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## New 'Y' chair

Plymouth Township resident Paula Brown has been named board chairman of the Plymouth Community YMCA. Brown is the chief development officer for Starfish Family Services and has served on the YMCA Board of Directors since 2008.

"This is an important year for the YMCA," explained Sage Hegdal,



Brown

executive director of the Plymouth Community YMCA. "Our board is currently working

on a strategic plan to provide more programs and services to the community. Paula has over 10 years of experience as a Y parent, employee and volunteer, which we think will help us as we determine the next steps for serving our community."

For more information about the YMCA and the Board of Directors, contact Sage Hegdal at (734) 453-2904.

# PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

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## Ownership of former prison site in dispute

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The 2011 sale of 323 acres of land to Plymouth Township through a Wayne County tax foreclosure has caught the attention of Detroit city officials, who are questioning the sale's legality.

The rectangular-shaped parcel just south of Five Mile and west of Ridge Road was conveyed to the township a year ago this

Land dispute's origin tied to '06 sale, A6.

month for \$606,000 in back taxes. It is part of the former site of the Detroit House of Corrections, a prison dating from the 1920s that was closed in 1986.

The land was forfeited by the county last year from Demco 54, a subsidiary of the Plymouth Township-based DeMattia Group.

But a report by Timothy Beckett, an attorney in Detroit's law depart-

ment, says 190 acres were still owned by Detroit after part of the land, 133 acres, was sold to Demco in June 2006. The 133 acres sold to Demco 54 were made up of the land closest to the Five Mile-Ridge intersection, a map attached to Beckett's report shows.

**Illegal forfeiture?**

Beckett contends the division of

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## House forum

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County hosts a candidates forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, for those running for the 20th and 21st districts in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The 20th District seat includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and part of Canton. The 21st District includes Belleville, Van Buren Township and Canton. Dian Slavens and Joe Barnabei, running for the 21st District seat, and Kurt Heise and Tim Roraback, the 20th District candidates, have all agreed to attend.

## U-M tickets

Enter our Facebook contest for a chance to win two tickets to see the University of Michigan Wolverines homecoming game against Illinois on Saturday, Oct. 13, at The Big House. Entering is easy, just go to our website, hometownlife.com, and look to the right in our Don't Miss module for the Wolverines ticket contest.

The prize winner will be selected in a random drawing from among all eligible entries Oct. 10.

## Halloween straw men going up at Kellogg Park

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

They jump, kick, spin and stare, but probably don't scare all that much.

The Scarecrows in the Park, that is, the annual Halloween-season installment of genuine stuffed scarecrows along the Main Street side of Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Scarecrow sponsors — businesses, community groups, sports teams — began setting up their decorated dummies on Friday. Installation continues for a week, and the scarecrows can stay up through Halloween on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The display is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and has been around for about 15 years. There had been 25 scarecrows between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail in years past, but the number was increased to 30 this year, said Teri Fry, the chamber's events manager.

Tanya Panizzo and Russell Gale, the co-owners of Midwest Tae Kwon Do, were putting up their business' scarecrow during the lunch hour on Friday. The straw-filled martial-arts competitor, in a high-kick pose, was wearing a white *dobok*, Korean for uniform, with a white *dee*, or belt. A silver-colored mask completed the figure.

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The Plymouth Community United Way's scarecrow is one of what is expected to be some 30 scarecrows ringing Kellogg Park.

## Condo deal doesn't keep Daisy Wall

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The Daisy Wall is still standing, but the last legal barrier protecting it has come down.

The Plymouth City Commission on Monday approved a new development agreement with Daisy at Plymouth LLC, the company behind the stalled Daisy Square condominium project, that removed a provision that the Daisy Wall preserved and made part of a condominium building.

The new agreement calls instead for a small park at the Daisy Wall site before further condominium construction can proceed.

The three-story Daisy Wall, just off Union Street, is the last remnant of the 1880s factory where Daisy Air Rifles were built for seven decades. Its fate was the focus of a nearly two-year battle between the Plymouth Preservation Network and Joseph Freed and Associates, Daisy at Plymouth's parent company, which had sought permission to tear it down.

The issue was before the Plymouth Planning Commission for months, with city officials and Daisy Square residents, in addition to PPN members and Freed representatives, weighing in.

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## Board set to hear search firms

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education begins the process of finding a new leader Monday when the board meets to interview four firms bidding to lead the search.

Interviews start Monday, Sept. 24, at 5 p.m. in the board meeting room on the second floor of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in downtown Plymouth.

All four finalists are from out-of-state. From a list of nine potential bidders, the board has narrowed the choices to four:

- PROACT of Wilmette, Ill.
- B.W.P. of Libertyville, Ill.

- School Exec Connect of Highland Park, Ill.
- Ray & Associates of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The chosen firm will help choose a replacement for Jeremy Hughes, completing his second full school year as the district's superintendent. Hughes, a former Michigan Department of Education assistant superintendent and former superintendent in Dearborn, was hired a couple of years ago as an interim superintendent or the 2011-12 school year. Midway through that appointment, the Board of Education got Hughes to agree to stay on through

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## Chief royalty

Canton High School's homecoming week is capped off with the crowning of Queen Anna Holthus and King C.J. Hayes during halftime of the Canton vs. Livonia Churchill football game. Churchill beat Canton with a final score of 43-40. See page B1 for game coverage.



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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial (between Sheldon and Beck)

**Details:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts a rummage sale featuring a large variety of household goods, clothing, jewelry, books, toys and more with 2-for-\$5 bag sale from noon to 5 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for United Methodist Women with proceeds to benefit those in need here and worldwide.

**CHARTER OPEN HOUSE**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy, 48484 N. Territorial in Plymouth

**Details:** Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy hosts an open house, where staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question-and-answer period.

**Contact:** Call (866) 642-



**Slider time**

Members of the Salem Varsity Football team faced off in a Slider Eating contest earlier this month at RealBarBq in Canton. Ten of their top eaters were split into two teams, the Blue Team and the White Team. The Blue Team (and winning team), made up of Nick Howie, Albert 'Scooter' Martin, Paul Somerville, Casey Shaughnessy and Ray Williams, maintained a steady pace to squeeze out a narrow victory over the White Team, comprised of Alex Smith, Michael Hoover, Travis Babb, Vince Troner and Tony Avant. The teams competed in a relay-style eating race where each player had three sliders to eat before the next player could start. Bragging rights went to the Blue Team. The Salem football team, coaches and their families meet on Monday nights at Real BarBQ in Canton to review the game reel from the previous week on the big screens and enjoy a little fun off the field.

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**JAZZ @ THE ELKS**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7-10 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge # 780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Elks

Lodge #1780 hosts the jazz mastery of the Paul Vorn-Hagen Quartet with Paul on Sax and Flute, Chuck Shermatero on Keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on Bass and Pete Siers on Drums. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors

d'oeuvres.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

**MOM 2 MOM SALE**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m. (early bird), 9 a.m. to noon (regular)

**Location:** St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** The Mom 2 Mom sale features 74 tables of gently used maternity, baby, and kids items. There will be a bake sale and refreshments. Proceeds benefit St. Edith/St. Kenneth MOPS.

**Contact:** www.stekmops.org

**AMERICAN SEWING GUILD**

**Date/Time:** First Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth

**Details:** the American Sewing Guild-Plymouth-Canton Neighborhood Group is open to all sewists of all levels. Demonstrations at upcoming meetings include "Sewn Yarn Scarf" Oct. 1; and "Purse/tote challenge judging and holiday gift ideas" Nov. 1.

**Contact:** For more information, email asgpc@comcast.net

United Way kicks off annual campaign

Plymouth Community United Way has kicked off its 2012 Campaign to raise money for partner agencies and grant recipients who provide basic needs and resources for residents of Plymouth, Canton and the western Wayne area.

The agency is reaching out to individuals, businesses, industry, and professionals to make a donation or run a campaign at the office. Everyone benefits when families are financially stable and healthy.

Last year, in addition to funding partner agencies, Plymouth Community United Way organized Make a Difference days to clean yards of senior citizens and people with disabilities, and collected new hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves, and food for those in need.

Donations can be made to Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. For information, call (734) 453-6879.

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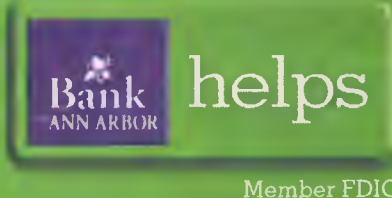
huntedway.org to learn about the partner agencies such as Angela Hospice, First Step, The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, Community Opportunity Center, Human Service Collaborative, Growth Works, and many others. The nonprofits offer a variety of services from food pantries to bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, programs and shelter for domestic violence victims and their children, grief counseling, and opportunities for Girl and Boy scouts to develop skills and become valuable members of the community.

Serving the Plymouth and Canton community since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

For more information about giving, contact Linda Ann Chomin, Campaign & Community Relations Associate at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 5.

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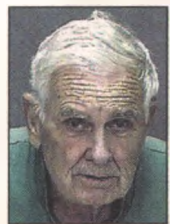
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# Plymouth man faces trial in fatal motorcycle crash

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer



Montgomery

A Plymouth man has been ordered bound over for trial on two drunken driving felonies stemming from a traffic accident that killed a Garden City man and seriously injured his wife.

Robert John Montgomery, 79, waived his preliminary examination Thursday in 18th District. Free on bond, he was scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on Oct. 4.

Montgomery is charged with operating while impaired causing death and operating while

impaired causing serious injury. Police said he had a .11 blood alcohol level at the hospital following the July 24 accident. The legal limit for drunken driving in Michigan is .08.

Gary West, 56, of Garden City was killed in the accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Park Drive. His wife, Susan, 54, was critically injured in the accident and remains hospitalized.

"My mom is still in the University of Michigan Hospi-

tal. She had been released to a rehab center but got an infection in her shoulder and they had to clean it out," said the couple's son Matt West, who attended the hearing.

Susan West suffered injuries to her shoulders, legs, arms and multiple broken ribs, her son said.

"She's got to learn to walk again," said West, one of the couple's three children.

The accident happened just before 9:30 p.m. Police said the motorcycle ridden by the Garden City couple was southbound on Hines Drive.

As the motorcycle approached Ann Arbor Trail,

police said a four-door sedan traveling northbound attempted to make a left turn onto Ann Arbor Trail.

"There were four witnesses at the scene who saw the defendant turn left in front of ongoing traffic," said Westland Police Officer Nathan McRae.

The motorcycle dropped to the pavement and began sliding. Police said the motorcycle struck the turning vehicle, causing both rider and passenger to be ejected.

Unlike his wife, Gary West was not wearing a helmet when the crash occurred.

"They rode (their motorcycle) almost every night. They

rode specifically on Hines Drive because they thought it was a safe area," said Matt West, whose parents have been Garden City residents for 28 years.

Having entered a not guilty plea, Montgomery has no prior alcohol-related offenses, according to police.

"It's been rough for me personally. If my dad is cremated because of this guy (Montgomery), then he should die behind bars," said Matt West. "I hate to put it so bluntly but he shouldn't leave free when my dad is dead at 56."

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## BOARD

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the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Hughes has been adamant he won't stay longer than that.

Board members have said they'd like to be able to screen initial candidates by December, begin interviews in January and select finalists by early February. The successful candidate would be chosen by mid-May.

"The key point is that, by March or April, if anyone is going to move to another dis-

trict, that's when they're going to make that decision," board Secretary Judy Mardigian, who was the board president the last time the district conducted a search, said earlier this year.

Mardigian called the upcoming decision "critical."

"The superintendent will drive the direction of the district for the next three-five years," she said. "I think building in the step for an interim is a smart step because of the importance of the decision."

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"It's a lot of fun, first of all," said Panizzo, "It's a good way for people to see what we're about." Midwest joined the annual display six years ago, she said.

Panizzo had brought her daughter, Lila, 6, along, and Lila pronounced the Midwest scarecrow funny, not scary.

Panizzo said she likes to look at the other scarecrows in the display. Her favorite last year, she said, was one sponsored by a soccer team that had the play-

er, uh, scarecrow, upside down in midair in the midst of a play.

"They're a lot of fun," she said.

"We're probably coming by every day and checking them out," said Gale.

Doug Squires of Plymouth Township stopped by a few minutes later to snap a photo of the tae kwon do scarecrow.

"I like the pose and I like the face," Squires said. "He was up last year."

Squires said he visits Kellogg Park every year to take pictures of his favorites. He'll then send copies to the sponsoring organizations, either in an e-mail or even on a postcard, he said.

"I walk by almost every day, so I'll be watching them as they go up," he said.

The display is good for Plymouth, Squires said. "I think it gets people down here," he said.

The scarecrow sponsors — all available slots are taken this year — pay \$35 each, and the money goes toward the city, which installs the support poles and provides cleanup service when the display is finished, and toward the purchase of the bales of hay that complement the figures.

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The Discovery Middle School band at its spring concert.

## Discovery band earns top honors

The Discovery Middle School Band has been recognized for their outstanding musical achievement by the Foundation of Music Education, a national organization which is dedicated to the support and advancement of music education through scholarships and other worthwhile projects, including its Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors Project.

The Mark of Excellence is a recorded music contest offering bands, choirs, and orchestras the opportunity to earn national recognition for their musical achievement.

The Discovery Bands had a whirlwind spring this past school year, earning highest honors at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association festival, and competing in Chicago at the Festivals of Music competition, which represented many groups from four states. The eighth-grade band won third-place standing in the Concert Band I class (the highest division), and the seventh-grade band won the first-place class championship in the Concert Band II class.

At the end of the school year, a musician col-



The Discovery Middle School band took the stage for a performance in Chicago.

league of Discovery band director Marc Whitlock suggested he enter the band into the recorded music contest.

"After much research, I decided to enter the contest, simply to get feedback and evaluations from the nationally acclaimed judges who would be reviewing our recordings and literature," Whitlock said.

Hundreds of groups enter each year, and most recognized winners are from Texas, Whitlock said, as the funding and staffing for music education is massive and the school music groups are of the highest quality possible.

"I never imagined we might actually place amongst the best, and I am thrilled for our students, our parents, our district, and our school," Whitlock said.

This year, there were 184 groups representing more than 20 states from across the nation who entered the Mark of Excellence competition. All groups are evaluated and ranked regardless of age level (high schools and middle schools compete in the same classification), and those groups meeting their highest quality achievement criteria are awarded.

Discovery Middle School Band met that cri-

teria, and was selected as the highest achieving group from the state of Michigan. There were eight other state winners who also met the high quality criteria, and those winners represent Georgia, California, Louisiana, Hawaii, Kansas, Illinois and Virginia.

Whitlock said the band's success in due, in large part, to support received from people such as Discovery principal Roche LaVictor and assistant principal Terry Sawchuk.

For more on the Discovery Middle School band program visit [www.discoverybands.org](http://www.discoverybands.org).

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### West hits 50

West Middle School is celebrating 50 years of student success this month. The school will host an open house 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, complete with tours, refreshments, school history presentations and musical performances. The public is welcome to join in the educational celebration.

For more information contact West Principal Clint Smiley at [clint.smiley@pccsmail.net](mailto:clint.smiley@pccsmail.net) or former West Principal Judy Stone at [jbstone716@comcast.net](mailto:jbstone716@comcast.net)

### Top EMU alumni

The Eastern Michigan University School of Social Work has selected P-CCS social worker Susan McDaniel as the 2012 Alumni of the Year Award recipient. McDaniel is the social worker for Bird, Farrand and Gallimore Elementary Schools and West Middle School this school year. Recipients of this award are selected based on their contributions to their profession through leadership in professional/disciplinary organizations among other enduring accomplishments.

The award ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in the EMU Student Center Ballroom A.

### Computer grant

The East Middle School after-school club, "Michigan Makers," recently received a \$1,400 grant from Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning.

Michigan Makers is a partnership between the East Media Center and the University Of Michigan School of Information.

Last year, the school ran an after-school computer programming club that included more than 15 students.

The grant builds on student enthusiasm for hands-on learning and new technologies. East Media Specialist Rachel Goldberg will lead the student group toward more focused and authentic goals of sharing their inventions and learning from others.

The project introduces hands-on technology to interested students who will progress along a continuum from concrete to abstract understandings of circuitry, microprocessors, and computer programming, using low-cost materials.

As part of the grant, Goldberg and the U-M students will present at this year's MACUL conference in Detroit in March. East students also will be involved in the presentation. The club meets in the East Media Center every Tuesday afternoon from 3-4:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 25.

### Technology chats

A small group of educators from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools recently received a \$1,000 grant from Community Financial for hosting technology chats throughout the school year called Tech Tuesdays.

This year, P-CCS teachers are working to continue to Fuel the Passion by organizing a P-CCS iPad Boot Camp. The presenters at the camp will be P-CCS teachers who have found exciting ways to engage students through the use of iPads. This grant will allow the group to buy the supplies needed to host the event, organize the facilities and support the teachers who will be a part of the program.

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subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won**. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Team Northridge Ridge Runners training on Sept. 15 for the Chicago Marathon as a fundraiser for clean water in Zambia.

## Water project quenches area runners' thirst

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

That large group of orange-shirted runners you may have seen moving along Hines Drive on weekends is on a mission – to provide clean water for Zambia through the World Vision organization.

Novi residents Billy Downs, 47, and Tony Hobart, 57, are serving as captains of the contingency, Team Northridge Ridge Runners, which is preparing to run in the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 7.

"It started within Northridge," said Downs, who has been a member of the Plymouth church since 2004. "World Vision came to us and asked if anybody might want to do it. Myself and Tony decided this would be a nice project to take on and gather people to run a marathon, change some lives on the other side of the world and work on their own lives."

That was in November last year, and the two

### YOU CAN HELP

To learn more about Team Northridge Ridge Runners and to contribute to the cause, visit [www.teamworldvision.org/goto/ridgerunners](http://www.teamworldvision.org/goto/ridgerunners).

started recruiting family, friends and neighbors in January, and marketed the opportunity in their church and others. They number around 250.

"It's amazing," said Downs. "Probably 75 percent have never done a marathon or haven't run in 20 to 40 years. The life-changing that's happening – people losing tons of weight. It's awesome to watch."

Their goal is to raise \$500,000 for a clean water project in two communities in Zambia. They're at \$191,000 two and a half weeks to go.

"We still have a great chance to raise our goal," said Downs.

One of those participating runners is Bobbie Murphy, a neighbor of Downs who caught the

excitement.

"Billy has just got so much energy and passion for doing something that's productive," said Murphy.

She started the "painful" training in June, and noted that some will have to walk the Chicago Marathon due to injuries – "but they're committed to finishing it," she said.

The group meets at 7 a.m. on Saturdays behind the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. This past weekend, they did a 20-mile run, and this Saturday's will be 12 miles. Each member is supposed to run at least three other times during the week as well.

"Most are sticking to the plan," said Murphy, who was a sprinter in high school and ran a quite a few road races "pre-children".

"I'm getting there," she said of her conditioning, "but I'm excited to have it over."

Saturday was a hard race. It's a nice training plan, but it's nutritious-everything! They come with tips each week – what to eat, get enough rest, get a good night's sleep two nights prior."

Downs, a resident of Novi since 1995, started running in 2001 when he said he was "working and not really staying fit." He did his first triathlon that year.

"It changed my lifestyles," he said. "I started enjoying the sport, and I still compete. I do different events, probably one or two marathons a year, but my focus is mostly on triathalons."

The local group of runners will all find different ways to get to Chicago, but most of them are staying at the same hotel. Some are going earlier than others to help organize.

"There's one Northville girl who every week writes with sidewalk chalk motivational things (on their path)," said Murphy. "We're out there at 7, so she's got to be out there at 6 a.m. or before! It's been really great. The people I've met are amazing."

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## Land dispute's origin tied to 2006 sale

Key points in the dispute over the tax-forfeiture sale of former Detroit House of Corrections property in Plymouth Township:

- Demco 54, a DeMattia Group company, buys 133 acres at Five Mile and Ridge from the city of Detroit in June of 2006. The company has an option to buy another 190 acres that it doesn't exercise, according to attorney Timothy Beckett of Detroit's legal department.
- Demco sells small strips of land along the right-of-way to Wayne County, presumably for future road-widening, in January 2007, according

to Beckett. County deputy treasurer David Szymanski said he has no information about plans for that land.

- Demco applies for a parcel division in July of 2007, but the record is not corrected in the Plymouth Township assessing office until February of 2009, according to Beckett. The corrected record, Beckett said, shows Demco 54 owns about 133 acres and Detroit 190.

- The Wayne County treasurer's office begins tax-foreclosure proceedings in the spring of 2010 on the "parent parcel" of 323 acres.
- Detroit's planning and

development office was notified of the foreclosure process in December of 2010, according to Szymanski.

- The entire 323 acres were sold by the county in September 2011 for \$606,000 in back taxes to Plymouth Township, which announces it is holding the land for possible future development of a high-tech industrial park.

- The Detroit City Council's budget, finance and audit committee, chaired by Councilman Ken Cockrel Jr., received Beckett's report Wednesday and is considering the city's options.

## PRISON

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the parcel was not properly recorded at the time of sale. He said county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz's office improperly forfeited the city's 190 acres, as state law forbids the tax forfeiture of property owned by a city.

Beckett issued his report Wednesday to the Detroit City Council's budget, finance and audit committee, whose members agreed to meet again at 1 p.m. this Wednesday to discuss possible remedies.

David Szymanski, the county's deputy treasurer, agreed with Beckett that the state doesn't allow city-owned property to be forfeited, but said the county was relying on the foreclosure process on ownership information provided by the township. In addition, he said, Detroit's planning and development department was officially notified in December 2010 that the county planned a tax foreclosure.

"Our belief is that Detroit and Plymouth Township had some miscommunication," Szymanski said. "We're encouraging the parties to amicably resolve their differences."

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume agreed there may be an ownership question, but said the township acted on the information it had. Reaume said he hadn't been aware of Beckett's report.

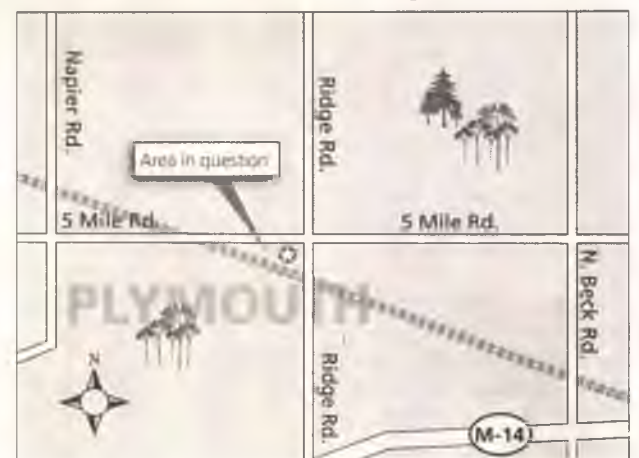
"If they sold part of the property, why didn't they do a proper land split?" Reaume said. At the time of the 2006 sale, Reaume said, both Demco 54 and Detroit should have approached township officials to have the parcel split, which is an administrative process.

### Documentation delay

Beckett's report, however, contends Demco 54 was to pursue the property division, but that the

## LAND OWNERSHIP QUESTION

Detroit officials are studying the tax-foreclosure sale to Plymouth Township of former Detroit House of Corrections property south of Five Mile and west of Ridge Road.



BILL BRESLER

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The property southwest of the intersection of Ridge Road and Five Mile Road is covered with tall grass, brush and scrub trees.

record wasn't corrected in the Plymouth Township assessor's office until February 2009.

DeMattia president Gary Roberts said Friday the split was done by Demco 54, though he couldn't recall the time frame.

"We filed the appropriate documents for a lot split," Roberts said. "As far as we know, the lot split was perfectly fine." Beckett's report said Demco 54 applied for the parcel division in July 2007. He could not be reached Thursday for followup questions.

Roberts said the 133 acres were purchased by Demco 54 for a planned

industrial development that didn't materialize because of the sinking economy.

### Taxes in question

Beckett's report says Detroit officials should expect to pay some back taxes if they intend to redeem the land. He estimated those taxes at \$100,000 going back to 2009, and probably more, going back to the 2006 sale of part of the land to Demco 54.

Beckett said he is continuing the investigation of the forfeiture.

The issue was brought to the Detroit City Council by Richard Sharland, a Plymouth Township resident who frequently attends Board of Trustees meetings and is running against Reaume for supervisor as an independent. Sharland did extensive research on the ownership issue.

Sharland says he became interested because a friend used to farm the land, growing corn and soybeans and paying rent to Demco 54 and Detroit.

No crops were planted there this year.

Sharland said Detroit could go to court to seek the market value of the property, which the township has put at about \$16 million.

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## Livonia: Cultural Heartbeat of Michigan Happy Birthday Livonia Symphony Orchestra

By R. William Joyner

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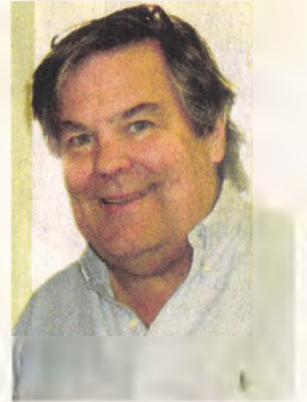
It was 1958 that the Livonia Youth Symphony was founded. 1966 was the first year for the Livonia Civic Chorus. The 1960's had summer theatre at Franklin High School. Arts and culture helping shape a hometown of which neighbors would be proud for years to come.

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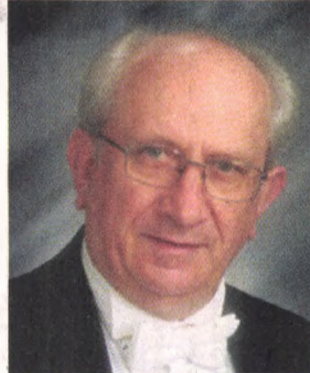
When one looks to quality of life there is no need to look any further than those organizations looking to write our history. Art and culture.

We celebrate 40 years for the Livonia Symphony and acknowledge the key role they play while joining other cultural organizations in defining Livonia quality of life.



Bill Joyner

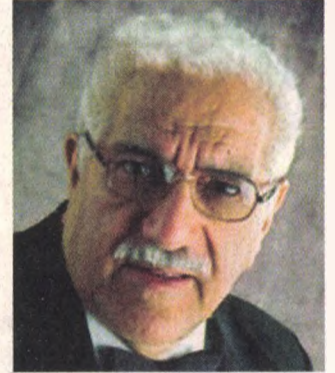
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Having emigrated to the United States from the Ukraine in 1991 he became a citizen of the U.S. in 2000. Having a musical director with his background working with outstanding musicians draws rave reviews on the quality of concerts from throughout southeast Michigan. He is one of the reasons noted soloists are lining up to perform during the 2012-13 season including Ania Sorokhitei, Pianist, who was born in Lviv, Ukraine in 1972. She then attended the Lviv Special Music School for Gifted Children.

Native born Livonian, Anthony Bonamici is marking only the second time in twelve years that he has performed in his hometown of Livonia since leaving

in 1994 to study in Russia at the famed Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

Carl Karoub has served as Assistant Conductor and Principal Horn of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra for many years. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Performance from the University of Illinois and a Masters Degree in Music Education from Wayne State University. A former member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, he serves on the staff of the Livonia Youth Orchestra.

A native of Budapest, Hungary, David Ormai is an active performer and teacher in Michigan. He has served as Livonia Symphony's concertmaster since 2010. He has performed with such ensembles as Ann Arbor Symphony, the Colorado Music Festival, and the Danubia of Hungary. During the summer of 2010, he was the concertmaster and soloist for the music festival on Michigan's own Beaver Island, 'Baroque on Beaver'. As a dedicated teacher, David maintains a private studio in Ann Arbor.

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Planned for the Laurel Park Office Center Atrium, provided in partnership with Schostak Brothers & Company the party will feature entertainment by the LSO String and Brass Ensembles, artwork on display from a number of Livonia artists and a strolling barber shop quartet.

Peggy Gaskill, President of the Livonia Civic Chorus, and Virginia Bosak, President of VAAL, Rose Kachnowski, President of the LSO, are serving as Honorary Co-Chairs of the event showcasing the diversity of artistic programming available in Livonia.

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## One Dream Made a Difference

It takes one person taking the first step. Ideas are easy to come by but the ability of one person to pursue a dream makes all the difference. That is certainly the case of Livonia Symphony founder Francesco DiBlasi.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra was founded on June 4, 1973 as the Oakway Symphony to serve the people of Oakland and Wayne Counties. The name was changed to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in 1988 to better identify and serve the residents of Livonia and to give it a designation easily recognized by music lovers who had long looked to Livonia for regional

leadership in many areas.

Francesco DiBlasi attended the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, the Julliard School of Music and L'Ecole de Pierre Monteux.

Maestro DiBlasi performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as assistant 1st trumpet for eight years. He also performed with the American Youth Orchestra, Radio City Music Hall, New York City Opera, American Symphony Orchestra and the Metropolitan Opera.

He has conducted the Buffalo Philharmonic, Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the Michigan Opera Company. He has also conducted the

Grand Rapids Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Scandinavian Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, St. Cecilia Orchestra, Rome Italy; Julliard Opera, and the San Diego Symphony.

Francesco DiBlasi took an idea, a love for symphonic music and a growing community. He turned this desire for sharing cultural excellence with the masses into a Livonia tradition that has grown and prospered for 40 years.

Thank you Francesco DiBlasi for sharing your vision and providing music lovers with the opportunity to enjoy the skills of outstanding musicians; musicians locally and from around the world.



Francesco DiBlasi

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## Volunteer leaders set the tone for Symphony Success

Starting out as the Oakway Symphony with volunteer board members from Birmingham, Livonia and Detroit, among others, the Livonia Symphony continues to excel in attracting hometown volunteers dedicated to cultural excellence, providing quality music throughout Michigan and offering volunteer leadership second to none.

Starting with President Rose Kachnowski who upon retirement as a Director at Madonna University turned her leadership skills to shaping a quality Symphony second to none, the board of directors represents a cross section of volunteer and business sectors:



Rose Kachnowski

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# Concert benefits church project

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth hosts an evening of music, a silent auction and raffle to benefit educational projects in Malawi, Africa with a concert set for Friday, Oct. 12, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The performance is a classic acoustic rock concert by The Dale Hicks Band (featured regularly at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth), complimentary appetizers and cash bar. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for this limited seating event. Tickets are \$25 per person and all profits will help fund educational materials and facilities for over 350 high-school-age children in Malawi.

First Presbyterian committed to a 10-year Covenant Partnership with Mtenthera Church of Cen-



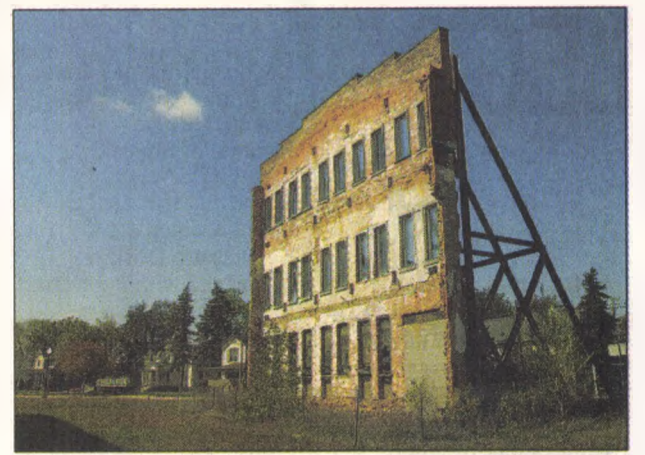
The Mtenthera Church of Central Africa Presbyterian-First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth Partnership Team includes Hussein Latif (Partnership Coordinator), Doug Kee (FPCP), Kathy Bernard (FPCP), Rev. Emily Campbell (Associate Pastor, FPCP), Rev. S.S. Banda (Pastor, Mtenthera CCAP), Curt Rager (FPCP), Jane Weaver (FPCP), Susan Kage (FPCP), Jim Bernard (FPCP) and Tom Weaver.

tral Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, Africa in 2010. Through donations and fundraisers, the church provides support for a water well and supply system, local hand-dug wells, more than 700 bibles and hymnals in their native

Chichewa language, and funding for HIV and AIDS education programs. Together, the churches hope to build foundations for brighter futures on both continents.

To purchase tickets, contact Kathy Bernard at ber-

nardfamily2@gmail.com or (248) 305-8614 or go to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday mornings 10 a.m. to noon.



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The Daisy wall is surrounded by weeds and scrub trees. Lower windows are broken.

## WALL

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Freed had maintained the wall was badly deteriorated and that saving it would be too costly.

### End of discussion

"They have finally gotten what they wanted all along," said PPN chairwoman Wendy Harless. "We knew this fight would be an uphill battle, but I personally feel that I had to try to save it or I just wouldn't be able to sleep at night, knowing that I had stood by and not even tried."

The PPN had developed a plan to save the wall's original two stories as part of a pavilion within a small park, which the City Commission had agreed to take city ownership of under specific conditions.

The project was estimated at \$250,000, with a \$20,000 endowment for future maintenance, and Harless said the PPN had donations pledged toward it, but was also asking Freed for reimbursement for half of that, and the company had said no money would be forthcoming.

Freed had, however, in late 2010 proposed tearing down the wall but developing a small park at the site that would be a monument to Daisy's history in Plymouth and would incorporate elements of the wall.

The wall's fate is still unclear, however. There are no immediate plans to raze it, and Lori Chacos, Freed's attorney for the Daisy Square project, has said at public meetings that the company's lender wants Freed to keep the plan to use the wall as part of a condo building.

Chacos did not return several calls last week. Daisy Square was envisioned as a 159-condomin-

ium development when work began in 2003, but, hurt by the crash of the housing market, hasn't seen construction in several years. The project now has 66 townhouse condominiums and a building of 56 loft-style condos, and Freed is reportedly looking to sell the project.

The Daisy factory began in 1882 as the Plymouth Iron Windmill Company; by late that decade, however, the company was focused on making air rifles, and it changed its name to Daisy Manufacturing Co. in 1895. Daisy closed shop in Plymouth in 1958, moving its manufacturing to Arkansas.

### PPN moves on

Harless said she hopes the "Daisy Wall fiasco" has shown city officials a need to keep a tighter rein on redevelopment projects that have a historic preservation aspect.

The PPN, Harless said, is moving ahead with plans to place five historic markers at sites in downtown Plymouth, including at the 99-year-old Plymouth United Savings Bank on the corner of Main and Penniman. The building is now the Greek Islands restaurant, which opened in the summer. The PPN is consulting with the Historic District Committee on plans for the plaques, which are to be funded through a \$1,000 grant from Community Financial Credit Union.

The PPN is also using planning to use money donated for the Daisy Wall pavilion to pay for repairs to the stone wall at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park at Main and Church streets. That wall was preserved in 2009 through PPN efforts.

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# LEGO libraries show off kids' imaginations

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff/Writer

Historians are baffled after finding a modern computer lab tucked away inside a medieval castle.

In another startling discovery, explorers have found a library built entirely over water, accessible only by boat. Could it be a remnant of the submerged, legendary metropolis Atlantis? Nah.

They're among 23 miniature "dream libraries" imagined by Canton Public Library child patrons and built using LEGO and DUPLO pieces.

They're elaborate, and they're part of a contest that could help the Canton library win \$5,000 for books and supplies.

"They're very, very inventive," Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, said. "They really show attention to detail."

LEGO Education, a division of the LEGO company, says the building-block toys can help students improve their math, science, technology and computer skills while allowing youngsters to let their imaginations run wild, whatever their age.

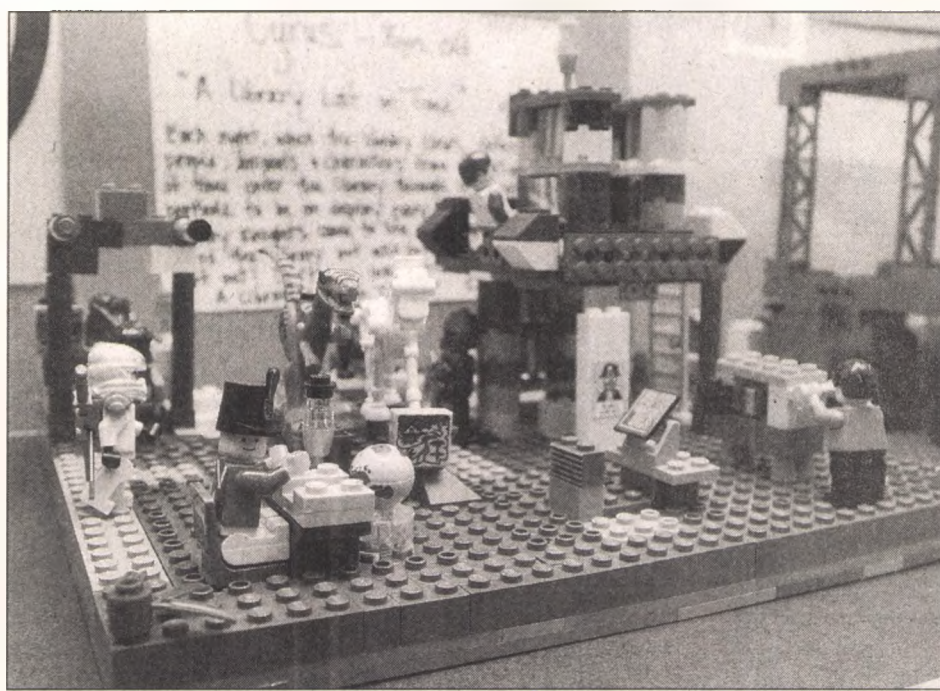
The dream libraries on display inside the Canton library children's section can attest to that.

Niklas Ligouri, 10, built a no-frills, Depression-era library cart that has to be pushed.

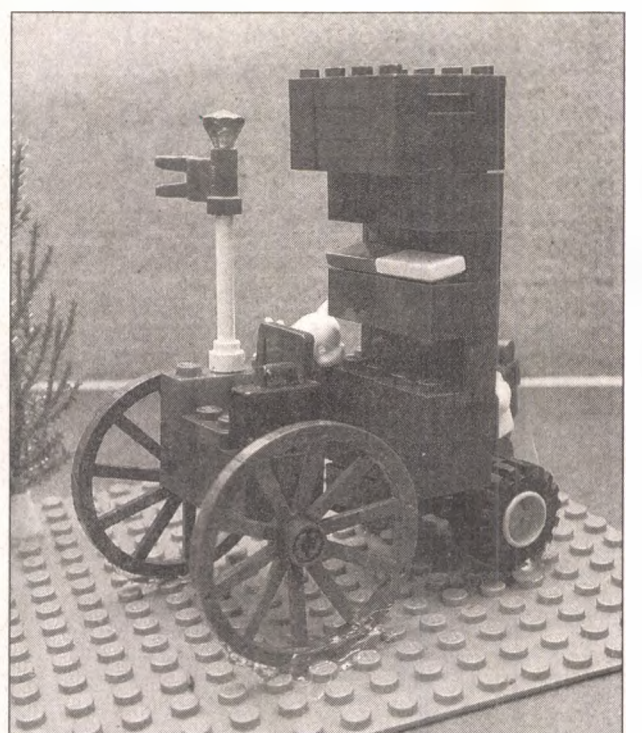
Siblings Ryan and Caitlin Sheahan created the medieval castle showing people working in a modern computer lab.

First-grader Devin Friedrich built a Nino-go-themed library where people go to read about fighting so they can beat Lord Garmadon and the Snake People.

Another youngster, Ayushi Shroff, used her imagination to assemble a pirate treasure library, while Kylie Morton cre-



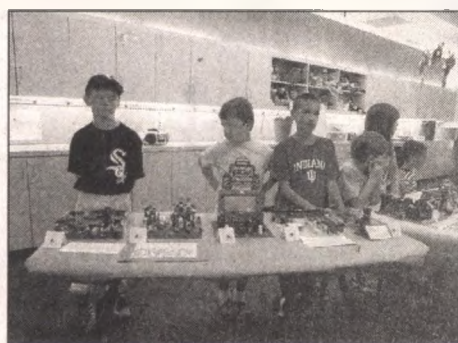
A Library Lost in Time, by Cyrus Summerlin, 8 years old.



Niklas Ligouri and his library cart.



Kids fashioned 23 miniature 'dream libraries' using LEGO and DUPLO pieces. They're part of a contest that could help the Canton library win \$5,000 for books and supplies.



Canton library supporters can go to www.readbuildplay.com and cast a vote for their library in a contest being sponsored by Connecticut-based LEGO.

ated the library above water.

"We have very high achievers participating," Golden said. "They really did a good job."

It's all part of a contest that Amanda Santoro, Connecticut-based LEGO assistant brand relations manager, said has involved thousands of libraries across the country.

"It has been really great for us," she said Friday. "We're really excited about it."

Canton library sup-

porters can go to www.readbuildplay.com and cast a vote for their

library. The most-nominated library gets \$5,000 for books and supplies,

and the top 200 libraries receive early literacy tool kits.

Late Friday morning, it appeared the Canton library ranked No. 124. Patrons can nominate the library once a day through Oct. 1.

Golden said the local contest was open to children in grades one through six. The library will give awards during a Sept. 29 ceremony to winners in three categories: grades one and two, grades three and four, and grades five and six. A popular-vote winner

also will be decided by library patrons who can cast their votes in the children's section. The creations, built at home, had to fit on a 10-by-10-inch LEGO base plate and couldn't be taller than 2 feet.

Contest aside, Golden said the library offers free-play LEGO programs year-round.

"These are very popular programs, especially with dads and their sons," she said.

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## Toastmasters want to be heard at open house event

By Susan Steinmueller  
Observer Staff Writer

Mary Anne Mann wanted to sharpen her speaking skills after becoming a stay at home mom.

So, she joined a Toastmasters group in Farmington, where she did that and more.

"Now I feel a lot more confident in asserting my voice," she said, "It's toned my listening skills, too."

Mann is a member of the Great Lakes Real Orators Toastmasters Club, which meets from 9-10 a.m. Wednesdays at 24125 Drake Road.

According to the club website, it "provides a mutually supportive and positive learning environment that enables members to develop effective public speaking and leadership skills."

Toastmasters believes the key to success as a speaker is regular practice, and its meetings provide that opportunity.

The club is hosting an open house there at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, to introduce and showcase their skills.

The open house is offered through Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through meeting locations worldwide.

There are several groups in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area.

The Great Lakes Real Orators Toastmasters Club Open House will include a talk about Toastmas-

ters, a chance to mingle and get information and refreshments.

"Even if people can't make it to the open house, they are welcome to attend any meeting at any time," said Mann.

Mann, of Waterford, said that the Great Lakes Real Orators club has 20 members who come from communities including Canton, Novi, Detroit and Farmington. An average of 15 show up for meetings.

Toastmasters members are all ages, come from various backgrounds, and want to be better speakers for a variety of reasons, she said.

She said that Toastmasters can be especially valuable for those who are looking for a job.

At club meetings, members practice giving prepared speeches as well having the opportunity to give a brief impromptu presentation on a "Table Topic."

"You are given a manual at the beginning of the program. You follow the manual and it guides you through the speech," she said.

Constructive evaluation is given for prepared speeches.

"That's what hones the listening skills," she said of being an evaluator.

Toastmasters membership costs \$36 every six months.

For more information on Great Lakes Orators, go to [www.647634.toastmastersclub.org](http://www.647634.toastmastersclub.org) or visit [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org).



Jerusha and Maria Taylor and Sharon Bernath portray a group of mourners at last year's Ghost Walk.

## Tap the spirits of Warner Mansion at Ghost Walk

The second annual Ghost Walk at the historic Governor Warner Mansion will take place from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

Visitors can walk through the mansion's stately rooms and meet "members" of the Warner family, including the "ghost" of Fred Warner and his wife, Rhoda, who will tell about their lives — and their deaths.

Costumed mourners will describe the many traditions associated with death in the Victorian era, including rules about behavior, clothing, house decorations, foods and superstitions.

"Special" guests will be attending a mourning feast in the dining room. Visitors can find out what happened to the young-

est Warner, identified on his tombstone only as "Baby."

The front lawn will set a Halloween mood. There will be Warner family tombstones, with special attractions provided by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home and the Farmington Steam Punks.

Scary story tellers will be located in special areas behind the mansion.

Complimentary seasonal refreshments will be offered in the carriage house. Visitors can take them outside to enjoy while sitting around the cozy fire pit.

For a nominal fee, card readers will be available on the mansion porch and in the gazebo.

The cost to enjoy the house and grounds on this special night is \$10 per person. The event is recommended for ages 8 and above.

A children's event, which features pumpkin carving, a gourd hunt and refreshments, will take place from 2-5 p.m. at the mansion on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The Governor Warner Mansion, 33805 Grand River Avenue, is just west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (248) 474-5500, ext. 2225.



Greg Halberstadt represents 'Dead Fred' at last year's event. He's pictured in the music room of the Governor Warner Mansion.



Kelly Guarano portrays an un-named Victorian mourner in the Sunday parlor, who talked about elaborate mourning customs during last year's Ghost Walk at the Governor Warner Mansion.

## Sessions offer Medicare counseling

The Medicare Medicaid assistance program, (MMAP) will provide free Medicare counseling for Medicare beneficiaries, including assistance in enrolling in Medicare health plans for the year 2013.

MMAP is a free counseling service for Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries and their caregivers. Since 1984, MMAP has provided education and counseling assistance to Michigan's Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and their families or representatives. MMAP is funded by

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Counseling sessions take place in the following local areas:

- Thursday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Westland Senior Center, Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, (734)

722-7628.

- Monday, Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth, drop in or call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

- Wednesday, Oct. 24, noon to 5 p.m., Canton Senior Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5485.

No appointments are necessary; potential clients should bring their Medicare card and a list of all current medications.

For more information, contact MMAP at 1-800-803-7174 or [www.mmap-inc.org](http://www.mmap-inc.org).

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All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00). **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267 and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.**

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# Local company helping save 'SS United States'

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Everyone knows about the RMS Titanic.

But a Livonia business and a growing number of people interested in preserving maritime history want Americans to know about "the greatest ship ever built" — the SS United States.

The massive ocean liner, which sailed from 1952 to 1969, still holds the trans-Atlantic speed record for a passenger liner.

It was 107.5 feet longer and more than 50 percent faster than the Titanic, and unlike the ill-fated luxury liner, it's still floating.

"It's greater in many ways than the Titanic," said David Lawrence, chief administrative officer for AlphaUSA.

Yet, because it didn't tragically fail, it's not nearly as famous, he said.

Lawrence is helping his company, AlphaUSA, along with its president, Chuck Dardas, get the word out about the SS United States, a.k.a. America's flagship, to help save and restore it.

Moored in Philadelphia, it was rescued from being sold for scrap by a Philadelphia philanthropist and is now owned by the nonprofit SS United States Conservancy.

Lawrence spoke Wednesday morning to the Livonia AM Rotary Club, showing excerpts from an upcoming PBS documentary on the ship and telling about a website AlphaUSA designed where donors can "purchase" a square inch of the ship for \$1 (savetheunitedstates.org).

## Waterfront attraction

Plans are to turn the ship into a permanent waterfront attraction with hotel rooms, restaurants and a museum. The cost for the initial restoration and museum alone is \$25 million, Lawrence said. More money is needed to develop it into



David Lawrence, chief administrative officer of Alpha USA, talks about efforts to restore the SS United States.

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was designed by famed naval architect William Francis Gibbs, constructed entirely in the United States and greatly subsidized with taxpayer dollars.

It is "the only man-made object called the United States," Lawrence said.

Noted for its safety, speed and style, the ship was designed to serve as the world's finest passenger liner in peaceful times. But in case of war, it could be converted in just two days to a troop carrier, capable of transporting 15,000 troops to anywhere in the world.

On July 7, 1952, the SS United States completed the transatlantic passage in three days, 10 hours and 40 minutes, with an average speed of 35.59 knots (more than 40 mph), shattering the Queen Mary's standing record.

The ship was so fast, the water peeled the paint from its bow.

Even when still, it looked like it was in motion with its slanted red, white and blue stacks and a sharp prow.

The "Big U" made her final transatlantic voyage on Nov. 7, 1969, replaced by the much-faster jet airplane. She was removed from service on Nov. 11 of that year.

The ship's restoration project is getting national publicity. Besides PBS, CBS Sunday morning is doing a program on it as is Time magazine, Lawrence said.

Livonia AM Rotary member Bob Carris hopes school children, including those in Livonia, take the SS United States on as a fundraising project. "It'll help teach American history, and it'll give them a sense of being part of something," he said.

Rotary President William W. Friske said he thinks it's a fantastic project. "As a Rotary Club, we're going to buy a minimum of a couple hundred inches ourselves," he said.

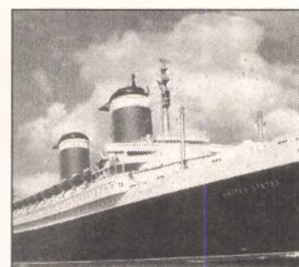


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The SS United States is "greater in many ways than the Titanic," said David Lawrence, chief administrative officer for AlphaUSA. Yet, because it didn't tragically fail, it's not nearly as famous.

Lawrence also saw the SS United States as "a model of technology, innovation and American ingenuity," which "aligns with how Alpha approaches manufacturing," he said.

Lawrence now serves on the advisory council for the conservancy.

## Only object called 'United States'

Funded under an act of Congress, the superliner

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A crowd of Rotarians gathers at 7:30 a.m. to hear David Lawrence talk about the project to save the SS United States.

a usable attraction. About \$6 million has been raised so far.

Lawrence said Dardas heard about the ship's plight from a Philadelphia customer with ties to the conservancy. The customer had asked for contact information for Lee Iacocca in the hopes the retired auto executive-turned philanthropist

could help raise the needed revenue as he had for the Statue of Liberty restoration.

But as soon as Dardas heard of the need, he wanted to get involved in helping to save the ship, Lawrence said. Dardas has a personal connection: "He owned a model of the ship during his childhood," Lawrence

said.

Lawrence himself had never heard of the ship until a year and a half ago, but he said he quickly realized "this was something incredible."

"When you see her in person, she is a mammoth ship," he said, stretching as many feet in length as the Chrysler building does in height.

# Discovery Middle School gets off to healthy start

Students, teachers, administrators and food service directors representing 33 schools from across Michigan — including Plymouth-Canton's Discovery Middle School — are looking forward to learning innovative and fun ways to encourage more physical activity and embrace the new nutrition standards for school lunches at this year's Fuel Up to Play 60 Kickoff to School Health at Ford Field Tuesday.

Developed more than four years ago through a partnership with the National Football League and the National Dairy Council in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Fuel Up to Play 60 program empowers young people to work with school decision makers to plan and implement

strategies for increasing the amount of healthy food choices and physical activity options available in their schools.

Fuel Up to Play 60 supports the new meal standards by encouraging youth to eat good-for-you foods like low-fat and fat-free dairy foods, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein and being active for at least 60 minutes each day.

"Improving the nutrition of school meals is an important investment in the future of America's children," said Audrey Rowe, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service administrator. "We know that healthy food plays a vital role in strengthening a child's body and mind, and with the healthier school meals it will help to ensure our children can learn, grow and

reach their full potential."

The new nutrition standards are the first significant changes to school meals in more than 15 years. The standards ensure students are offered fruits and vegetables daily, increase the offerings of whole grain-rich foods and low-fat or fat-free milk, limit calories based on student age to ensure proper portion sizes, and reduce the amounts of saturated and trans fats and sodium. The Fuel Up to Play 60 kickoff breakfast and lunch concentrate on incorporating colorful fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains and low-fat dairy.

This year's Fuel Up to Play 60 kickoff event, the fourth annual, is presented by the Detroit Lions, the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Department of Community Health

and the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM). The day's "game plan" includes music, motivational talks, practicing football training camp-style skills with Detroit Lions players, and trying a variety of nutritious food options. The ultimate goal for the day's event is to inspire students to adopt healthier eating and exercise habits in an effort to improve overall personal health.

According to a survey conducted during the 2011-2012 school year, 32 percent of the state's 1.4 million students are involved in the Fuel Up to Play 60 program and the number of youth involved in the program has increased by 37 percent over the previous 12-month period. To learn how your school can become involved in the "Fuel Up to Play 60" program, visit [www.FuelUpToPlay60.com](http://www.FuelUpToPlay60.com).



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# True colors

## Botsford Commons holds special patriotic ceremony

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

For many residents at Botsford Commons senior living community, retiring a U.S. flag holds a very special meaning. To properly retire the flag on the Farmington Hills campus, and replace it with a newer flag that has flown over the United State Capitol, residents, staff and guests held an official ceremony on Sept. 14 in the Mlynarek Garden.

The patriotic celebration culminated a week of special activities, marking National Assisted Living Week.

"Our neighborhood is very patriotic," said WWII veteran and Botsford Commons resident Rudy Smolen. "Many of us were a part of the Greatest Generation and the American flag continues to mean a lot to us today. We appreciate having events like this on our campus, where we are given the opportunity to thank and acknowledge this generation's heroic veterans as well as remember those lost in 9/11."

To help mark the occasion, retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and the Brighton Honor Guard VFW Post 4357 joined residents in the event.

"As the first woman in the Michigan National Guard to be promoted to the rank of brigadier general, she has admirably served our country and our state in numerous ways," said Camille Purdie, Botsford Commons executive director



Botsford resident and WWII veteran Christopher Mattina received a flag from his grandson Ryan Mattina, who served in Iraq. Ryan flew the flag in Iraq in honor of his grandfather's WWII service. The VFW honor guard folded the flag properly for display. Mattina, a Livonia resident for over 40 years, received the folded flag from Tom Bycznski.

of Marketing and development officer.

Purdie said the event was meant to honor all of the veterans on campus.

"It's a pretty important ceremony for us," she said. "It was very moving for the people on our campus — it was a beautiful day."

Members of the Brighton Honor Guard VFW Post 4357 led the campus attendees in a Presenta-

tion of Colors, retired the old flag and offered official flag folding service for those who were interested.

Botsford resident and WWII veteran Christopher Mattina requested a very special flag be properly folded for him. He received the flag from his grandson, Ryan Mattina, who flew it while serving in Iraq, in honor of his grandfather's service in

WWII.

Barb Smith, a recreation program coordinator at Botsford Commons,

said the week of activities recognizing National Assisted Living Week's theme of "Art for the Ages" really showed the residents' true colors. "Our campus really

showed the 'Art of Living,' the 'Art of Caring' and the 'Art of Service' this week," she said.

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Mollie Leonelli, sitting, and Barb Coury watch as the old flag is retired.



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VFW members Tom Grendon and Dave Neville fold the retired flag as retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone salutes.



Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone speaks to the residents of Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills.

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The event begins at 9 a.m. at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of 4-8 people

that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site. Data are submitted to the State of Michigan and Rouge communities who use them to screen for problems and assess restoration progress.

The Fall Bug Hunt

is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

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# Converting to Roth IRA is usually good strategy

**By Rick Bloom**  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: My wife and I are retired from Ford and we have received buyout information. We've decided that I would not accept the buyout, but my wife would. My pension and both of our Social Security more than cover our living expenses. We would convert my wife's buyout into a Roth IRA. We won't need the money, so why not let it grow tax-free? I am 68 and my wife is 66. Do you think it makes



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Rick Bloom

year?

**A:** The strategy that you are following, your wife accepting the buyout and

sense to do a Roth conversion? Also, since we are receiving this money this year, do we have to do the conversion before the end of the

you continuing with your pension, is sound and makes sense. It will give you and your wife more flexibility in the future. I believe one of the goals in life is to give yourself options and choices and that is what you are doing.

With regards to the Roth conversion, age generally has nothing to do with it. When I look at an investor, I rarely focus on their age. I focus on their individual goals and

objectives. To me, age does not say very much about a person. After all, can someone tell me who the typical 68-year-old is or a 75-year-old, or even a 25-year-old? In today's world, it is impossible. After all, you have 90-year-olds running marathons, some 70-year-olds who are working and, of course, others who are retired.

In addition, in your situation both you and your wife are not old by any

stretch of the imagination. After all, you can easily be around another 30 years. The thought that you shouldn't consider a Roth IRA because you're too old is nonsense. At this stage in your life, you are far from old.

One of the advantages of taking the buyout from Ford or from any employer is you can take those proceeds and convert them into a Roth IRA. For people who will not need the money for a number of years, a Roth conversion can be a great strategy to follow. After all, when money is in a Roth IRA, it is not subject to the age 70½ rule. In addition, Roth IRAs grow tax-free and when money is withdrawn, there are no tax consequences. Therefore, for people who do not need money for long periods of time, Roth conversions make sense.

Converting money from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA is one of the benefits of taking the Ford buyout. There are obviously other advantages, but there are also some disadvantages. We will be discussing both of these at my upcoming

free seminar sponsored by *Observer & Eccentric Media*. The seminar will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Two sessions are planned, starting at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. These sessions are designed to be educational and help you make the right decision for your individual situation. To make a reservation, send an email to [seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com) or call (248) 932-1379. For more information, check the homepage of my website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

Whether we are talking about the Ford buyout or not, converting existing IRA money into a Roth IRA is a strategy that many people should consider implementing before the end of the year. Remember, you don't have to convert your entire IRA; you can convert a portion. Good luck!

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

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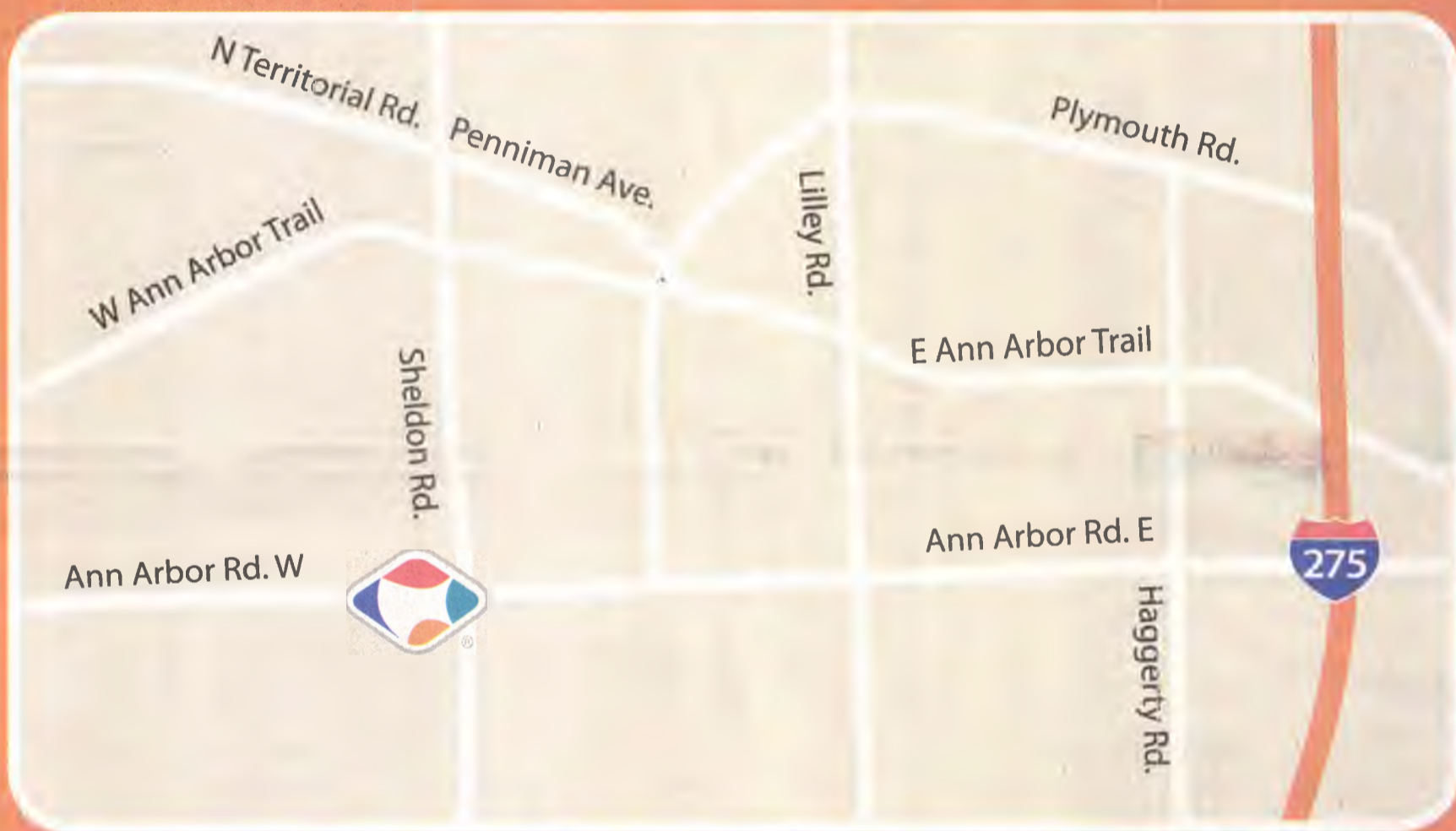
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## Chiefs' depth sinks 'Cats

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It would be tough to imagine the Canton High School natatorium being any louder than it was for Thursday's KLAA South Division girls swimming and diving showdown between the Chiefs and Plymouth.

With a share of the division title dangling as a carrot in front of the swimmers, the thrilling matchup came down to the final lap of the final race before Canton pulled out a 98-88 victory.

Although the Chiefs were up 90-82 entering the 400-yard freestyle relay, the Wildcats had ideas of going 1-2 to claim a come-from-behind win. And for a while, they were pulling it off.

But Canton's Caitlin Orr — in the third spot of the relay — closed the gap against Plymouth's two relay teams with a 56.86 split and anchor Hannah Jenkins outouched Plymouth's Casey Wing for first (3:50.06 to 3:52.42).

In third place with a time of 3:54.74 was Plymouth's second relay unit.

### All-out effort

"My teammates were cheering me on," said Orr, after the loud cheers started to subside. "I was pumped up and ready to go. My team had to leave it all in the pool and I just wanted to do it."

"I saw her (Plymouth's third swimmer in the next lane) coming up to the wall and I just flipped and kicked and tried to reach for the wall."

Canton head coach Ed Weber said Orr and Jenkins were superb in closing out the race and dual meet victory, particularly since Plymouth head coach Doug Schade switched

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BRIAN QUINTOS

Canton's Caitlin Orr slices through the water during the 400-meter relay Thursday night.



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Canton running back Malcolm Hollingsworth (No. 10) breaks loose for an 80-yard touchdown run on the first play of Friday's game. Trying to stop him is Livonia Churchill's Robert Foster, Jr. (No. 4).

## Chiefs come up short

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Appropriately for a wet night, points were raining down during the first half of Friday's football game between host Canton and Livonia Churchill.

When play resumed following Canton's homecoming festivities, the shoot-out slowed down, although the rain didn't. But the Chargers had more than enough to hold off the Chiefs, 43-40, in a KLAA South Division matchup.

Churchill — winner earlier this year against Plymouth — remains undefeated, 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA South.

"We talked the last couple days about how both teams are going to make mistakes, we just got to make fewer," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team dropped to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South. "Both teams are going to make big plays, we just got to make a couple more."

### Quick start

The home crowd, already in a festive mood for homecoming, needed just 15 seconds to cheer.

On the first play of the night from the line of scrimmage, Chiefs senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth burst through the line and

went all the way for an 80-yard touchdown run.

Then Hollingsworth broke free for a 46-yard TD, with just 3:14 elapsed in the contest, to put Canton up 14-0 (following the second of four extra points by Connor Shennan).

Yet the Chargers didn't fold their tent, answering with an 80-yard scoring drive in 10 plays. Capping off the drive was a 19-yard TD pass from quarterback Seth Suida (12-of-31 passing, 194 yards, four TDs) to one-man wrecking crew Romello Brown — wide open over the middle in the end zone.

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## Goalie thrives on challenge

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Collin Hewett loves being the last line of defense for his Salem varsity boys soccer team.

It's all good if he can dash out to beat an oncoming forward to the ball and deny another scoring try.

Rising above a scrum in the goal box to snare the ball is another example of what gets the lanky 16-year-old junior's adrenaline pumping.

"The challenge would be always having to be the last man back, and always having to make the big save," said Hewett, in his third season with the Rocks.

"What I love about it is being able to make the big saves and getting all the glory.

"The adrenaline level is always going. Everything about it is just go-go-go,



there's never a break."

Veteran Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said it's a good thing that Hewett sets out to own the territory in front of the cage.

"What Collin Hewett does very well is he controls the box," said McCarthy, following a recent game. "... If a ball is driven in the box, he has great range compared to most goalkeepers to get out and deny the opportunity.

"Balls that are coming in with bodies coming at him, he's able to physi-

cally handle four or five guys running at him full speed while maintaining the concentration to come down with the ball."

Hewett also is a good communicator who helps his defense get organized and set up for the transition to offense.

"He certainly helps organize our back line," McCarthy said. "And when there's players open that ultimate line of defense where one guy can see everything is the goalkeeper, and he's been the backbone."

According to Hewett, being active and vocal helps him stay focused on the game at hand.

"It just kind of helps bring the team together," Hewett said. "It keeps me in the game it keeps them in the game."

Please see KEEPER, B4



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Being the starting goalkeeper for a state-ranked varsity boys soccer team is something Salem junior Collin Hewett can't help but smile about.



## Spring Arbor nips MU, 1-0

Braydan Wiles broke a scoreless tie with the game-winning goal in the 64th minute giving No. 9-ranked Spring Arbor University a 1-0 women's soccer win Wednesday at Madonna University.

The Cougars, now 6-1-1 overall, had a decided shots on goal advantage, 10-2, while peppering MU freshman goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg.

MU's best scoring chance came in the second minute when Katlyn Krysiak's shot rang off the right goal post.

Sarah Yancer had to make just one save for the Cougars.

The loss drops MU to 3-4 overall.

## Lady Ocelots boot Kellogg

Unassisted goals by Emily Behnke and Rachel Blackney carried the Schoolcraft women's soccer team to a 2-0 MCAA victory Wednesday over host Kellogg Community College.

Behnke's goal, her second of the season, came in the 30th minute, while Blackney added her first of the season in the 78th minute to put the match away.

Goalkeeper Tara Gessler made one save to post the shutout as the Ocelots improved to 6-3-1 overall and 3-1-1 in NJCAA Region XII.

Kellogg slips to 2-5-1 and 1-4-1.

## Blazers settle for 1-1 draw

Senior Stephanie Mackley stood out in goal with 10 saves Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood battled Birmingham Marian to a 1-1 tie in girls field hockey.

Junior Sabrina Alafita scored from sophomore Christina Meyer for Ladywood, which is now 5-2-2 and 2-1-2 in the division.

Goalie Catherine Szcshop had two saves for the Mustangs (4-3-2, 1-3-2).

On Tuesday, seniors Jaclyn Snyder and Lauren Kozlowski tallied goals as the Blazers won 2-0 over Grosse Pointe North. Meyer also drew an assist while Mackley made three saves for the shutout.



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## Whalers drop opener in OT

The Plymouth Whalers dropped the 2012-13 season opener Friday night, falling 6-5 in overtime to host Sault Ste. Marie.

Scoring for Plymouth were Cody Payne, Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills), Connor Carrick,

Garrett Meurs and Stefan Noesen.

Sault Ste. Marie forced overtime when Jared McCann scored at 18:39 of the third period. The Greyhounds won at 22 seconds of OT, when Brandon Alderson scored.



Salem's Katie Vena (left) and Gabby LeBlanc enjoy being part of the girls golf team's first dual match victory in four seasons. Both are seniors and fourth-year varsity members.

# Finally!

## Salem girls golfers enjoy first victory in four seasons

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Not only did it take longer for Salem and South Lyon East to complete Tuesday's varsity girls golf match at Links of Novi, it took longer to decide who won it.

Any delay was worth it and much more for the Rocks.

That's because although the KLAA Central Division teams finished nine holes deadlocked at 195 strokes, Salem was awarded the victory thanks to the tie-breaker rule. Junior Amanda Bennett's round of 56 bested the tally posted by the Cougars' fifth golfer.

And it marked the first victory for the Rocks since head coach Ryan Nimmerguth took over the program for the 2009 season. Two players on his teams throughout his four-year tenure — seniors Gabby LeBlanc and Katie Vena — also tasted success for the first time.

"I feel tremendous for them," Nimmerguth said about LeBlanc and Vena. "I talked to them and they talked to me throughout the season and that's kind of all they wanted. They wanted to get a win before they were done."

"The rest of the team was pulling for them to do

that, and they were pulling for themselves. It's really nice they're able to win a match before they're done playing."

Nimmerguth added that those golfers were rewarded for "sticking it out and helping me build a program by getting girls to come out for the team. They deserve it."

LeBlanc was Salem's best finisher Tuesday, with her score of 46 just one behind medalist Elena Moore of South Lyon East. Vena registered 52. Other Rocks helping the cause were junior Christine Li (48), freshman Kiley Flynn (49) and freshman Hope Warkoczeski (58).

With the 195 team score, the Rocks enjoyed a bonus: Cracking the 200-stroke mark for the first time.

Nimmerguth said the Rocks (1-6 overall and in the KLAA Central) came close earlier this season against the Cougars, falling by three strokes. That might have helped them in the confidence department entering play Tuesday.

"They've been starving for a victory," he said. "We played South Lyon East earlier in the year and lost by three. We played OK, we didn't play our best. So we knew if we could play to what we're capable of, we could see what happens from there."

### Sigh of relief

Salem also had to deal with a weather delay.

"During the round there was a 20-minute, 30-minute rain delay where we just got drenched," Nimmerguth said. "The girls stayed focused and actually played better golf after the rain delay. It was a good credit to them to stay focused through that and continue to play."

He didn't want to predict whether the Rocks would go off on a winning streak simply because they finally earned a victory. One thing he could be certain about is a boost in self-esteem and pride for the golfers.

"This can just propel them, pick their moods up and help the program out a ton," Nimmerguth said. "They're just as competitive as all the other girls that play golf. They're just working to get better."

And his two seniors can breathe a sigh of relief in meeting a modest, yet important, individual goal.

"It was just pure joy I saw in their faces when I announced we had won," he said. "(It) was just amazing."

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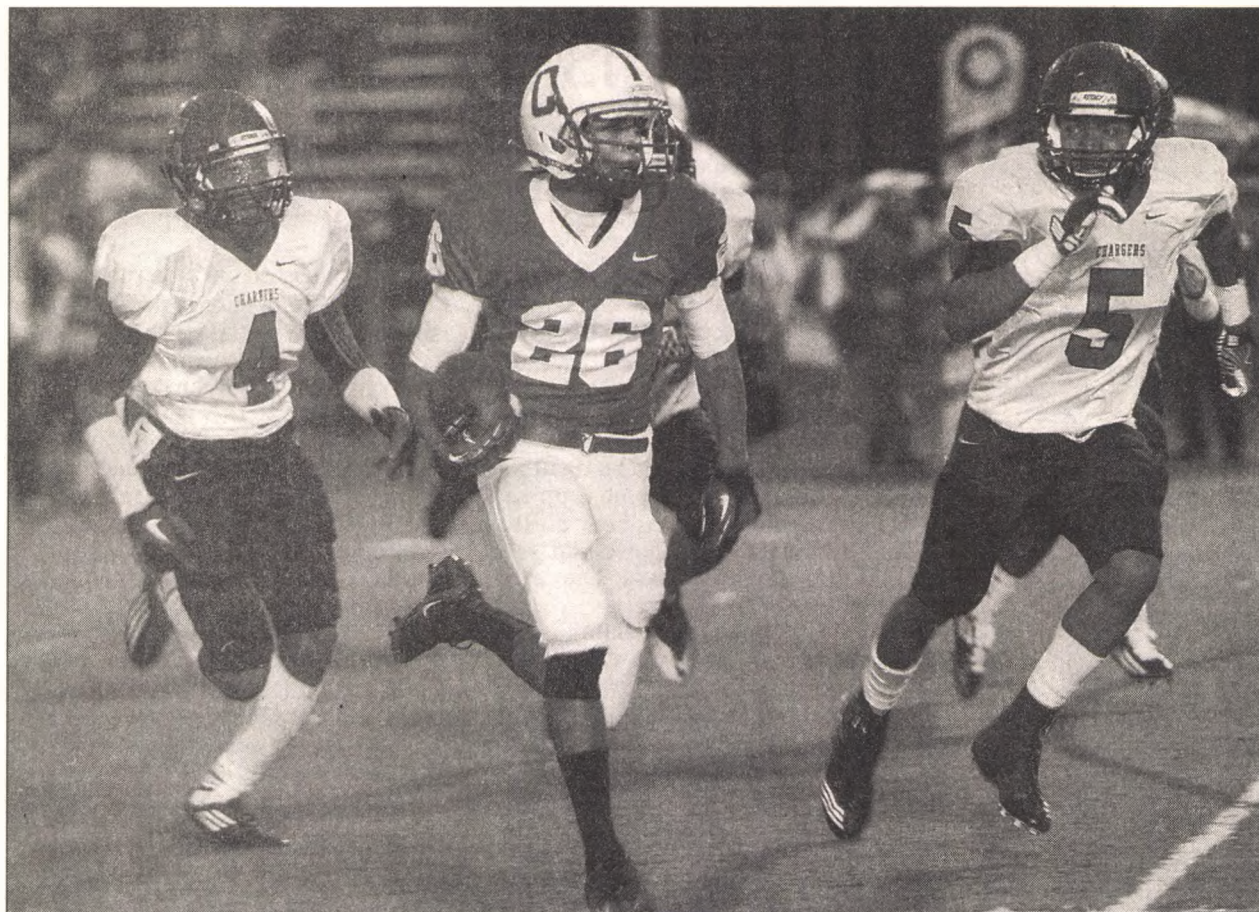
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Running toward the end zone to give Canton a 20-14 lead in the second quarter is running back Joe Grinage (No. 26). Unable to flag him down are Livonia Churchill defenders Robert Foster, Jr. (No. 4) and Andrew Abram (No. 5).

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## Eiland TDs spark Wildcats' victory

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Jamarl Eiland scored one touchdown after another Friday night to spark host Plymouth's 48-13 rout over Westland John Glenn.

The Rockets actually led 7-0 early in the KLAAs South Division contest when Tyler Clemons (22 rushes, 48 yards) scored on a 4-yard run with 7:19 left in the first.

Eiland, Plymouth's versatile senior quarterback, then scored his first of four TD runs — a 76-yard carry — to put the Wildcats on the board. He finished with 141 yards rushing in eight carries and completed eight of 12 passes for 105 yards.

Plymouth (4-1, 2-1) took a 13-7 lead at the end of one quarter after Mike Kennedy (8-104) carried the ball in from the 4-yard line. Bobby Deeg followed with the first of his six extra points.

The Wildcats — who racked up 299 yards on the ground in the contest — scored 28 unanswered points in the second half to take a 41-7 halftime advantage.

To start it off, Eiland threw a 25-yard TD pass to Matt Janke (4-69). Next up, Stefan Turrentine and Eiland followed up with a touchdown runs of nine and 24 yards, respectively.

Just 12 seconds before intermission, Eiland took it in from the 3-yard line.

Eiland's fourth rushing score was a one-yarder with 2:32 left in the third.

The game's final TD was scored by the Rockets (0-5, 0-3), with quarterback Chris Scheffer (5-17, 67 yards) hitting Greg Walker for a 10-yard score.

Plymouth was solid defensively, too. John Glenn managed just nine first downs and 142 yards on offense.

**S.L. EAST 18, SALEM 15:** For the first time this season, Salem did not come away with a victory. The Rocks led 9-0 at halftime but faltered in the second half, losing 18-15 to host South Lyon East.

Salem dropped to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the KLAAs Central. "We were just flat all night," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "... if anything could go wrong it did. We played sloppy, particularly on offense."

The Rocks did take a 6-0 lead in the first when Drake Jordan scored on a 9-yard run.

Salem added two points on a safety, with junior Josh Bector's tackle getting the job done.

In the third, however, the Cougars scored two touchdowns to go up 12-9 before Salem regained the lead 15-13 before the frame ended.

Quarterback Jake Depez hooked up with senior wide receiver Ivan Rhodes for a 50-yard scoring pass.

"Ivan made a great catch-and-run on that play," Britnell said.

Then in the telltale fourth, the Rocks gave up a safety and field goal to let the game elude them.



Plymouth's Jared Davis (No. 40) races down the field after intercepting a pass Friday night against Westland John Glenn. At left is blocker Kyle Durham (No. 9).

series. Alsobrooks made a 29-yard field goal.

Canton chipped away early in the fourth when sophomore back Charles Turfe crossed the goal line on a 1-yard plunge on a series sparked by Williams's 26-yard throw to Gring.

The momentum didn't last. With 6:03 to play, Churchill scored again on a 25-yard field goal by Alsobrooks.

Canton drew closer once again when Williams hit senior back Kendall Scott for a 16-yard scoring pass, with 4:11 left. Those turned out to be the game's final points.

Filiatraut said it was good to see the way his team withstood Canton's early barrage.

"I was real pleased that we kept our composure, stayed with the plan, came back into the game, took a halftime lead," he said. "That was all really positive for us."

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Brown (5-10, 246) wore down the Chiefs' D with 204 yards in 26 carries.

"He's a heavy guy, but our defense, we worked our butts off to try to stop him," Canton senior lineman Cameron Dillard said. "We did all we could. At the end of the night, I guess it wasn't enough."

According to Churchill head coach John Filiatraut, "The quick 14 (points) certainly was not what we had in mind, but it wasn't a big shock, either. Those guys are good and until you play their offense at their speed, those things are going to happen."

### TD spree

Before the opening quarter ended, the Chargers reached into their bag of offensive tricks.

Suida handed the pigskin to wideout Jeremy Lewis on a reverse and Lewis fired it downfield

to Andrew Abram for a 46-yard score with 1:54 remaining in the quarter. A two-point conversion pass to Hunter Rimatzki actually evened the score at 14-14.

"They're spread offense is crazy," Baechler said. "We gave up two touchdowns on things we've never seen. The stuff we prepared for, we were darn good at."

The teams combined for 36 points in an even crazier second quarter.

With 9:36 to play in the half, Canton sophomore quarterback Greg Williams (7-of-15 passing, 178 yards, two TDs) connected with tight end Matt McKoy on a 23-yarder down to the Churchill 29.

On the next play, junior tailback Joe Grinage broke free and scampered all the way into the end zone to give Canton a 20-14 edge.

### Lead changes

A muffed punt by the Chiefs led to a 29-yard field goal by Churchill's Brian Alsobrooks with 5:42 left

to make it 20-17 and the Chargers went up 23-20 on a 53-yard toss from Suida to Robert Foster Jr. (seven receptions, 132 yards and two TDs).

Of course, the way the game went, the Chiefs regained the lead 27-23 just two plays later.

Williams dropped back and hit senior tight end Scott Gring for what turned into a 78-yard catch-and-run TD. Gring (three catches, 130 yards) reeled the pass in around Canton's 40 and took off down the left sideline the rest of the way.

Churchill, outgaining Canton 352-320 in the first half, scored the next two touchdowns within a minute late in the half to open up a 37-27 lead.

Abram reached down to snare a low pass from Suida for a 16-yard touchdown. With 10 seconds remaining, Suida found Jacob Staff for a 2-yard scoring strike.

In the second half, the Chargers made it a 40-27 advantage on their first

# Canton Lions get it done on ground, in air

The Canton Lions Varsity football team turned in a total team effort to improve to 2-0 last Sunday by beating the Ypsilanti Lincoln Railsplitters, 36-12.

The Lions dominated from the opening kickoff, taking a 24-0 lead into halftime. Top performers both on

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offense and defense included Kyle Amick, Woody See, Ian Kovach, Cannon Misenko, Drew Koenigsknecht, Nate Moss, Alex Mattson, Zach Long, Michael Tucker, Kyle Petruski, Alan Farmer and

Ricky Kuzdak. Great blocking on the O-line was provided by Matt Steeple, David Mason III, Max Mulvaney, Devon Gunn and Kyrece Smith, opening large holes for the Lions running backs. The offense was operating on all cylinders with the

Lions tallying five touchdowns and three extra point kicks by Alan Farmer. The first touchdown drive was aided by a 35-yard interception return by Joey Glunt to the Railsplitters 30. Jason Arnold punched it in for the first score on a 3-yard TD run. Other scores came

on touchdown runs of four yards by Kyle Petruski and 23 yards by Arnold. A strong passing game also contributed. Quarterback C.J. Wieloch hit Guam Lee, Jr. and Arnold with 22- and 23-yard touchdown passes, respectively, to round out the Lions scoring.

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his relay lineup to try and maximize matchups.

According to Weber, team depth had a lot to do with the win.

"That's absolutely what won this meet for us," he noted. "Plymouth has a lot of top speed and very talented swimmers. We just scored more points today, so we're very proud of that."

To that end, Plymouth finished first in seven of the 12 events. But the Chiefs garnered more of the points for places 2-5 throughout the night.

Schade said the Chiefs were "just better tonight. It is what it is. We're going to try to swim fast at the division meet and the conference meet. This is for half the division championship, so that's big for Canton."

On the plus side, Plymouth's 200-free relay team of Emily Toro, Emily Weiner, Carolyn Stoddard and Sarah Dombkowski established a new Canton pool record with a winning time of 1:43.69.

"This is a pretty old pool so that's a pretty big accomplishment," he said. Schade added that the relay probably earned a state cut in the process "and Sarah Dombkowski's times are always state cuts. She's probably going to be all-state in the 500. She's elite."

The Wildcats won the other two relays, with Dombkowski prevailing in the 200 freestyle (1:57.49) as well as the 500 free (5:07.16).

Toro also placed first in two individual events (200 individual medley, 2:15.77; 100 butterfly, 1:02.00) with

Alexa Earls' time of 1:02.53 good for first in the 100 backstroke.

For Canton, Destinee Barmore-Hicks was the winner in two events (50 free, 25.63; 100 free, 56.51) while Delaney Adams (100 breaststroke, 1:12.90) and Melissa Green (1-meter diving, 148.05 points) also earned first place honors in individual events.

The rousing victory could spearhead the Chiefs to bigger and better things this season, Orr said.

"It means we're going to have a great season, this is a good start winning our first dual meet," Orr said. "We're going to go far and make a lot of state cuts."

The Chiefs' next campus rivalry dual meet is just around the corner as they visit Salem 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**S.L. EAST 94.5, SALEM 91.5:** Another PCEP pool featured a thrilling finish Thursday night, but host Salem came up just short despite several excellent performances.

Linda Zhang qualified for the state meet in the 100 breast (first, 1:07.85), Abby Aumiller broke the 1-minute mark in the 100 backstroke (first, 59.59) and Lisa Zhang got a state cut in the 100 butterfly (second, 1:00.33).

Salem head coach Chuck Olson said the Cougars and Rocks were involved in a very close meet. The Rocks finished 1-3 in the 400-free relay; had they won the top two places, they would have won by a point.

Earning first in the relay were Lisa Zhang, Suriano, Aumiller and Linda Zhang (3:43.95). Salem had plenty of highlights, kicking things off with a first-place showing in the 200-medley relay. That team of Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Julia Suriano finished in 1:52.35.

Suriano then won the 200 free (2:00.92) followed by wins by Lisa Zhang and Linda Zhang in the 200 IM and 50 free, respectively.

Salem's other first was registered by Suriano in the 500 free (5:23.00).

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## GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

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**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Alexa Earls, Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Linda Erickson), 1:57.90; 2. Canton (Emily Meier, Delaney Adams, Rachel Barszcz, Mackenzie Dugas), 1:58.67; 3. Canton (Caitlin Orr, Abby Madison, Madeline Madison, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:59.02.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Sarah Dombkowski (P), 1:57.49; 2. Claire Green (C), 2:02.54; 3. M. Madison (C), 2:03.48; 4. Hannah Jenkins (C), 2:05.88; 5. Emily Weiner (P), 2:07.34.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Emily Toro (P), 2:15.77; 2. Adams (C), 2:16.63; 3. Earls (P), 2:17.47; 4. Orr (C), 2:19.94; 5. Mackenzie Dugas (C), 2:22.56.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 25.63; 2. Meier (C), 26.44; 3. Erickson (P), 26.85; 4. Caylin Waters (P), 27.84; 5. A. Madison (C), 27.93.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Melissa Green (C), 148.05 points; 2. Nicole Lasecki (C), 122.70; 3. Samantha Fontana (P), 115.65; 4. Alexa Gulitta (P), 109.85; 5. Katy Telega (P), 106.10.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Toro (P), 1:02.00; 2. Plencner (P), 1:03.84; 3. Barszcz (C), 1:05.96; 4. Emily Osika (C), 1:10.20; 5. Faith Goodwin (C), 1:12.11.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Barmore-Hicks (C), 56.51; 2. Weiner (P), 57.97; 3. Meier (C), 58.00; 4. Carolyn Stoddard (P), 58.05; 4. A. Madison (C), 1:00.94; 5. Waters (P), 1:02.05.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Dombkowski (P), 5:07.16; 2. Green (C), 5:21.82; 3. Christine Pray (C), 5:34.53; 4. M. Madison (C), 5:36.34; 5. Casey Wing (P), 6:11.61.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Toro, Weiner, Stoddard, Dombkowski), 1:43.69; 2. Canton (Meier, Adams, Hannah Jenkins, Barmore-Hicks), 1:43.87; 3. Plymouth (Erickson, Matson, Waters, Abby Humphries), 1:49.98.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Earls (P), 1:02.53; 2. Orr (C), 1:04.20; 3. Dugas (C), 1:07.17; 4. Plencner (P), 1:08.84; 5. Brenna Wayne (C), 1:12.89.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Adams (C), 1:12.90; 2. Jenkins (C), 1:13.41; 3. Erickson (P), 1:14.80; 4. Matson (P), 1:17.53; 5. Samidha Visai (P), 1:17.60.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (M. Madison,

Green, Orr, Jenkins), 3:50.06; 2. Plymouth (Toro, Stoddard, Earls, Wing), 3:52.42; 3. Plymouth (Weiner, Plencner, Dombkowski, Waters), 3:54.74. **Dual meet records:** Canton (2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division); Plymouth (2-2 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South).

### SOUTH LYON EAST 94.5 SALEM 91.5 Sept. 20 at Salem

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Julia Suriano), 1:52.35; 2. S.L. East, 1:52.65; 3. S.L. East, 2:03.89.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Suriano (S), 2:00.92; 2. Madie Gorman (S), 2:05.90; 5. Patricia Freitag (S), 2:09.24.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Linda Zhang (S), 2:12.59; 2. Annie Patterson (S), 2:24.68; 5. Jacey Lamoureux (S), 2:34.01.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Linda Zhang (S), 25.31; 2. Rachel Green (SLE), 25.33; 3. Aumiller (S), 25.79.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Autumn Smith (SLE), 206.90 points; 4. Bridget Maul (S), 150.90; 5. Adelaida Jepperson (S), 133.80.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Chanel Bonin (SLE), 58.70; 2. Lisa Zhang (S), 1:00.33; 3. Patterson (S), 1:05.92; 5. (tie) Andrea Ringer (S), Caroline Storm (SLE), 1:14.59.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Green (SLE), 54.95; 4. Gorman (S), 58.30; 5. Stephanie Solterman (S), 59.96.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Suriano (S), 5:23.00; 2. Caitlyn Thelen (SLE), 5:41.13; 3. Freitag (S), 5:48.51; 4. Lamoureux (S), 5:58.97.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. S.L. East (Kallie Krueger, Dierdre Gerke, Stormy Malarik, Green), 1:46.59; 3. Salem (Gorman, Mckenzie Maurice, Patterson, Freitag), 1:51.32.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Aumiller (S), 59.59; 2. Bonin (SLE), 1:00.67; 3. Solterman (S), 1:04.96.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:07.85; 2. Meg Darrow (SLE), 1:16.01; 5. Hannah Pollard (S), 1:21.00.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Suriano, Aumiller, Linda Zhang), 3:43.95; 2. S.L. East, 3:47.43; 3. Salem (Gorman, Patterson, Freitag, Solterman), 3:55.12.

**Dual meet records:** Salem (2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs Central Division).



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Putting a good foot into the ball during a recent contest is Salem junior goalkeeper Collin Hewett.

## KEEPER

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### Up and at 'em

These days, the 6-2 goalkeeper and Canton resident lives for thwarting scoring chances by leaping and using his impressive wing span, which enables him to reach high and wide to get to air balls.

However, Hewett didn't always possess such passion for his position.

After playing other spots on the pitch during his boyhood in various recreation leagues, he joined the Canton Celtic Select program as a 10-year-old.

Later on, in the Canton Celtic's Premier level, he moved to goalkeeper.

It didn't hurt that his coach was George Tomasso, a former high school and college goalkeeper who also is longtime head coach of Canton's varsity

boys soccer team.

"I guess he saw something you could say," Hewett said. "And he developed me through time and helped me pursue becoming a goalkeeper."

Hewett said it didn't matter to Tomasso that the middle schooler was slated to go to Salem instead of Canton. "He knew all along I was going to be with Salem."

### Big and bold

Yet those formative years guarding the goal were more about playing not to make mistakes instead of getting after it with the kind of tenacity that Hewett demonstrates as a varsity stopper.

"Way back when I started I wasn't very aggressive," he went on. "I was kind of timid and I just made the saves when I had to. I wasn't as talkative as I am now."

"So as I grew, I decided

I got to be more aggressive, because I got to make the big saves, I got to come out harder, stronger. I talked more because it organized everything. My confidence level grew."

Now, Hewett, whose parents are Douglas and Kandra, is so confident in his ability that he doesn't mind making bold predictions for himself and the Rocks, now ranked sixth among D1 teams.

"Personally, my goal would be to be an all-state goalkeeper, be on the all-state team at the end of the year," he noted. "As a team, I think our goal is to win a state championship. I feel this could be the year."

Who knows? It just might be, particularly the way Collin Hewett seems to successfully snag whatever he reaches for.

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## Scoring binge continues for Chiefs

Canton's boys soccer team continued their recent scoring barrage Thursday, defeating the visiting Livonia Franklin Patriots 8-0 in a game shortened midway in the second half due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

The game was the third consecutive blowout for the Chiefs, who defeated Westland John Glenn 9-4 on Tuesday, and Wayne Memorial 8-0 on Sept. 13.

The Chiefs were led by senior co-captain Dan Ovesea, who scored a pair of goals and added three assists, and junior Griffin Parks, who tallied a first half hat trick and a second half assist.

Senior co-captain Scott Pivowar, junior Cody Widlak and sophomore Aidan Shennan also scored goals, while senior co-captain Bobby Budlong

chipped in with a pair of assists.

Senior Ian Wingate started the game in goal for the Chiefs, and junior Brandon Pickert replaced him at halftime; each was credited with one save.

With the win, Canton improved its record to 10-2-2 (overall), and 6-0-0 in the KLAA South. The Chiefs host Livonia Churchill next Tuesday and square off against cross-campus rival Plymouth on Thursday.

**PLYMOUTH 6, JOHN GLENN 0:** Six different players scored goals Thursday as the Wildcats (4-7-2, 4-2) downed host Westland John Glenn (7-4, 3-3) in a KLAA South Division match.

Plymouth goal scorers included Mario Gruszczynski, Chandler Olah, Teddy Phillips, Alex Decker, Aaron Bergmans and Do-Hyung Kim.

## Chiefs' girls, boys victorious

Canton harriers took care of business Tuesday against Westland John Glenn, and that goes for both the girls and boys teams.

The varsity girls cross country team earned a 28-29 win over the Rockets at Cass Benton Park while the boys rolled to a 19-39 victory.

"It was a very exciting and competitive meet," said Eric Pahl, head coach of the girls team (2-0 in the KLAA South Division). "We had to hold out a couple of runners due to some injury concerns and the meet was very close."

"Thankfully, the girls showed up ready to run and to run hard. They all ran well."

Canton's top finisher was Sam McGrath, who placed third with a time of 22 minutes, 44 seconds.

Other finishers for the Chiefs included Olivia McIntee (fourth, 22:48), Keara Sullivan (sixth, 23:11), Grace

Grimes (seventh, 23:34), Laura Murphy (eighth, 23:37), Marissa Campbell (10th, 23:54) and Ellen Grimes (11th, 23:57).

"I was concerned early in the meet as the John Glenn runners started out fast," Pahl added. "The girls kept with it and kept pushing the pace."

"Every girl on this team ran hard and contributed to this win. I couldn't be more proud of these girls."

On the boys side, Canton took places 1-3 en route to the win. In first place was Billy Toth, with a time of 17:54.

The runner-up spot went to Evan Dunklee (18:16) with Josh Joy in third (18:41).

John Glenn's Chris Codd finished fourth (19:04) but the Chiefs' Owen Ash came in fifth, with a mark of 19:15.

Other finishers for the Chiefs (2-0 in the KLAA South) were Jay Drennan (19:26) and Andrew Stephens (19:43).



## As the Eagles fly

Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team placed fourth in the Division 4 race of the Holly Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 15, winning four individual medals. From left are Steven Zomermaand (27th, 20:44), Gareth Matson (25th, 20:40), Nathan Harold (49th, 22:57), Trevor Baloga (sixth, 18:23) and Jimmy Parks (11th, 19:10). Coach Jennifer Lemieux said only five boys ran but PCA came home with 11 medals and a trophy. PCA girls also fared well. Medalists were Terra Crown (third, 21:19), Rachel Smith (seventh, 21:57) and Megan McHugh (25th, 24:28).

## Canton spikers win in 3

It all came together Thursday night for Canton's varsity girls volleyball team.

The Chiefs prevailed 25-13, 25-6, 25-20 at Westland John Glenn, improving to 13-7-1 overall.

Head coach Steve Johnson said it was one of the Chiefs' better showings of the season, pleased with how starters and players coming off the bench all performed.

An increased proficiency in blocking — a team goal — was key.

"Our middles and right-sides that carry the majority of the blocking burden accomplished the goals we set for them this year," he said.

Rebecca LeChevalier tallied 10 block-touches and three block-assists while Lauren Bedro (five block-touches, two solo blocks) also were in on a lot of the action.

Leading Canton in kills was Erica den Boer, with 10 kills, along with five aces, eight digs and two blocks.

Other contributors included libero Becca Middleton (14 digs), Lauren Khars (eight digs), Jordan Diedrick

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(seven kills), Sasha Cucuz (seven kills), setter Chelsea Janice (13 assists) and setter Rachel Buzenberg (15 assists).

Dia Jackson had five digs and two back-row attacks that set up kills. Lizzy Desmarais tallied four digs.

### Wildcats prevail

Madelyn Betts finished with 11 kills, two blocks and three aces Thursday sparking Plymouth to a 25-23, 25-17, 25-16 KLAA South Division victory at Wayne Memorial.

Olivia Beyer contributed nine kills, two blocks and two aces, while sister Emilee Beyer collected seven kills.

Setter Shayla Smalls chipped in with 19 assists, four kills and two aces as the Wildcats improved to 4-1 in the division.

On Tuesday, before the Wildcats defeated Westland John Glenn (25-23, 25-17, 25-16), senior Betts was honored for committing to play volleyball at Robert Morris University. Betts received a full scholarship.

## Salem baseball alums help 'Kelly's Kidz'

Miracles keep happening for youngsters with disabilities, and efforts such as those by the Salem Baseball Alumni Association are instrumental as to why.

On Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Miracle League of Plymouth field, a check for \$1,300 was presented by Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger on behalf of the Salem Rocks Baseball Alumni to Kelly's Kidz.

Receiving the check was 1992 Salem graduate Kelly (O'Connor) Hermann and her husband, Dave.

They are parents of 9-year-old Maggie, a special needs child who is in a wheelchair. Maggie's 7-year-old brother, Michael, also was there to hit the ball on a tee for her during the game.

Salem baseball players also participated. They volunteered to help the kids with special needs by batting, pushing wheelchairs or just running along side the boys and girls.

This year marked the first year that proceeds from Salem's annual baseball alumni game (held in June) was earmarked for Kelly's Kidz.

For more information about Kelly's Kidz, go to [www.kellyskidz.net](http://www.kellyskidz.net).



Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger (left) presents a \$1,300 check on behalf of the Salem baseball alumni to Kelly's Kidz Sept. 15 at the Miracle League of Plymouth facility. Receiving the check are Kelly and Dave Hermann, parents of 9-year-old Maggie, who has special needs and is in a wheelchair.



Jim Kubisak of the Salem Dugout Club (left) and Salem varsity baseball player David Proctor (right) welcome Maggie and Michael Hermann last Saturday for a \$1,300 check presentation to Kelly's Kidz.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### YMCA looking for staff

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hiring sports staff for the fall and winter sessions of youth sports.

Applicants should be at least 16 years old and be available to work evenings in addition to possessing a strong desire to work with youth, knowledge of various sports and the ability to interact well with members of all ages.

To apply, download an application and return it to Josh Borg at [jborg@ymcamedetroit.org](mailto:jborg@ymcamedetroit.org) or 248 S Union, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

### Sign up for Saints

The Washtenaw Saints Football Team, of the Christian Athletic League of America, is currently looking for interested young men (6th through 12th grade) to join the team.

There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices are underway at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact coach Jeremy Florence at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at [Lemmie@aol.com](mailto:Lemmie@aol.com).

### Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier

Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealbert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail [TrainWithTami@yahoo.com](mailto:TrainWithTami@yahoo.com). For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit [www.TrainWithTami.com](http://www.TrainWithTami.com).

### CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at [smart5959@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smart5959@sbcglobal.net); or call (734) 432-5959.

### Reds need players

The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Reds Baseball Club is seeking players to fill remaining 8-and-under through 18U spots on its 2013 rosters. Go to [www.oaklandreds.com](http://www.oaklandreds.com) for additional information and to request a tryout.

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## Ready, set, sew Livonia man will compete in clothing design contest

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Andy Gilmore was 10 when he sewed his first garment.

"It was really ugly. It was a polka dot, blue and white dress."

The Schoolcraft College student has come a long way in nine years. His latest piece, a "peachy taffeta" prom dress with a bubble skirt, tulle draping and a flower-accented belt, earned him a spot at the 6th Annual Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge.

Inspired by Lifetime's *Project Runway* and Bravo's *The Fashion Show*, the competition runs Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29 during the American Sewing Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi Road and Beck, in Novi. Expo hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The expo will offer fashion shows, classes, hands-on workshops, shopping, displays of cutting edge fashions, sewing machine "test drives" and contests, including a daily sewing challenge in which participants make an accessory, home decor item or craft in just 75 minutes.

By contrast, Gilmore, and the 11 other Passion for Fashion contestants, will get a design challenge and then spend Friday creating their garments. They'll return to the expo the next morning to fin-

ish their creations, fitting them to models who will walk the fashion runway and pose in a photo shoot Saturday afternoon. A panel of industry fashion experts will judge and choose the winner based on creativity, construction, fit, and composition.

### Based on a theme

"It's like *Project Runway*. You get a challenge and you have a certain amount of money to buy fabric and notions. And then you have a certain amount of time to make something," Gilmore explained.

Contestants can make their choice of garment, but it must be inspired by the challenge theme.

"Last year it was movies. The year before that it was cars."

Gilmore, who will be up against contestants from Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and North Carolina, would welcome a "decades" or "cities" theme, anything that might enable him to give his project a vintage look.

"I like doing vintage things. I'm making a dress now with a circle skirt," he said, adding that he is practicing for the competition. "It's cotton, top-stitched."

### Altering patterns

The Stevenson High School graduate took a sewing class while in high school and initially learned to sew from his mother, Maria.

"I draw but I don't make

my own patterns yet. I try to find a pattern that is similar and alter it," he said.

For the prom dress, he made the skirt portion according to pattern, but added his own touches to the bodice and belt.

"I like making dresses. I like to design women's clothing. I like colors, using prints."

He admires designers Betsy Johnson and Marc Jacobs.

"I like how she (Johnson) has fun with fashion shows," he said, adding that he appreciates Jacobs' chic designs.

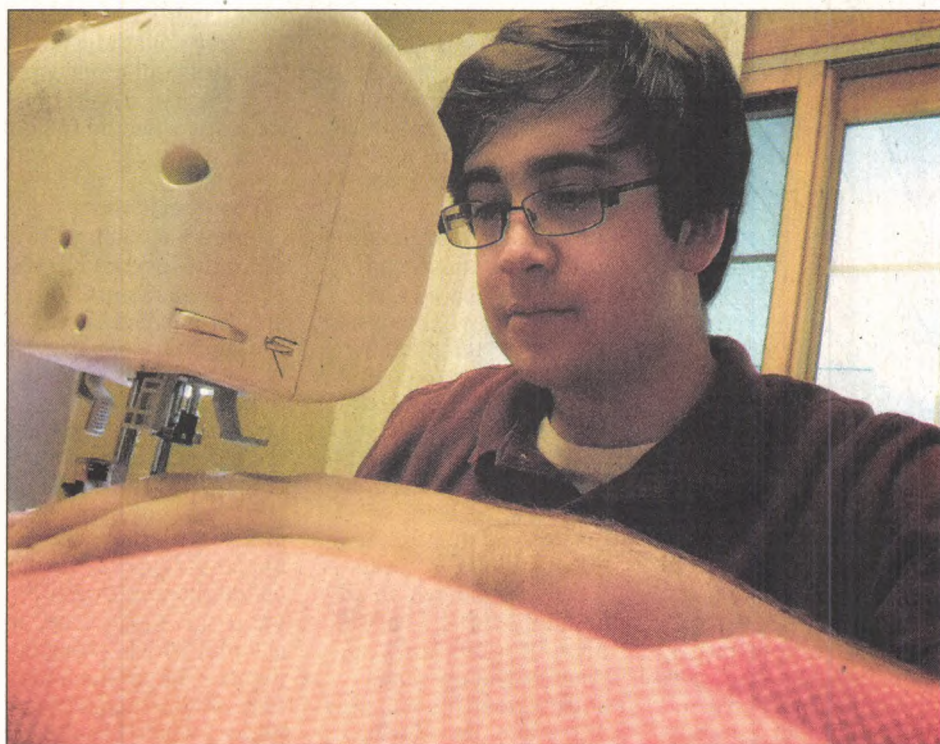
Gilmore plans to enroll in a clothing design program at Wayne State University or Eastern Michigan University, after finishing his core classes at Schoolcraft College.

In the meantime, he'll work against the clock and in public view during the Passion for Fashion contest. His parents, grandmother and brothers — he's the middle child — may stop by the expo to cheer him on.

He says the time restriction and fishbowl atmosphere won't rattle him.

"I kind of do work under pressure. I'll just have to pace myself."

Expo admission is \$14. Children, 15 and under, are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14 and all-day workshops are \$130. On-site parking is \$5. For more information visit [www.AmericanSewingExpo.com](http://www.AmericanSewingExpo.com) or call (248)



Andy Gilmore of Livonia works at the sewing machine.

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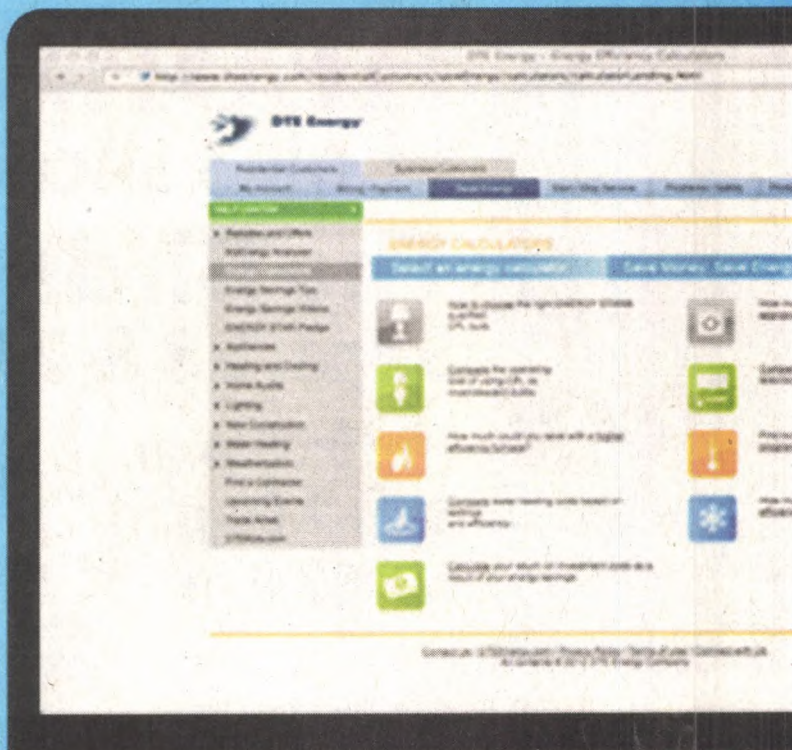
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# Where have all the old guys gone?

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

received an e-mail from Joanne, a reader of this column, who said:



Appliance Doctor  
Joe Gagnon

"Had my son clean the 24-year-old refrigerator using your instructions, including the long brush I bought. Was

appalled at what came out. That was several weeks ago. Now the past few weeks I have sensed the milk wasn't cold enough. Check the freezer and it seems to have a

very strong defrost cycle. Have always used A&R Appliance Service, but no answer, only rapid busy signal. Am thinking he is no longer available. Has always given us great service."

I responded to Joanne privately but as a consumer advocate I owe the public an explanation of why the telephone is not being answered at A & R Appliance Service. Ron Hoffman the owner is no longer out on the road doing service work for a few thousand of his loyal customers. In October 2008, Ron suffered a stroke which disabled the left side of his body. My sons Mark and Andrew did his service calls to keep his business afloat and provide an income for Ron and his

wife Patti. Three years ago they sold their business to a gentleman who kept the name A&R until recently, when he fell on hard times.

### Wrong address

Today the business is down the tube and Ron's ever loyal customers are calling elsewhere for appliance repairs. In talking with Patti, she tells me that customers of the new owner are appearing at their residence in Canton with complaints of improper service or jobs left uncompleted. I have called the new owner but to no avail. I want to ask him why his service invoices have Ron and Patti's home address on them. I would also like to explain that we have

a law in this State called the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act which dictates that name and address must be true. For all of you readers who used to use A & R Appliance Service, I feel for you because you had the most honest guy in your home and one of the best technicians in America.

Guys like Jack Maynard of Wonderland Appliance and Lloyd Dobbins and Jack McCarthy who worked out of their homes for years and were pure examples of the great appliance technicians in the service industry. Just like Ron Hoffman, they worked six or seven days a week and were always on time to take care of their trusting customers. People used to leave

the door unlocked and knew that the product was fixed the first time around. These were the guys who could listen to your washer run for 30 seconds and tell you exactly what was wrong. These guys and others worked hard and raised families and put their children through college. They could always be counted on to help those in need in the community and walked with their heads high because they knew the basics of good customer satisfaction.

### Leaving the business

I think of Mr. Kanack who also had thousands of regular customers. He had to retire recently because nearing the age of 90, the washers were getting just too heavy to carry up the stairs. It's people like these who

have been removed from the industry — good solid citizens that made me proud to know them. Like Joanne, many readers will have to find a new, unknown appliance repair person to come to their home. Just because someone else assumes the company name doesn't necessarily mean they're as good as the old guy. By the way, Patti Hoffman is always by Ron's side and also takes care of her 92-year-old mother who has moved in with them. They live in Canton and you might want to send her a card of encouragement while the lawyer takes care of the guy who purchased their business.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

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Brenda Dzedzic releases butterflies to their new home at the butterfly garden at Barson's Greenhouse in Westland earlier this year. She'll be on hand at the Garden City Garden Club perennial exchange on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

# Chocolate tasting benefits First Step

Get ready to satisfy your chocolate craving. The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division presents the 8th Annual Chocolate Affair & Garden Luncheon, Sunday, Oct. 7 at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. The luncheon will run from noon-2 p.m., followed by Chocolate Affair, which is set for 2-5 p.m. Patrons will sample chocolate desserts from restaurants, confectioners and caterers, while

benefitting the fight against domestic violence. Proceeds will aid First Step, which provides emergency, short-term housing for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and their children. Luncheon tickets are \$25 and available only in advance. Chocolate Affair tickets are \$25 and are available in advance or at the door. Buy advance tickets at First Step, 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, or from the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Call Barb at (734) 453-1459 or Pat at (734) 981-1702.

# Rouge River group seeks volunteers for Oct. 20

Register by Oct. 5 if you want to hunt bugs with the Friends of the Rouge on Oct. 20. Why hunt bugs? The event is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foun-

ation. The annual fall hunt will start at 9 a.m. at the VisTaTech Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, located on Haggerty, south of Seven Mile in Livonia. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four-eight individuals that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river. The number and type

of bugs found is used to assess each site. Data are submitted to the State of Michigan and Rouge communities that use them to screen for problems and assess restoration progress. Children may attend the hunt if they are accompanied by a participating adult. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

# Take a night hike in the Hills

Watch the sun go down Tuesday, Sept. 25, while you hike through Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The Nature Center staff will lead a fall night hike from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The hike is designed for families and children, 4 and over. No flashlights are required as participants enjoy the autumn night air, listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten their senses along the way.

A second fall night hike will be held Wednesday, Oct. 24. The cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or online at <http://recreg.fhgov.com>. Participants also may pay at the door on the night of the program, but space is limited. In case of inclement weather, participants will be notified of a cancellation. The Nature Center also offers hayrides and

campfires 5:30-7 p.m. every Friday through Nov. 2. Cost is \$5 per person. Saturday hayrides are available Oct. 20 and 27. Register in advance online or buy tickets at the door. The Farmington Hills Nature Center is located in Heritage Park at 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Call the Nature Center at (248) 477-1135 or e-mail [asimons@fhgov.com](mailto:asimons@fhgov.com) for more information about upcoming programs.

## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### Livonia Garden Club

Master gardener Paul Rodman will talk about "What is true and what is false," at Livonia the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Rodman writes a garden column, maintains two garden sites and has amassed more than 5,500 volunteer hours. For

more information call Kathy at (734) 513-8655.

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## REUNIONS

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50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, [robichaud62@yahoo.com](mailto:robichaud62@yahoo.com). Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

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Annual reunion will run 1:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan, i Warren. Special recognition will go to classes of 1942, 19542 and 1962. The open bar will start at 1:30 p.m., with dinner served at 2:30 p.m. Price is \$30 per person. Make reservations with Nancy Linhard at (586) 268-1187.

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Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.



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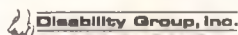
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Doctors are well aware of the meaning of the phrase: "One size doesn't fit all." Illustration of that saying often comes up in a patient with advanced osteoarthritis of the knee. If the x-ray shows bone rubbing against bone, then needing a knee replacement seems obvious. Is that always the case? If the patient is a 50 year old man, working daily, coaching boys' soccer, and singing in the church choir on Sunday, a physician may pause before recommending an operation that is not a guaranteed success. Furthermore, the 50 year old man could live to age 80, and no joint replacement can likely last that long. In this instance, the better recommendation could be to have the patient keep up his present way of life and to relieve pain and swelling by periodically injecting the knee with cortisone. When that therapy no longer yields benefit, then it is time to reopen the matter of knee replacement. In contrast are the options before a physician in discussion with a 76 year old widow with knee x-rays showing bone rubbing against bone. Older age means less stability of the legs and with the addition of a bad knee, the patient faces an increased risk of falling. Widowed, likely living alone, heightens the importance of sturdy legs to take on the tasks of living previously shared with a husband. Continuous rubbing of bone on bone means increased pain necessitating pain medication, usually as narcotic analgesia. In this instance, the physician likely will tell the patient she hardly has any other alternative than knee replacement. In each case, circumstances determine conclusions.

# Be my baby: Kids Safe offers infant sleep tips

Nearly 150 Michigan infant sleep-related deaths are reported each year — equivalent to six classrooms of children. Unsafe sleep environments are the leading cause of accidental death, among infants, surpassing car crashes, drowning, fire, and poisonings.

Scene reenactments have enabled Mott Children's Hospital to better understand how sleep-related deaths occur, according to Amber Kroeker, Safe Kids Huron Valley Coordinator and Injury Prevention Health Educator for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

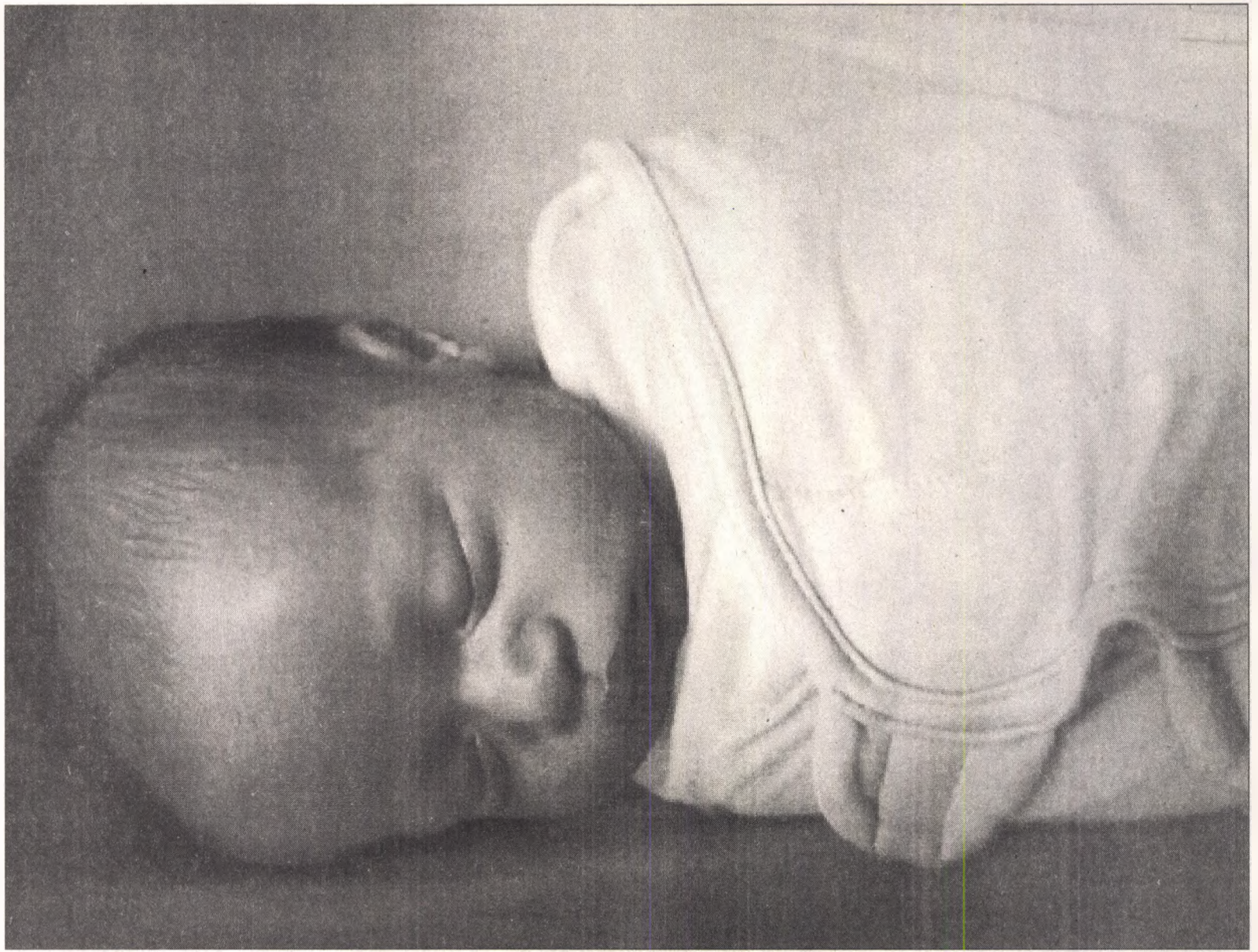
"Due to this practice, the label of 'SIDS death' has decreased, but suffocation deaths due to unsafe sleep environments have actually increased due to a better understanding of circumstances surrounding these preventable deaths," she stated.

First-time parents may be influenced by older family members who are not aware of the new guidelines for safe sleep.

"Many older caregivers were taught to place the infant on his (or) her belly in the crib," Kroeker said.

But the American Academy of Pediatrics and Safe Kids USA recommends that infants always sleep alone, on their back, and in a safe crib.

The AAP recommends room-sharing



Kids Safe recommends placing infants in sleep sack — not under a blanket — in a crib.

because it is safer than bed-sharing and will decrease the risk of SIDS and the possibility of suffocation, strangulation, and entrapment that might occur when the infant is sleeping in the adult's bed.

Over the past two years, millions of cribs have been recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for unsafe conditions. All new cribs on the market today meet the safety standards of the CPSC.

However, if getting a used crib, parents should check to see if it has been recalled at [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov). Parents never should attempt to repair a broken crib. Infants should be put to sleep on a firm mattress

that fits snugly in the frame. Nothing should be placed in the crib with the infant. That includes blankets, pillows, toys and bumper pads.

"We encourage parents to keep their baby warm by placing their

baby in a sleep sack, which is a wearable blanket," said Kroeker.

For more information on infant safe sleep habits, visit [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org), [www.Sidscenter.org](http://www.Sidscenter.org), and [www.Tomorrowchildmi.org](http://www.Tomorrowchildmi.org).

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# Milestones



Donald and Rose Mary Miller of Redford

## 50th anniversary

Donald and Rose Mary Miller of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 11 at a gathering hosted by their children and their spouses.

Their children are: Jennifer (Rick) Bullion, Deborah (Lane) Noble, Chris (Sandra) Miller, and Beth (Eric) Chapman. Their grandchildren are Emma and Madalyn Noble, Owen Miller and Sarah and Thomas Chapman.

The party was held in Canton and featured a replica of the 1962 wedding cake, along with 1960s music. More than 30 family members and friends enjoyed the afternoon event.

In July, Don and Rose Mary, along with granddaughters, Sarah Rose Chapman, and Emma Victoria Noble, attended a Shakespeare play in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. They shopped and toured the area during the three-day trip.

"Every year since before we were married we have



Donald and Rose Mary Miller on their wedding day

been taking trips to Stratford," Rose Mary said.

The couple has a family membership at The Henry Ford in Dearborn and enjoys taking grandchildren to the attraction. Rose Mary also likes to garden.

Don, who worked for Cadillac, retiring 18 years ago, is an expert in repairing the Allante model. Allante enthusiasts seek him out to help get parts and make repairs on their cars.

The couple met through Donald's future sister-in-law, who worked with Rose Mary at the time.



Sam and Rosalie Galiano of Westland

## 60th anniversary

Sam and Rosalie Galiano marked their 60th wedding anniversary on June 14. They met in Birmingham, Ala., in 1950 and were married in 1952 at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Detroit. They celebrated their union with an old-fashioned Italian wedding. The couple lived in Livonia for 50 years and now lives in Westland.

Sam is a U.S. Navy World War II veteran who served in the Philippine Liberation. Sam was 16 when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He quit school to serve his country. In 2002 he received an honorary diploma from Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School. He is a lifetime member of Sgt. Stanley Romanowski VFW Post #6896 where he serves as an honor guard. Sam retired from Fisher Body Fleetwood, a division of General Motors, after 32 years. He enjoys growing tomatoes and eggplant, watching sports on television and reading.

Rosalie is a devoted homemaker and proud mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loves to entertain and cook for family and friends. She enjoys crafts and spoiling their grandchildren. She and Sam are fans of Michigan State football and basketball, the Detroit Tigers



Sam and Rosalie Gagliano on their wedding day.

and Red Wings. They also enjoy an occasional trip to the casinos.

Their family includes two daughters: Paula (Randy) Forster of Canton and Diane (Brian) Brady of Mason. Grandchildren include Jason Forster who is in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Sioux Falls, S.D., and is married to Crystal; Kristen Forster, who is a social worker in Ann Arbor; Erin Brady, a freelance story producer in Los Angeles, Calif.; and Meghan Brady, who works in Haleakala National Park in Maui, Hawaii. Great-grandsons are Jack Forster, 4, and Tyler Forster, 18 months.

The couple's daughters hosted a small, surprise party at De Luca's Italian Restaurant in celebration of their anniversary.

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**ALLES, DONALD C., A.I.A.**

Age 80, of Farmington Hills, an avid sailor and Model A car buff, died September 18, 2012. Mr. Alles' memberships include the Lakeshore Sail Club, Motor City Model A Club and Detroit Rotary, and was an accomplished clarinet player. He is the beloved husband of 58 years to Betty; devoted father of James (Susan) Alles and Wendy (Jim) Alles-Bean; and cousin to many. Funeral Service was held Sept. 22, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington (248-474-5200). Private interment Glen Eden, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Assn., heart.org, or American Diabetes Assn., diabetes.org., heeney-sundquist.com.



**DAVIS, C. MARIE**

Age 85, September 18, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Donald Anthony. Dearest mother of Thomas E., Larry (Debbie) and Cindy (Bruce) Webb. Loving grandmother of Lindsay (Mike), Courtney, Sheila (Chris), Nichole, Michelle and proud great-grandmother of Joshua. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Rosary 7pm. In State Friday 10:30am until time of Mass 11am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



**HOCKER, LOUIS MARIO**

September 14, 2012, Age 88 of Birmingham. Proud veteran US Army Air Corps WWII and Bronze Star recipient for his intelligence team's contributions for the invasion of Normandy and D-Day. Graduated from the University of Detroit under the GI Bill and spent his career in sales and marketing in automotive and specialty sales. Beloved husband of Mary Ann for 61 years. Dear father of David, Brother-in-law of Eugene and Mary Jo Meso. Also survived by his faithful companion Mia. Services were held Tuesday September 18 at Holy Name Church. Memorial tributes to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or MDS Foundation, 4573 South Broad St., Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



**NEWMAN, EDITH L.**

Age 83, of Garden City, September 14, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Allen George Newman. Loving mother of Joseph Newman and Kenneth (Wendy) Newman. Dearest grandmother of Seth Allen Newman and Genevieve Anna Newman. She is also survived by her sister Emogene Louise Smith. She was preceded in death by her sister Ethel Lorraine Winter. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com



**BARNES, GEORGE ALBERT**

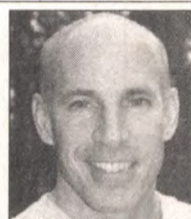
Age 65, September 20, 2012 of Canton. Beloved husband of Brenda. Loving father of Kelly, Jay (Christina), Sarah, Elizabeth Gemus, Heather Hart, Sgt. Johnny (Kathy) Hart, Jr. and Corey Hart. Proud grandfather of ten grandchildren. Dear brother of Diane, Steven (Debbie), Jeff and the late Bobby Barnes. Family and friends gathering Monday 12 Noon until Memorial Service at 5 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorial Contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

**GRIEBEL, BILLIE SUE**

Passed away at home on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Billie Sue Griebel was born to John Young and Jonnie (Fullerton) Lawhon in Troup, Texas, on August 12, 1922. In 1937 she became the Southwest United States Women's Skeet Shooting Champion. She graduated from John Taylor High School in 1940 and then attended the University of Texas where she graduated with honors in 1944. Billie Sue returned to Tyler where she was Assistant Recreation Director until becoming a stewardess for United Airlines in 1947. On June 26, 1949, Billie Sue Lawhon married Arthur Henry Griebel, Jr. at First Presbyterian Church in Austin. Billie Sue is survived by her sister Jyl Moose, of Troup, TX and by her children: Lindsey (Joe) Sullivan, of Branson Mo., Leslie (Don) Schultz of Kalamazoo, MI, and Arthur (Kari) Griebel III, of Northville MI. Billie Sue leaves six grandchildren: Jamie (Schultz) Simpson, Lance Schultz, Joseph Sullivan Jr., Savannah Slavovskiy, step-grandson Jade Sullivan, Anna Griebel, and Elisabeth Griebel. She also leaves two granddaughters: Ryleigh and Peyton Simpson. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Branson, Mo. on Friday, November 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. with a meal to follow at Lakewood Estates at 4:00. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to PATH in Tyler, Texas, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**JAHN, THERESA**

Age 84, of Livonia passed away September 17, 2012. Beloved wife of the late James Jahn. Loving mother of Patrice (John) Schumacher, Michael, Ann (deceased), Paul (Kathryne), Peggy (Michael) Bellaire, Susan and Gail (Frances) Foguth. Grandmother of eight and Great Grandmother of five. Theresa enjoyed many interests in life including card parties, swimming, gardening at Greenmead, bowling, scouting and many arts and crafts with a passion for painting. She was a member of the Altar Society and a volunteer at the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Theresa will be truly missed and will remain in our hearts & memories forever. Visitation is Friday, September 21, 2012 from 2-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Livonia and Mass is Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. with viewing at 9:30 a.m. at St. Colette Church in Livonia.



**PAWLAK, JR. ALFRED R.**

Age 53, September 19, 2012. Beloved husband of Diane for 11 years. Loving father of Daniel and Benjamin. Son of Rosemary and the late Alfred Sr. Brother of Renee (Paul) Fershee, Toniann (Kim) Taylor and Michael (Kim). Uncle of several nieces and nephews. Dear godfather of Joey. He will also be missed by his beloved dogs, Sammy and Spike. Funeral services were held at the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the family, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



**UPTON, DARREL DEAN**

Age 77, of Darwin, MN, formerly of Plymouth, died Monday, September 10, 2012. The son of Perry & Inez (Bohnsack) Upton, he was born on August 14, 1935, in Marietta, Minnesota. Darrel loved spending time with his family and spoiling his grandchildren. He was a sincere and easygoing gentleman who always took the time to visit with friends, family and loved to meet new friends. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Darrel is survived by his wife, Sheri Upton of Darwin, MN, daughter, Laurie (Art) Davis of Northville, MI, step-children, Rory (Peggy) Smith of Dassel, MN, and Tracy (Andrew) Lawson of Loretto, MN, 8 grandchildren, Ryan Davis, Julie Davis, Becky Davis, Adam Smith, Courtney Smith, Kelly Lawson, Will Lawson and Drew Lawson, one sister, Marlyce (Ed) Holium of Madison, MN, and a niece Holly (Gary) Meyer of Revillo, SD. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce on August 9, 1991, and his parents. A Funeral Service will take place Friday, September 21, 2012, 10am at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Rd, Livonia. Friends may begin visiting at 9am. Interment services will be held immediately following at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to: The Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Connect Care Home Care and Hospice, 211 Freemont Ave SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350.



**CALE, JR. JOHN JULIUS**

79, of Issaquah, Washington, passed away the evening of Wednesday, September 12, 2012. John was born on March 13, 1933, in Trenton, New Jersey, as the oldest child and only son of John Julius Cale, Sr., and Ethel Zidalis Cale. John grew up in Trenton before attending the Admiral Farragut Academy, Pine Beach, N.J., for high school. After graduation he was nominated and appointed for attendance at the United States Naval Academy as part of the Class of 1954. Upon graduation John was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. His assignments included duty at Quantico, VA; Fort Sill, OK; Camp Pendleton, CA; along with Hawaii and San Diego, CA. While stationed in Hawaii he met and married Mary B. Looney of Piedmont, CA. After leaving the Marine Corps in 1957 John moved his family to San Jose, CA. where he worked for a few years with Food Machinery and Chemical Company (FMC) before being transferred to Detroit, Michigan. While in Detroit he joined Chrysler Corporation and continued working on military equipment design, development and sales until he retired in 1991. To keep active John became a professor of business at Madonna University, Livonia, MI. An avid athlete, John played numerous sports while in school and continued to be active in lacrosse and sailing long after graduation. In 1975 he became Commodore of the North Star Sail Club of Mount Clemons, MI. He earned a Golden Knight membership for his long time association with the Army/Navy Club, Washington, D.C. In 1996 John and Mary moved to Washington State, living first in Sammamish before residing in Issaquah. John is survived by his wife Mary, their three children: Judy Cale Brown, Kevin Cale, and Terry Cale Rossi; son-in-law Dino Rossi, along with seven grandchildren and his sister Jan. Cale Raymond of California. Funeral services will be held at Saint Josephs Catholic Church, Issaquah, WA followed by interment at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Washington. Memorial contributions may be made in the memory of John Cale to the American Cancer Society.

**HATCHER, SARAH ETTA**

Age 84. September 13, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth. Loving mother of Peter (Lynn Fairbanks) A. T. Sartin, V. David (Ann) Sartin and step-mother of Ronald A. (Patricia) Hatcher. Memorial Gathering Saturday 1:00 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Saturday 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. www.thayer-rock.com

**KOCH-GREGORY, JENINE**

Born on February 8, 1954 in Long Beach, CA, loving mother, daughter, sister and friend, died of cancer on September 15, 2012, in her home in Livonia at the age of 58. The memorial visitation will be Saturday, September 22, 2012, from 12 p.m. until the memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested in Jenine's name to the Melanoma Research Foundation or family wishes, envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com to view the full obituary and share a tribute of Jenine.

**LOPPNOW, JR. EDWARD CROMAN**

Passed away peacefully on Sept. 11, in Woodstock, IL., four days shy of his 70th birthday. Ed, affectionately known as Bub to his family, was the beloved son of the late Edward and Gretchen Loppnow of Franklin, MI. He is survived by sister Deborah Bishop of Clarkston, MI., and her significant-other, Mark Schmansky; sister Diane Conangla of Chapel Hill, NC., and her husband, Clyde; daughter Greta Loppnow, of Garden Prairie, IL, and her husband, Tim Banks; sons, Chris of Richland, MI; as well as Edward III and his wife, Julie Lockton, along with grandchildren Pauline "Polly" Loppnow, and Max Edward Loppnow, of Battle Creek, MI. Ed will be greatly missed and remembered by his former wife, Nada Vunovich Loppnow, of Richland, MI; and his loving niece, Lauren Conangla, of Chicago, IL. The family especially wishes to thank the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois for their tender care of Ed in his final days. A memorial service will be held in Franklin in the spring.



**HIGGINS, LENORE W.**

Passed away September 1st, 2012. Beloved mother and grandmother. Lenore was a longtime resident of Livonia moving there in 1954. Born in England, she immigrated to the U.S. in 1926 with her mother and brother. She was a proud graduate of Northwestern H.S. Summa Cume Laude class of 1937. She worked as a civilian for the Army during WWII. Lenore loved life was involved in many social activities. She served as past president of SOS and was in the Livonia Eagles. She was also a lifetime Democrat. Survived by her children, Mary Carol Campbell (Donald), James (Madeline), Terence (Janice), Kathleen, Maureen Connolly (James). Beloved grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of one. Services were held in Canton. Interred in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery.



**WILCOX, BRIAN J.**

September 13, 2012, age 49 of Plymouth. Beloved son of Milton and Susanne. Loving brother of Karen (John) Lankford, Sheri (John) Wilcox, Stein and Craig Wilcox. Dear uncle of Logan and Josh. Loving companion of Sheryl Turner. Nephew of Peggy Wilcox. Gathering Saturday 11:30AM-2:30PM with a 1PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

## IN MEMORY OF JOHN R. HENSLEY

My dearest John there is no happiness after death for the one that's left behind. Happy Birthday Sweetheart. The family loves you & misses you, Joan

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## Fit and comfort: Tips for buying kids' shoes

When it comes to buying shoes for your children, there are so many different styles available; it can sometimes be difficult to figure out which one to choose. The most important thing to keep in mind is that your child needs proper foot support during childhood's growth years is critical.

A child's foot can grow up to about the age of 18, and the most important development happens in the first seven years. Here is a quick look at how fast kids' feet grow:

- Under 12 months old, every 2 months.
- 12 months to 2.5 years old, every 3 months.
- 2.5 to 4 years old, every 4 months.
- From 4 to 6 years old, every 6 months.

Shoes that do not fit properly can be uncomfortable and unhealthy.

That is why it is important to always measure a child's feet before buying shoes. Every shoe fits differently, so do not buy shoes based solely on the size printed on the shoebox. Make sure your child tries on every shoe and watch them as they walk to make sure they seem comfortable and fit properly.

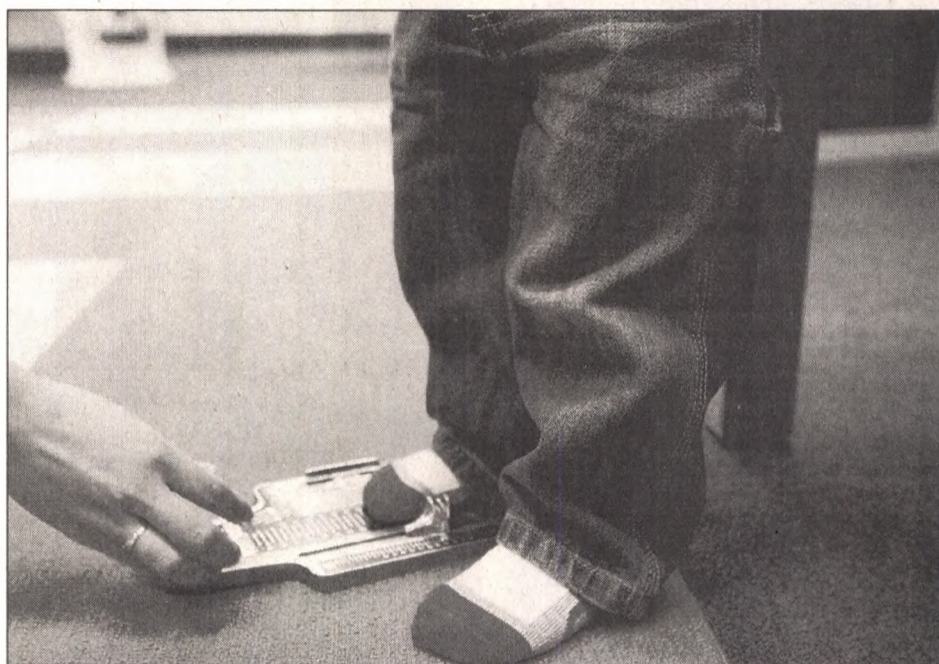
**Shoe Buying Tips**  
When you find shoes that you like, hold them in your hand and examine them. The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), experts in foot health and development, recommends you look for the following features:

**Flexibility.** Typically, the younger the child, the thinner and more flexible the soles should be. The sole should be easily flexible and be able to bend in

your hand without effort. It should bend with your child's toes - where the ball of the foot will be, rather than in the middle of the shoe.

**The room.** While your child is standing, you should be able to press about a half inch, roughly a finger's width, between the longest toe and the front of the shoe. The area of the shoe just below the laces should crease when your baby takes a step.

**Materials.** The upper part of the shoe should be made of breathable materials such as leather, rather than synthetic materials. The insoles should be cushioned for comfort. Feel around inside the shoe for irregularities in stitching, glue or stapling. Look for a stiff heel cup. Press on both sides of the heel counter.



It should not collapse.

To help parents find shoes that fit properly, here are some helpful shoe buying tips:

- Make sure to see a professional trained in fitting shoes for infants, toddlers and young children. For example, Stride Rite's Fit Training Program received the APMA Seal of Acceptance. The seal recognizes products evaluated by a committee of podiatrists that contribute to better foot health.
- Have your child's

feet measured every 2 to 3 months until toddler years, then every 3 to 4 months after that.

- Feet are seldom precisely the same size. Always buy for the larger foot.

- Do not buy shoes that need "breaking in." Shoes should be comfortable from the beginning. Observe your child walking around in both shoes for longer than a few minutes. Then, check each foot to make certain there are no irritation marks.

- Make sure the shoe is not too heavy. A heavy shoe can make your child walk irregularly, preventing the development of a normal walking pattern.

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#### September

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**HEALTHY TAILGATING**  
The session, from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills, includes recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. Cost is \$10 for the workshop. Get tickets from the store's guest services counter or call (248) 427-7400.

**JOINT REPLACEMENT**  
Dr. David Mendelson, an orthopedic surgeon at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will lead a seminar on joint replacement, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in classroom 10 at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. He'll discuss joint pain, replacement procedures, and implant options. Other sessions are Wednesday, Oct. 24 with Dr. Jeffrey Mendelson and Nov. 29 with Dr. Ryan Molli. The seminars are free. Register by calling (734) 655-2345 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

**PELVIC HEALTH**  
Dr. Paul Makela, St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical director of gynecological robotic surgery, will present a seminar called "Women and Pelvic Health," 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 and Nov. 14, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Park-

way, Canton, and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 and Dec. 12, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Makela will discuss pelvic health, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options. The seminar is free but registration is required. Refreshments will be service. Call (734) 655-1980 to register.

#### October

**EYE EXAMS**  
Free eye examinations will be offered as a community service from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Coburn-Kleinfeldt Eye Clinic, 33400 W. Six Mile, in Livonia. Board-certified physicians and staff members will screen for glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other serious eye conditions. Patients' insurance will not be charged but appointments are required. Call (734) 421-2020 or (800) 237-EYES (3937) to schedule an appointment.

**NUTRITION WORKSHOP**  
Botsford Hospital's registered dietician and Busch's Fresh Food Market will demonstrate how to make many of your favorite recipes better for you by substituting healthier ingredients, during a nutrition workshop, 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Livonia Busch's at 37083 Six Mile. The workshop is free. Register at Busch's Guest Services counter or call (734) 779-6100. Seating is limited.

**SINUS TREATMENT LECTURE**  
Dr. David Seel will present a free community lecture on breakthrough technology that helps those suffering from chronic sinus symptoms, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the community room at Botsford Hospital's

Administration & Education Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Register at (877) 477-3621, option #1. He'll talk about balloon sinuplasty, which is a minimally invasive method to help relieve sinus symptoms.

#### Ongoing

**AQUATIC CLASSES**  
The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

**ARTHRITIS SUPPORT**  
2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

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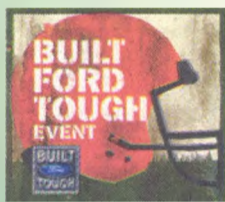
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