campanga, with defenseman Mitch Jones drawing the lone assist. That was the only marker of the opening stanza between the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference rivals.

Plymouth scored again just 19 seconds into the middle period, with Victor Crus Rydberg finding the mark during a power play. Assisting were Campanga and Matt Mistele. But from that point on, Guelph (2-1-0) took over. The Storm knotted the game at 2-2 going into the third period, and Pius Suter broke the deadlock with two markers at 2:51 and 14:31.

Taking the defeat for the Whalers was goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, who stopped 30 Guelph shots.

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was solid in the first half for us," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "He (Favero) made a couple huge saves."

Neschich, whose team is 9-3-3 overall and 7-1-2 in the KLAA South, outworked the Chiefs for stretches and was rewarded with the night's first goal.

McCracken stripped the ball from a Canton player, worked his way to the top of the box and hammered a low shot inside the left post to make it 1-0 Plymouth.

Canton senior goalie Jay Krebs, who played the second half, had no chance on the blast. The Chiefs had senior Dylan DaSilva in goal in the opening 40 minutes.

"It was a nice play where he beat a couple guys and then hit one from the top of the box with a lot of power," Neschich said.

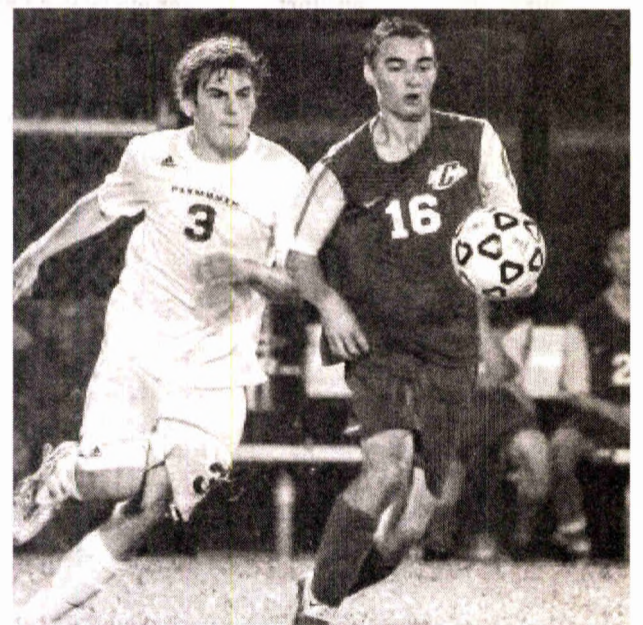
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The goal seemed to wake the Chiefs up as the Wildcats really did not muster much offense after that.

"I thought our forwards did a good job being dangerous, especially in the first half," Neschich added. "I thought we carried much more of the play in the first half. But in the second half, after we got our goal lead, we sat back a little bit."

According to Zemanowski, his players "realized they just can't rest on their record and they played really well (after the McCracken goal). Hats off to Plymouth, they battled really hard and it was a good game."

Zemanowski, whose team will square off against Livonia Stevenson Monday for the Kensington Conference title, praised the efforts turned in by senior holding mid Kyle Mettlach and Walkinshaw. "Kyle Mettlach was



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Chasing the bouncing ball are Plymouth's Nick Freda (No. 3) and Canton's Chris Dooley (No. 16) during Thursday night's varsity boys soccer match.



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Trying to control the ball for Plymouth is Jayden Huxtable (No. 18), who is being pressured by Canton's Sam Belcher (No. 5).

outstanding, he was winning everything," Zemanowski said. "And Jimmy Walkinshaw, both of those boys worked extremely hard."

Besides his goalies and McCracken, Neschich lauded the work turned in by the defense and midfield — naming sophomore Van Naupten and senior co-captain Jason Liguori.

"I thought this was our best effort of the season," Neschich said. "We've proven we can hang with anybody and play with anybody."

"We need to keep playing good going down the stretch here, the last few games before we get to the playoffs."

From where Favero was standing, it looks as though the Wildcats can still be pretty dangerous once the districts begin.

"No shame in a tie, it's more about how everyone played," Favero said. "I thought we played really good as a team. ... I think we're looking great going in to the districts."

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Meet the Queen of Halloween

By Robin D'Angelo
Correspondent

When the mornings are crisp and the leaves begin to turn, Halloween retailers open their doors for the flood of consumers eager to purchase treats, costumes and décor in anticipation of the nation's second-largest spending holiday.

However, Halloween enthusiast Karen Cohen is already miles ahead of the pack.

Halloween in the Cohen household isn't just a dollar-store mask and a couple of gourds on the porch. The couple celebrates on a grand scale that requires months of planning, purchasing and preparation. For the past six years, Karen and Jeff Cohen have dished up a Halloween Spooktacular that is the envy of the neighborhood, and it is all done in the name of fun and friendship.

"I've always been crazy about Halloween. I love fall, and I love the holiday," said Karen, a senior project manager at Trinity Health in Livonia.

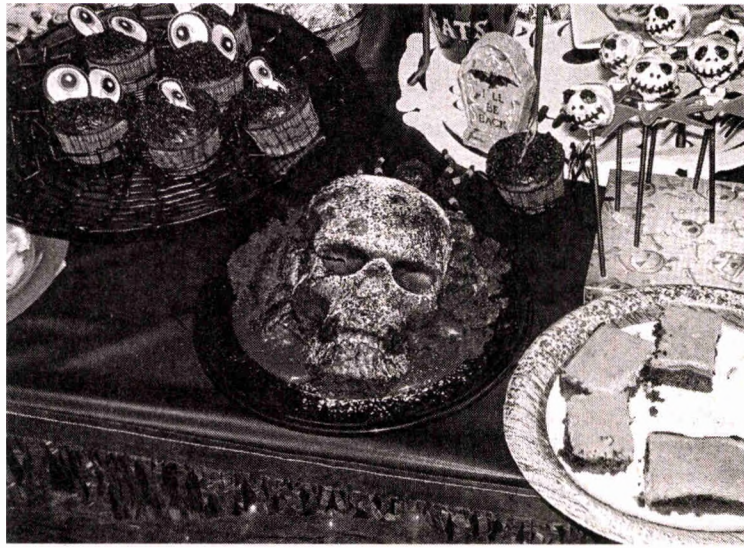
As a child, her father often traveled on Halloween, leaving her, her mother and her sister to handle the festivities.

"My mom would have little Halloween parties for just the three of us. We'd try to eat a doughnut that was hanging on a string from the ceiling, and she'd make us little scavenger hunts and we would tell spooky stories. That might be why I treasure it so much today, the three of us being together like that," she said.

"I don't know when my obsession started, but I do think it's such a great time. Grown-ups get to be kids again — to get dressed up and go crazy. There's no family pressure, it's just a fun holiday. And, there's candy."

This year will mark her sixth Spooktacular, and it takes plenty of time to transform the basement of her 3,200-square-foot Belleville home into a ghostly gala complete with a dance floor and a DJ.

"I send out save the dates in summer so people can start



Even the food is creepy.

planning and getting baby sitters and rides, whatever they need to do to get here," she said, of the 60-plus guests who attend each year.

"When I have parties I just want people to show up and have a good time. I do it for me, but I do it for them and they really, really enjoy it. If I didn't want to do it, I don't know that I couldn't, because people have really come to count on it."

Shopping time

She spends the off season trolling stores, flea markets and garage sales for discounted Halloween items, or just everyday objects that can be transformed into ghoulish decorations.

"Those old-fashioned baby dolls? Some of them can be pretty creepy. You can pop their blinky eyes out and put a glow stick in the head, so that the eyes glow," she said.

"Last year I received a haunted dollhouse for my birthday, so that's become my new obsession. I bought another dollhouse to add to it, and it has everything you'd expect to see in a haunted house. I even put a graveyard outside."

For effect, she drapes black plastic on the walls and ceiling, and adds lights, a multitude of monsters ("I add a new monster every year, much to my

husband's dismay") and a large buffet complete with all Halloween-themed foods served on Halloween dishes. "Bat wings" (chicken), "mummy guts" (cheesy potatoes), "goblin gorp" (Fritos, buttered popcorn, pumpkin seeds and taco sauce) and "spider eggs" (meatballs) are among the combinations Cohen has served in the past.

"I try to come with interesting names for my food, but I keep the food itself simple," she explained. "I have tried dyeing things different colors, also. One year I dyed the rum punch green, but that didn't go over so well. People didn't like drinking green stuff."

Although the Spooktacular is strictly for guests 21 and over, the Cohens also host a pumpkin-carving party several nights before the bash for their friends who have children.

"I usually get about 10-12 pumpkins to decorate the front porch, so we invite our friends and their kids over to eat pizza and carve up the pumpkins," she said.

Costume craze

Of course, for the Spooktacular, costumes are required. Karen awards prizes for funniest, scariest, sexiest, best couple and best overall.

"I actually create the trophies from dollar-store skele-



The guests at the Cohen Spooktacular clearly go all out.

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tons, because you can shape them and form them. I spray-paint them silver and mold them into trophies."

When it comes to her own costume, however, Karen said her choices must sometimes take a backseat to her party planning. This year, she plans to be Poison Ivy, and has already started her search for pieces to make the costume come together.

According to a survey conducted for the National Retail Federation more than 67 percent of those surveyed plan to purchase Halloween costumes this year — the most in the survey's 11-year history, with the average person spending more than \$77.52. Total Halloween spending for 2014 is expected to reach \$7.4 billion, with Americans spending \$2.8 billion on costumes, \$2.2 billion on candy and \$2 billion on decorations.

Jeff Cohen said his wife leaves nothing to chance in her preparations, and that in his opinion, she should have been a party planner.

"People are always impressed with the décor, from the lights to the monsters to the graveyard — as well as the themes," he said.

"My responsibilities are to make sure the tools are ready to go and modify stuff as needed to get the effect Karen

wants. Other than that, it's really batteries, ice and last minute preparations. Most importantly, I am the official pumpkin seed taste tester."

Karen also enjoys bringing the fun of the holiday to her workplace in whatever ways she can — organizing potlucks and small gatherings to create a festive atmosphere.

"I try to get people in the spirit. For me it's like, if you're NOT hanging stuff in your cube for Halloween, then, what is wrong with you??"

Karen takes a day off before Spooktacular to finish off her to-do list, and the day after to shop.

"The day after Halloween is when all the stuff goes on sale, just like the day after Christmas," she said.

Her advice to would-be party planners? Make as much as you can ahead of time, so that you can enjoy the party as well.

"After every party, I note what worked and what didn't, what we went through and what didn't get eaten. I'm constantly improving to make the party better. It's a little obsessive-compulsive, but (Jeff) tolerates it. He lets me run with it."

CHARLOTTE LAWRIE
Valerie Templeton,
treasurer of the
Garden City
Garden Club,
portrays a
woodland fairy on
the July page of
the club's 2015
calendar.



Garden club dons paint, glitter, wings for calendar photos

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Last year, Garden City Garden Club members appeared to bare all in photos for their first annual wall calendar.

This year they covered up — just a tad — with paint and glitter.

"We did body painting. It's different and unique," said Cheryl Partin, recording secretary. "We're excited about it."

The 2015 calendars, "Garden City Garden Club Paints it up...in the Garden," will debut at the Garden City Downtown Development Authority's seventh annual Chili Cook-Off, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Town Center shopping center, located at Middlebelt and Ford Road. Calendars cost \$12 and feature 12 monthly photos and a cover photo of club members posed outdoors in body paint.

The 2014 calendar, which raised nearly \$3,000 for local projects, had members peeking out from behind garden implements and strategically-placed plants, suggesting nudity, but showing only bare legs, shoulders and arms, in photographs. The club's annu-

al bake sale and decorated pumpkin sale, held at the Cook-Off and nearby fire department open house, brought in an additional \$1,000.

Partin hopes the 2015 calendar repeats last year's success. Initially, she wasn't sure if another calendar sale would muster enthusiasm.

"I thought, how will we top last year, it was so successful. It was brought back by popular demand. We had the interest and decided to go ahead with it."

Painting process

Adelle Fant airbrushed her models, adding glitter, wings, glow-in-the-dark details and other accessories. Charlotte Lawrie photographed each scene.

"She used mostly acrylic paint and while it was wet added glitter and shimmer. She was very quick, yet detailed. We were shooting in July and August. We did it outside on a beautiful evening," said Partin, recalling her photo shoot for the February portion of the calendar. "One night it was almost too warm and we had a fan going. Sometimes while she was painting the bugs would come

out. But she was very quick."

In addition to Partin, who posed in a Mardi Gras theme, models included Carolyn Sylvester as a monarch butterfly, Della Haydon as a ladybug, Paula Relich and Cheryl Guck as Easter bunnies, Sue Orzel as a butterfly, Bobby Somerville and Joyce Matney as Detroit Tigers, Valerie Templeton as a forest fairy, Ken Polzin as a glow-in-the-dark farmer, Julie Slabaugh as a scarecrow, Stacy Karafotis as a glow-in-the-dark skeleton photographed in the moonlight, Debbie Grochowski as a leopard and Tina Wing as Mother Nature. Paula Peck poses as a fairy on the calendar cover.

The calendars also are available at Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare & Boarding, 5921 Middlebelt, in Garden City, 734-261-7387 and at www.gccg.weebly.com. For more information, visit facebook.com/gccgcmi.

The club also will sell decorated pumpkins in addition to the calendars at the chili cook-off. Their bake sale will run 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Garden City Fire Department Open House, 6000 Middlebelt.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

club.org or email rmo78jsa@aol.com.

Heritage Park

The park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Pre-register for programs online at recreg.fhgov.com.

» Organic gardener Jean Smith of the Old Winery Farmer's Market, will talk about fall gardening, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the park nature center. She'll have garlic seeds available for purchase. Her presentation on Nov. 18 will focus on herb-flavored butter and will include an herb drying demonstration. Each workshop costs \$5.

» A naturalist will lead a walk through the park 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Participants will learn how and why leaves change color in the fall. They'll also search for animals preparing for winter. Cost is \$3 per person.

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Miller Woods

The Friends of Miller Woods will lead tours 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 and 26, through Miller Woods, located at Powell and Ridge Road in Plymouth Township. Guides will talk about the history of the Miller family and the ecosystem of Michigan forests. Tours start every half hour, last approximately one hour, and are free. No dogs or strollers are allowed in the woods. www.millerwoods.org; 734-459-7666.

Livonia Garden Club

Paul Wingert, a member of the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, will show how to care for and propagate bromeliads and will explain why they make great houseplants, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia; livoniagardenclub.org.

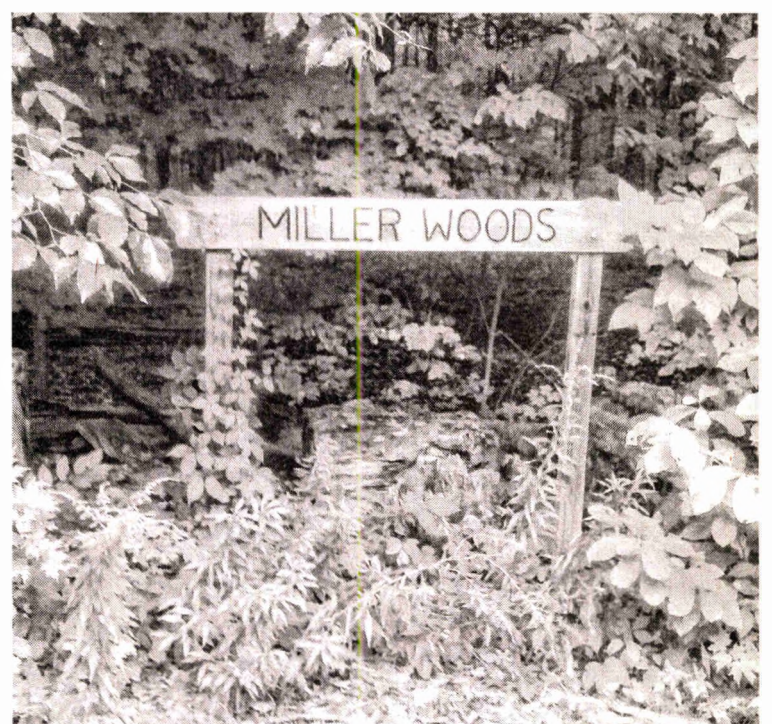


PHOTO BY SHARON DARGAY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 19 and 26, for a guided walk through Miller Woods, Plymouth Township.

Living their faith: Local Catholics rally to pray the rosary

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Every week for the past six years, Anna Fowlkes of Westland and Laurie Van Hoey of Garden City have gathered with a dozen other women to pray for everyone they know — and many they don't.

"It takes about an hour. Before we start, we say our intentions. We pray for what's going on in the world. We all believe in prayer," said Van Hoey, who opens her home to the group. "We have a mission."

"You're able to pray for all these people," Fowlkes said. "We keep up with the news and we know what's going on. We try to pray for everyone we know. It's so personal and you can sit and have



The Rev. Bernard Luedtke and Karen Ervin, cantor, lead a previous rosary rally at Madonna University in Livonia.

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a social hour afterward."

They'll make their prayer time public Saturday, Oct. 11, when they stage a "rosary rally" on the front lawn at Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt. The group will pray the rosary out loud from noon to 1 p.m., in

conjunction with other rallies simultaneously taking place throughout the country. America Needs Fatima, an organization that promotes the use of the prayer beads, helps coordinate the events. The rosary is a Catholic devotion that

honors the Virgin Mary with a prayer recited for each bead.

Fowlkes said the Garden City rally has drawn between eight and 30 individuals over the past five years. She keeps a spare rosary or two on hand for visitors and distributes programs for the event.

"This is our fifth year. I had a young lady last year who was on her bike. She couldn't have been more than 13 or 14. She was standing there and I said, would you like to join us? She said yeah," said Fowlkes, adding that most attendees are Catholic. "I'm not sure if that young girl was Catholic, but God listens to all prayer. It doesn't matter what denomination." The rally has been

held in the rain and against the backdrop of noisy paving equipment.

"We just kept going. Nothing will deter us," Fowlkes said.

Praying for a crowd

In Livonia, Ron Danowski is gearing up for his eighth annual rally, which will be held at noon Oct. 11, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, at Levan. The event has drawn 200-276 persons each year.

"One of the things I'm doing this year that hopefully will entice people to come, is that I'll distribute prayer cards," he said, adding that each card will encourage its holder to pray for the rally attendees. "How else would you have the opportunity to have 200 people praying for you?"

Prayer is one of the best free gifts you can give or receive."

Danowski held his first few rallies at Rotary Park in Livonia and moved the event to the university three years ago. He established the rally after his wife's nephew was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"I promised I would do this and hopefully he would recover," Danowski said, adding that the nephew died four years ago. He continues to coordinate the rally, in conjunction with Thomas Dooley Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Colette Parish, hoping it might help others.

The Rev. David Bechill will lead the prayer. For more information, call 734-432-9744.

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» Take a full moon hike 7:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7-8 p.m. Nov. 7. The Friday night hikes are for families and children, 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person payable online or at the door. Meet at the nature center in the park.

» Hayrides run 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, through Oct. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Rides are approximately 30 minutes. The fee is \$5 per person. Pre-register online. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the event. Includes the hay wagon ride, marshmallow roasting over a campfire and apple cider.

» Junior Naturalist Club, for ages 5-11, meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month from September through June at the nature center. The fee

is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class, paid at the door. Register online. The topic is Wilderness Skills on Oct. 11.

Bug hunters needed

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Fall Bug Hunt, beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 25, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 10. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four-eight individuals to travel to two sites where they look for living organisms in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. Children may attend if accompanied by a participating adult. Sign up at www.therouge.org.

False labor brings on anxiety as big day nears

Well this could be it. Or, it will be it any time now.

My due date is about two weeks away but I have been having contractions pretty consistently for a while now. They aren't close enough to cause me great alarm and send me rushing to the hospital, especially since I have already done that once, but they are strong enough to cause some major discomfort.

I wish I could more easily distinguish exactly what labor feels like. You can read all the books in the world, talk to all the doctors and midwives, but every person is different and there is no black and white when it comes to having a baby.

I've talked to my friends who have had kids. Some had really long labors that lasted days, others got sent home from the hospital



Sarah Davies

THEN THERE WERE TWO

only to return and have their baby within a half hour. Some people had their water break, others did not. And then there is me, sitting here wondering "is this labor" or is this just the days or weeks leading up to it? If it's still going to be a few weeks, than I am going to be in for quite a long ride.

I was a lot more nervous last week when I had false labor than I am today. Today I feel calm, although under extreme discomfort, and I am kind of excited too to get this over with and meet my little girl. I feel more prepared today than any other day in the last nine months, and hope that

this delivery part goes fast and speedy and that there are no problems with the epidural.

I am almost in shock that I am going to deliver a human being at any moment or any day. But I have some awesome people who are going to coach me through the delivery and also have a terrific group of supporters who will be there for me to help figure out all the little things I will have to learn. I can't wait to see what my little girl looks like, to look into her eyes, and to tell her how much I have been waiting for her. I wonder who she will grow up to be, but most importantly I hope she is healthy and happy.

This is it. The end. The last hours, or days, or weeks of pregnancy. It's been an interesting journey and I have discovered a lot out about my-

self. I have found confidence where I didn't know I had it. I have learned about forgiveness and kindness and strength. I have strengthened friendships and found new joy in things I never found joy in before.

Many good days have been mixed with a few random rough ones, all leading up to the birth of my little girl. I wish I could say I knew when she would arrive, but I have no clue. I hope it is soon so I don't have to feel like this for a long period of time, but I also know she will come when she is good and ready. And then, finally, I can hold my baby in my arms, and smile.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about her journey toward becoming a mother. Contact her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Florkowski of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Jane Florkowski, to Joshua Brent Crook, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Crook of Jacksonville, Ala.

The bride-to-be is the studio manager for Fred Astaire, Columbus Northwest. Her fiancé is a captain for Republic Airways.

An October 2014 wedding is planned in Columbus, Ohio.



Katherine Jane Florkowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Florkowski of Livonia, is engaged to be married.

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Taylor Traub and Lauren Brodie

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BRODIE-TRAUB

Lauren Brodie and Taylor Traub announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Theresa Brodie of Livonia, graduated in 2005 from Stevenson High School in Livonia. She graduated in 2009 from Oakland University with a B.S. degree in health science and in 2010 with a B.S.N. in nursing. She is pursuing a master's degree in nursing at the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé, son of John Traub and Jacquie Traub, both of Rochester Hills, is a 2004 graduate of Rochester High School. He graduated in 2009 with a bachelor of science degree from Oakland University. His major was English and minor was marketing. He also earned a master's degree in urban planning and management from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

A September 2015 wedding is planned in Rochester Hills.

WEDDING



Andrew Jonathan Baur and Elizabeth Kelley Kennedy on their wedding day

SUBMITTED

KENNEDY-BAUR

Elizabeth Kelley Kennedy and Andrew Jonathan Baur were married Sept. 5, 2014, in Roseville, Minn.

The bride, daughter of Tom and Darlene Kennedy of Circle Pines, Minn., is a graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois. The groom, son of Phil and Ann Baur of Farmington, is a 2009 graduate of Farmington High School and a Wheaton College

graduate. Pastor Morris Vaagenes and the Rev. William Bixby officiated at the wedding. Elizabeth's sister, Jackie Wickman, was the maid of honor, and Andrew's brother, Philip Baur, was the best man.

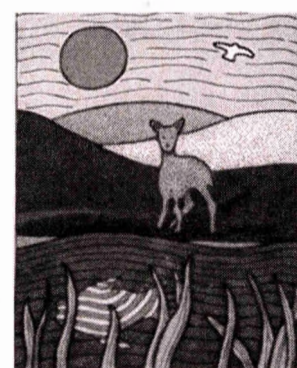
A reception was held at Kellerman's in White Bear Lake, Minn. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Vero Beach, Fla., and now reside in Carol Stream, Ill.

Art club offers free painting workshop

Doreen Lawton, a former art teacher in Livonia Public Schools, will conduct a workshop on the technique of reverse painting on glass, 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at D&M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton.

Participants should bring a piece of glass, about 8-by-10-inches. Lawton will talk about the history of the art and will walk the group through the process and participants will take home their own unique piece of artwork. D & M Art Studio will provide basic paint colors and brushes but attendees also may bring their own supplies.

"Painting on glass is a very old way of expressing artistic talent. Years ago, when everyone had a pendulum clock sitting on the mantle, the glass was often embellished with painting on the reverse side. Very often gold paint was used," Lawton said, in a press release.



Doreen Lawton's All Creatures Great and Small is an example of painting on glass.

SUBMITTED

Lawton graduated from Eastern Michigan University as an art major and was certified to teach in K-eighth grades. She is a member of Three Cities Art Club, which is presenting the free workshop.

For more information, call Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939. Visit the club's website at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

OCTOBER

CROP WALK LIVONIA/GARDEN CITY

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. registration, 2 p.m. walk starts, Sunday, Oct. 5

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Walkers raise money for hunger relief. Choice of 4-mile, 2-mile and half-mile routes

Contact: Peggy Nelson, 734-422-0834; Rev. Joel Puntigam, 734-464-8844; pastorjoel@sttimothypcusa.org

CROP WALK PLYMOUTH/CANTON

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. registration, 2 p.m. walk, Sunday, Oct. 12

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Walkers raise money for hunger relief

Contact: Gary and Becky Copenhaver at 734-981-6023; bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com

DRAMA

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10

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

Details: Canales Academy presents "An Evening of Sacred Drama." Three biblical stories will be brought to life with song and dance through the compositions of Michael Canales. Champagne reception follows. Tickets are \$20

Contact: 734-427-3660

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Arts and crafts, vintage flea market and more; proceeds used to fill Christmas baskets

Contact: Denise at 248-474-4162

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 13-15

Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: The Rev. Cedric Pisegna is an author, Catholic television and radio personality with a program, Live with Passion that airs on TBN, the Church Channel and Radio Maria

Contact: 734-981-1333

PHOTO EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Reception and opening 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10; viewing hours 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 30

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield

Details: "Pioneering Voices" consists of photos and stories of transgender persons

Contact: 248-354-4488; www.northwestuu.org.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17; 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 18

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: A little something for everyone including specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only

Contact: 248-477-1410

NOVEMBER

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford

Details: Seeking crafters; 8-foot tables available for \$25 each

Contact: Sue Makins at 313-516-7249

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

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

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

RELIGION CALENDAR

Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

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

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399 for additional information

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244, for additional information

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

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MAXWELL, THOMAS A.

September 28, 2014 Age 81. Born in Birmingham, MI and graduated from Birmingham High School and Wayne State University. Proud US Army veteran. Retired after 37 years at General Motors Corp. Beloved husband of the late Nancy (nee Tucker) for 56 years. Loving father of David (Kay). Devoted grandfather of Cameron and Alexander. Family will receive friends Monday, October 13th 5-8p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Memorial Service Tuesday, October 14th 10a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association.

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MERTA, RONALD A.

Age 77, passed away September 28, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 25, 1937, in Detroit, son of the late Charles & Ann Merta. Ronald was a very talented artist and owned and operated Creative House Advertising Agency of Metro Detroit. He enjoyed painting and could often be found working on his favorite crossword puzzles or enjoying Polish food. Ronald was a proud member of the Adcrafters Association of Detroit and the Livonia VFW Post 345. He was a true family man and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving children: Denise Hayes, Doug (Monika) Merta, and Debbie (Mark Walters) Merta; his grandchildren: Gavin, Owen and Drake Walters, Lauren Guerrero, Danielle, Lily, Rosco and Zosia Hayes. Ronald is also survived by his sisters: Connie Wilkins and Beverly Allevato. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; his son-in-law, Forrest and his parents. The family received friends on Thursday, October 2, at the Courthouse Grille, Plymouth, MI. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, October 3, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, Livonia, MI. Donations may be made to: American Diabetes Association. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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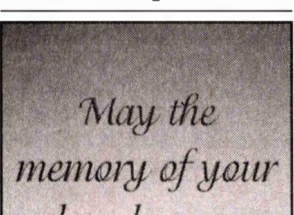
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MOTL, JERRY LAWRENCE

Passed away on September 30, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. Jerry was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Lawrence and Jennie Motl on July 16, 1930. He graduated from Bedford High School in 1948. It was at Bedford High School where he met his future wife, Phyllis Tremaine. Surviving Jerry is his wife of 63 years, Phyllis; and their three children, Deborah Motl Jones (Gary), Michael McKay (Charlene), Melanie Scott (Christopher); seven grandchildren, Laura Jones Morris (Austin), Drew Jones, Michael and Mac McKay, Tyler, Ryan and Haley Scott; and including two great-grandchildren, Olivia and Lucy Morris. Jerry spent two years in the Coast Guard on The USS Mackinaw. After returning from service, Jerry completed his Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University. Jerry worked 25 years for Cunningham Drugs, and most recently retired from Sav-On-Drugs. Jerry was an avid Tigers fan. However his most important role was being a family man, at which he excelled. Friends can join in a celebration of Jerry's life on Monday, October 6 at noon, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, located on 1589 West Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Donations can be made in memorial to the Endowment Fund of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.



QUANT, EDWARD B.

Age 87, a former long-standing resident of Plymouth, passed away on August 10, 2014. A private family service was held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Indian River, MI on August 23, 2014. Ed was born in Oxford, OH on December 26, 1926, to Leslie and Ruby Quant. Soon after, the family moved to Valley City, ND, where Ed spent his childhood years, graduating from Valley City High School in 1943. Drafted into the U.S. Navy, Ed served as a Petty Officer Third Class on a minesweeper in the South Pacific during World War II. After his discharge from military service, he enrolled at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA, where he met his future wife Alice Marie Briggs. After graduation the couple was married on June 18, 1949, and moved to Iowa City, IA while Ed earned a Master's degree in Labor and Industrial Management from the University of Iowa. His career in the trucking

To your health: Flu shot key to reducing your risk of illness

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Dr. James Gordon, M.D., is an infectious disease physician at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. He and fellow physicians and other health care pros are urging people to get their flu shots.

"Absolutely," said West Bloomfield resident Gordon, a graduate of Northwestern University's medical school. "Every year, people die from influenza."

Less than half of those eligible get the shot, said Gordon. "It's been clearly demonstrated it's extremely safe," he said.

Some underestimate the significance of flu, he's found. Over 100 kids died of flu in the U.S. last year, and over 90 percent of them weren't vaccinated.

Dr. Deanna Master has a solo practice in Novi, and is a family practice doctor. The Northville Township resident agreed flu shots are key.

"Definitely, definitely," she said. "It prevents the acute illness which is quite severe in some cases." People can be off work or out of school five-seven days, and complications like pneumonia and even death are possible.

Master noted flu shots come in late September or early October. She's had hers and took her daughter for her shot Sept. 24.

Everyone 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine. It takes about two



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Dr. Jacqueline Sennott gets her flu shot from Dr. James Gordon at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

weeks after vaccination for your body to develop full protection against the flu, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Master, a Wayne State University medical school graduate with Providence Hospital affiliation, noted there's now a high-dose shot for seniors 65 and up. Gordon said that high-dose shot, available the last few years, was shown effective in a *New England Journal of Medicine* study. "That was very promising data," he said.

There's a nasal spray available for children 2 and up, and Master noted it can be used in adults up to 49 who fear shots.

Pregnant women are particularly urged to get the vaccine, for themselves and especially for their babies, Gordon said. Health care workers also are urged to get vaccinated.

Gordon said the Detroit Medical Center has mandatory vaccines for staff, with over 99 percent complying last year.

"And that's not uncommon," he said. "I've seen it in other hospitals as well."

The physicians agree frequent hand washing is also essential. "It's the main thing to do," said Master, along with "kind of avoiding people who are sick."

If you do become ill, don't be a martyr and go to work. "Definitely not, no," she said. "Stay home and recuperate." She recommends Motrin for pain and fluids, along with rest.

Cost concerns some patients, although low-cost options exist for the vaccine, Master said. There can be slight discomfort at the spot of the shot, "but nothing as severe as the flu. Finally, I think there's some concern, urban legend that flu is caused by the flu shot," Master said.

That's untrue, and egg-free origin shots are now offered for those with egg allergies, she said. Master tells her patients to avoid aspirin products for children, citing the Guillain Barre neurological syndrome. She recommends Motrin or Tylenol.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory disease that infects the nose, throat, and lungs and can lead to serious complications, hospitalization, or even death. Pneumonia and bronchitis are examples of serious complications. The flu also can cause certain health conditions, like diabetes, asthma, and heart and lung disease, to become worse.

Flu viruses are constantly

OAKLAND COUNTY SHOTS

Oakland County Health Division will offer the flu vaccine that guards against four flu viruses this season. This year's vaccine protects against Type A H1N1 and H3N2 and two Type B strains which are most likely to occur this season.

Flu shots cost \$20. The high-dose flu shot recommended for those 65 and older is \$34 and covered by Medicare. They will be available at Health Division offices in Pontiac and Southfield from noon to 8 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Residents are encouraged to pre-register for their flu shot at www.oakgov.com/health.

The Health Division will also hold community outreach clinics at the following locations:

Oct. 7, 3-7 p.m., Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce
Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Madison Heights Senior Center, 29448 John R, Madison Heights

Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy
Oct. 15, 3-7 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston
Oct. 16, 3-7 p.m., Walled Lake Community Ed, 615 N Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

Online registrants must print out a consent form to bring with them to the clinic where they are pre-enrolled. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, health insurance, Medicare, and/or Medicaid. Credit card fees apply. One may also pay cash at the time of the appointment. Those who are unable to register online may call 248-858-7350 or 248-424-7120.

changing, and different flu viruses circulate and cause illness each season, according to the CDC. Flu vaccines are made each year to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common. This is why everyone needs a flu vaccine every season.

In addition to pregnant women and health care workers, the vaccine is especially important for:

» People who are at high risk of developing serious complications (like pneumonia) if they get sick with the flu.

» People who have certain

medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, and chronic lung disease.

» People younger than 5 years (and especially those younger than 2), and people 65 years and older.

» People who live with or care for others who are at high risk of developing serious complications.

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» Household contacts and caregivers of infants younger than 6 months old.

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Upcoming

ACA learning session

Botsford Hospital presents a series of monthly learning sessions on the Affordable Care Act (ACA), 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 10 and Jan. 7, 2015, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The ACA marketplace open enrollment period is Nov. 15-Feb. 15, 2015. The sessions, which are free, will help people learn about their options under the ACA; 248-442-1633

Breast Cancer Month

Evita Singh, M.D., radiologist and medical director of Garden City Hospital's Center for Breast Care, will discuss lifestyle, breast health, mammogram guidelines and cancer prevention, at the Pampered Pink event, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Westland Shopping Center's East Court, 35000 W.

Warren Road, Westland. Pampered Pink is free and also will include lunch, massages, health screening, and prize drawings. 734-458-4259 or visit GCH.org.

Gala fundraiser

Sweet Dreamzzz presents A Night to R.E.M.ember, 7-11 p.m. Oct. 24 at The Roostertail, 100 Marquette Drive, Detroit. The event includes dinner, silent and live auctions and entertain-

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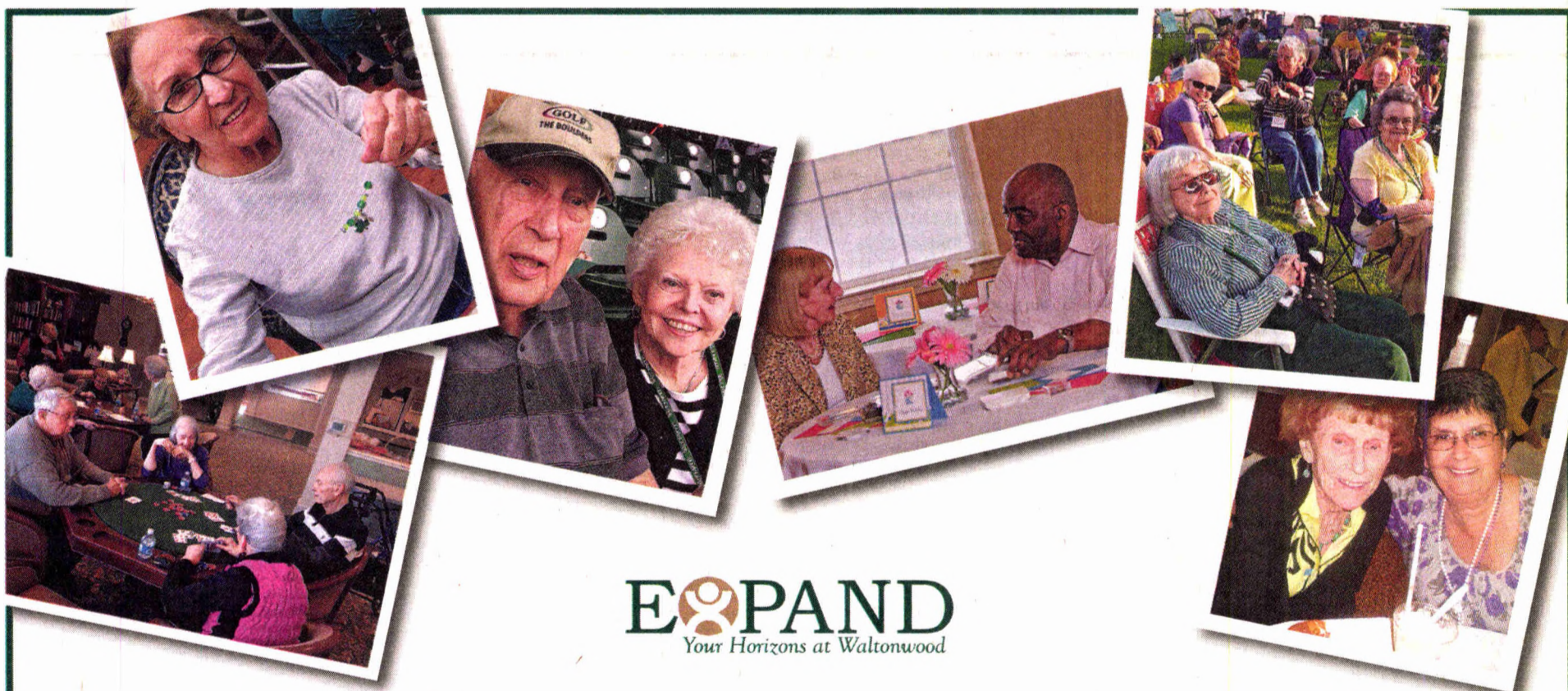
Gynecologic cancer

Presented by the Foundation for Women's Cancer, the 2014 Gynecologic Cancer Survivors Course runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, west of Drake, West Bloomfield.

Presentations on ovarian and uterine cancer. Register at foundationforwomenscancer.org or call 312-578-1439.

Hearing loss support

The Hearing Loss Association of America will present information on induction loops and hearing aid telecoils, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297.



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7 gigs that make good *Second jobs*

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder Writer

Perhaps it's to help cover your bills. Or maybe it's to seek fulfillment not experienced at your day job. Whatever the reason, if you are looking to get a second job, you're not alone. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 7 million Americans hold more than one job.

Here, experts and job seekers weigh in on what they consider to be the best moonlighting gigs. The suggestions run the gamut from child care to cosmetic procedures, but all provide a means for pulling in some extra income.

1. *Second job:* bartender

Details: "I am an attorney who moonlights as a bartender," says Brianna Sadler, partner at a law firm in Minnesota. "It's actually a great way to meet future clients without violating the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, as I am able to have a personal relationship with the guests/clients and help fulfill both their need for a drink and possibly legal advice. As I am a plaintiff's attorney, it's also a great way to pay my rent until I have my 'one big case' we all dream about."

Potential pay: Bartenders earn a mean hourly wage of \$10.25, according to the BLS.

2. *Second job:* freelancer

Details: "I recently started my own consulting business in August, and while I was getting that up and running, I was actively seeking freelance writing work," says Sophia Hahl Mitchell, principal at Sophia Mitchell & Associates. "Taking small gigs through freelance sites ... can be a great way to supplement income. The best part is that this work can be done at home, before or after a 'regular job.'"

Potential pay: While pay varies based on the type of freelance assignment, Mitchell says she earned \$3,000 in four months by doing a variety of freelance work, including writing for a travel website and ghostwriting blog content.

3. *Second job:* cosmetic laser technician

Details: "Cosmetic laser technician is a career some people do part time while holding down another full-time job," says Louis Silberman, president of National Laser Institute. "Cosmetic laser technicians work mostly in med spas and doctors' offices as independent contractors. They perform procedures like laser hair removal and laser skin resurfacing. Some RNs have received their laser certification to increase their earning



Bartender



Child-care Provider

5. *Second job:* Futures trader

Details: A recent survey conducted by TopStepTrader, an international scouting agency that recruits and trains futures traders, found that more than half of the workers surveyed conduct futures trading as a second job. "With the markets open 23-24 hours a day, there is a lot of flexibility and profitability in this career as a second alternative job," says Michael Patak, president and CEO of TopStepTrader.

Potential pay: According to TopStepTrader, part-time traders who trade lightly can earn an estimated \$2,000 a month, while active part-time traders can average up to around \$4,000 a month.

6. *Second job:* Container/organization sales consultant

Details: If you're outgoing and like organization, consider being a sales consultant for a container company. In this role, you'll help plan or host fun parties -- often held at people's homes -- where guests will have the opportunity to try out and buy your products. Some companies now offer e-commerce options, too.

Potential pay: Earning potential can vary based on company and role. Lee Padgett of Clever

Container says their starting consultants make 20 percent on their retail sales, and after they reach \$1,000 worth of product sales, they make 25 percent on their retail sales.

7. *Second job:* mystery shopper

Details: Bethany Mooradian, author of "The Mystery Shopper Training Program," suggests mystery shopping as a great way to earn extra cash. "To be a successful mystery shopper, a person needs to be reliable [and] honest, have basic Internet skills, decent writing, spelling and observation skills and live in a fairly metropolitan area," Mooradian says.

"Any time I've needed money, I just jump right back into mystery shopping ... It's perfect for anyone who wants a flexible way of earning extra income, has basic skills and doesn't want to stay trapped behind a desk."

Potential pay: Mystery shoppers can make up to \$38,520 in annual salary, according to CBSalary.com.

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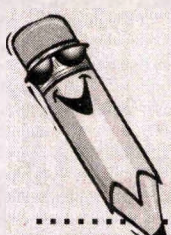
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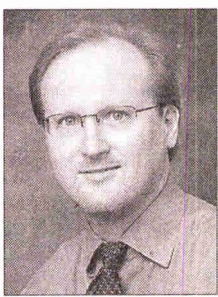
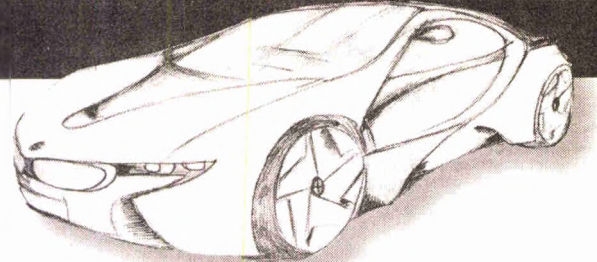
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Car Report

In Detroit and New York, Cadillac Now Has A Lot On Its Plate



By Dale Buss

growing GM Financial and improve operating efficiencies.

But when it came to GM's brands, it wasn't the mainstream presence of Chevrolet that she focused on, nor the tremendous recent performance and future promise of Buick, nor the profit-making machine that GMC has become with its large SUVs and robust pickup trucks.

It was Cadillac. GM has to figure out how to revitalize its flagship luxury brand, and fast, not just in China but also in the United States,

for Barra and her associates to leave the kind of legacy that she had envisioned when she took the company's helm in January and before she was preoccupied for a half a year by the safety-recall fiasco.

GM is establishing its flagship brand as a separate business unit headquartered in New York City to pursue growth opportunities in the luxury market with more focus and clarity, she explained. Cadillac expects to introduce four new vehicles in North America in 2015, including the recently announced CT6. In addition, Cadillac plans to introduce nine new models in the next five years in China, which is expected to become the world's largest luxury car market later this decade.

He already has indicated that Cadillac intends to leave behind the brand's traditional customer

base in favor of affluent consumers by fortifying the brand, keeping pricing firm despite dealer concerns, improving the customer experience in Cadillac dealerships, and launching the CT6. De Nysschen also informed dealers that he would be trying to create a new faux "scarcity" of Cadillacs, similar to what he did with Audi, which would mean an end to the current era of incentivizing in which dealers are having to remove several thousand dollars from the lofty prices of Cadillac mainstays such as the CTS sedan.

Meanwhile, de Nysschen also wants to move Cadillac headquarters to New York as he establishes the brand more autonomously and starts a brand "leadership council" that also includes Chief Marketing Officer Uwe Ellinghaus and others. From Park Avenue to Madison Avenue, the city is home to the largest concentration of high net worth individuals in North America. So why wouldn't an ambitious US premium brand want to be headquartered there?

"There is no city in the world where the inhabitants are more immersed in a premium lifestyle than in New York," de Nysschen said in a GM press release. "Establishing our new global headquarters in Soho places Cadillac at the epicenter of sophisticated living. It allows our team to share experiences with premium-brand consumers and develop attitudes in common with our audience."

And as noted by Michelle Krebs,



GM CEO Mary Barra explains strategic plan that focuses on Cadillac.

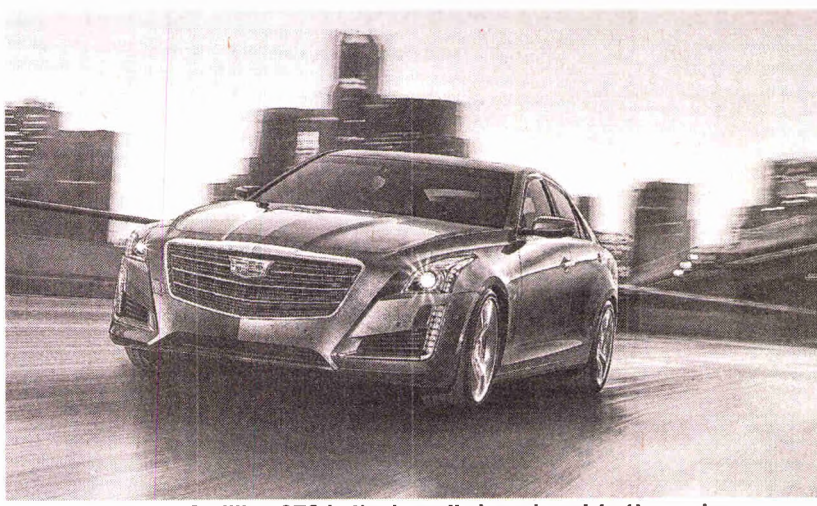
senior analyst at AutoTrader.com, "BMW and Mercedes-Benz are headquartered just outside of New York. The city is the center of advertising and media, and it is where deals are made such as cooperative ventures Cadillac is discussing."

Never mind that Detroit may have a better future than only recently imagined or that it's going to take a whole lot of New York sophisticates to help de Nysschen turn around Cadillac. The brand's sales have been sliding this year despite its best-ever lineup of worthy products and a strong overall luxury auto market in the United States. De Nysschen's challenges include perceptions that Cadillac vehicles don't match up to the price tags on competing German models, and an aging design language based on sharply sculpted exteriors.

Neither does Cadillac have an entry in the hottest luxury segment: compact crossover-utility vehicles. But sibling brand Buick

does. Yet this kind of mold-breaking move is vintage de Nysschen. He put Audi of America on a robust upward arc with a stronger product line, and bold brand-making moves that established more ambitious investments by dealers and attracted US consumers looking for a hipper alternative to BMW and Mercedes-Benz. De Nysschen was trying to bring some of the same mojo to Infiniti as he helmed the brand over the last two years, but was wooed away by GM recruiters.

GM President Dan Ammann said that Cadillac's "mission is to reinstate the brand to a pre-eminent position among global luxury brands, a bold challenge requiring a distinct and focused new organization." Evidently he and GM Barra agreed that this couldn't be accomplished with the Cadillac brain trust based in Detroit. And now they've got more than ever riding on whether de Nysschen can pull it off in New York.



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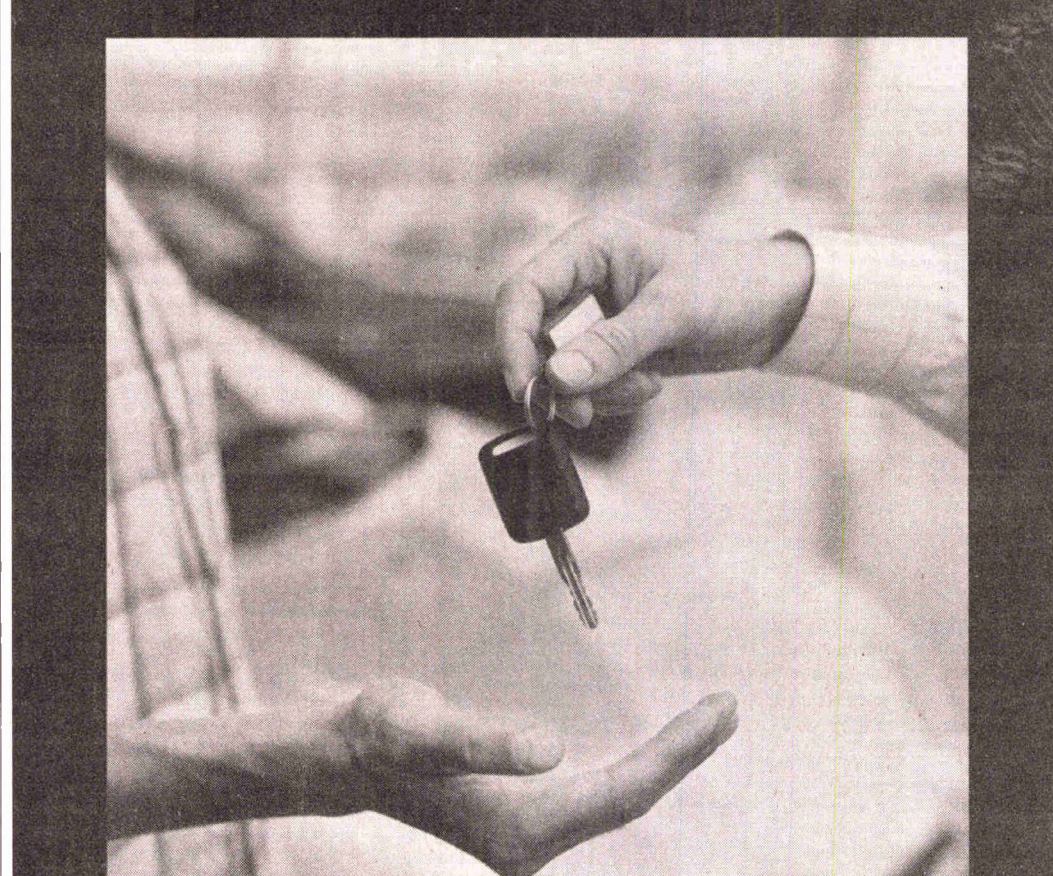
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