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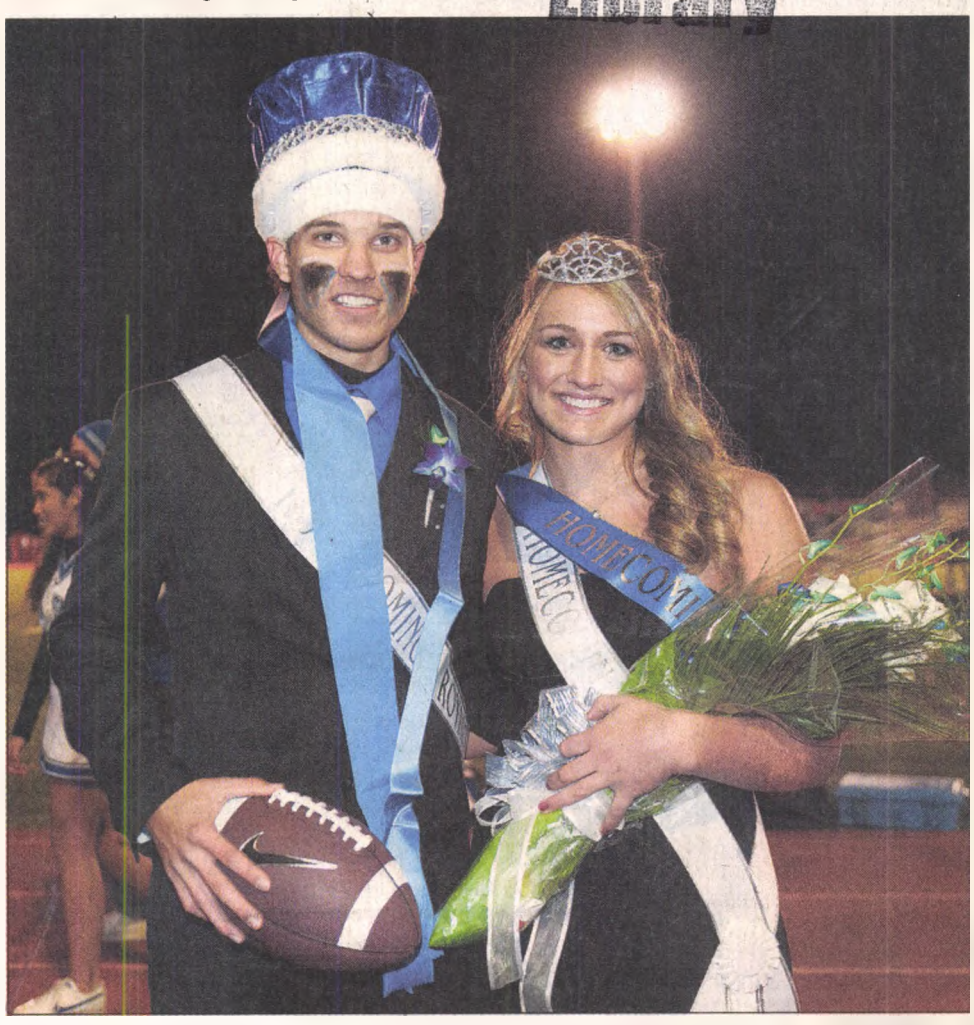

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Nate Sass and Dana Blankenship are Salem High School's 2012 Homecoming king and queen. The Rock Royalty were crowned at halftime Friday night, one of the highlights of Homecoming festivities. For game coverage, see today's sports section.

Furniture store closing for good

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

William C. Franks Furniture, a fixture in the city of Wayne for nearly 50 years, is announcing plans to close permanently nearly two years after a gas explosion leveled the store on Wayne Road, killing two employees and severely injuring the owner.

The store's website announces a retirement sale at its warehouse location on Dearborn Street off eastbound Michigan Avenue, which was opened to the public after the Dec. 29, 2010, gas explosion, the cause of which wasn't fully determined. The blast killed two Westland residents, Leslie Machniak, 54, a secretary, and James Zell, 64, a salesman, and left owner Paul Franks, the son of the store's founder, with serious

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Voter guides

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is providing voters several opportunities to learn about their candidates in advance of election day on Nov. 6:

• Videos of the candidate forums for the 11th District Congressional race, held on Oct. 1, and for the election of the 20th and 21st District state representatives held on Sept. 24, can be accessed on the League's website at www.lwvnww.org.

• Nonpartisan Voter Guides are now available in all of the public libraries. Local candidates are highlighted, as well as statewide candidates. Additionally, the Voter Guides include pro and con arguments on the state ballot proposals.

• Those who wish to review their election information online should visit www.Vote411.org. This web-based Voter Guide from the League of Women Voters will provide all of a voter's ballot races and proposals once a street address is typed in.

Help wanted

Want to make a difference by helping a senior citizen or person with a disability? Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to clean yards and do light chores in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Volunteers will meet on the day of event at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main St., south of Ann Arbor Road. Check-in time is 8 a.m. when the PCUW will provide a continental breakfast. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools and gloves. PCUW will supply the yard waste bags.

To volunteer, call Pat VanDusen at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 7 or e-mail pat.vandusen@pcuw.org before Oct. 19.

Turkey time

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is, once again, coordinating a Thanksgiving food distribution. As in years past, the Army is looking to the community for turkeys. This year features two options for donating turkeys:

• Between now and Oct. 17, you can make a monetary gift of $12.80 per turkey and the Army will order and pick up the turkeys for distribution. Make checks payable to The Salvation Army and put "turkey" on the memo line.

• If you would like to donate a frozen turkey, the Army will accept donations at 9451 S. Main the week of Nov. 12.

Call Laurie Aren at (734) 453-5464.

Mystery event brings 'detectives' to downtown Plymouth streets

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Visiting sleuths will be gathering "just the facts" — and the fun — when they tackle The Case of the Dead Paparazzi in downtown Plymouth on Friday.

The interactive murder mystery theater, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and a benefit for the Plymouth Community United Way, features teams of "detectives" trying to solve the "murder" of a member of the local "paparazzi." The idea is to provide a fun night out and introduce visitors to places in Plymouth that they may not have been to before.

"It's a great way to get out with your friends,' said Tony Bruscato, the DDA's operations director.

Unfolding like the board game Clue, in which players put together information to deduce the murder site, weapon and the prime suspect, Dead Paparazzi starts with a police "briefing" and then takes players to shops, eateries and other downtown sites, where they will look for clues or find characters who will offer new leads in the case. The visits over, the detective teams rendezvous, and the team that presents the best case is declared the winner.

"We do it to offer something new and unique,"

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Interactive mystery "detectives" gather in an alley to go over their clues in a Quizzo! Detroit theatrical event. Quizzo's The Case of the Dead Paparazzi is making its debut in downtown Plymouth.

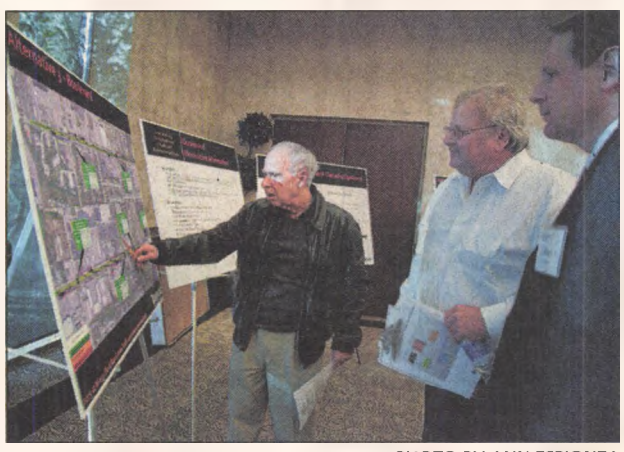
MDOT unveils Ford Road possibilities

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Inching closer to a potential solution to Ford Road traffic woes in Canton, the Michigan Department of Transportation has unveiled five alternate plans amid an ongoing study that could have far-reaching implications for area motorists, residents and businesses.

MDOT officials and a consulting firm, Wilbur Smith Associates, rolled out the proposals Thursday evening and sought public opinion during an informal meeting inside Summit on the Park — the second state-led Ford Road session since June.

Though a project timeline and the money to pay for it remain elusive, MDOT project manager Gorette Yung said officials have made strides with traffic and environmental studies in hopes of choosing the best alternative by next spring.



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Mark Fisher from MDOT (from right) talks to Canton residents Keith Hansen and Frank Tintinalli.

"We're definitely making progress," she said, as residents pored over maps and data to understand the following five proposals:

• Seemingly the least popular, one plan suggests doing nothing to tackle Ford Road traffic problems that led to 2,378 crashes between Lotz and Canton Center during a six-year period.

"I think something needs to be done because traffic flow is bad," said Cheryl Collier, a White Castle district supervisor who struggles to drive to the chain's restaurant on Ford east of Haggerty.

• A second proposal involves adding a westbound lane on Ford Road from I-275 to Sheldon Road, partly by converting turn lanes to one long through-lane. The eastbound lane at Haggerty also would be improved to ease traffic flow.

How long?

Mark Fisher, MDOT transportation engineer, said this proposal's main drawback is that a new westbound lane likely would usher in 15-20 percent more traffic on Ford Road.

"This plan would work, but for how long?" he asked.

• A third plan, one that seemed to fuel some support, calls for making Ford

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The William C. Franks Furniture Store was leveled by a fatal explosion in December 2010. After reopening in a new location, owner Paul Franks, the son of the store's founder, has decided to close his doors for good.

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burns.

Franks, a Plymouth Township resident, declined to be interviewed for this story, saying he's a private person and has refused all media requests since the tragedy. By phone, Franks said the store could be closed by the end of the year.

Wayne Mayor Abdul "Al" Haidous said Franks' closing will be a big loss for his city, but that he understands and respects the decision.

"That store was built on good reputation, loyal customers, because of the quality of the people who run that business and own that business," Haidous said.

Franks Furniture opened in 1963 and has its roots in a furniture refinishing business. Paul Franks helped his father, William, and mother, Betty, at the store as a young man.

Haidous said Paul Franks sold quality furniture, had good relations with the public and was active in the city. Everyone who dealt with the business "fell in love with them," he said.

"It's a big loss to lose business of that caliber, and the people will miss that store," he said.

The website advertises prices of up to 75 percent off.

Consumers Energy, which supplied natural gas to the Wayne Road store, investigated the 2010 explosion but couldn't pinpoint the source of the gas leak. In August of 2011, the company reached an undisclosed settlement with Paul Franks, according to Wayne County Circuit Court records.

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MASQUERADE TEA

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold a Masquerade Tea. Enjoy a Victorian-style tea complete with tea sandwiches, scones and desserts catered by Jeff Zak Catering. The tea that will be served is the Museum's own "Mary's Blend," a cherry and almond black tea. Costumes are encouraged. Following the tea, Pam Yockey, president of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum and a textile historian, will present "You're Wearing What?" Halloween Costume History and Fashion Show. The fashion show includes six original historic costumes from Pam's collection. Tickets for the tea are $20 for members; $25 for non-members and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours or on the Museum's website using PayPal at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Masquerade-Tea_ET13.html?SortBox=201210. Add $5 to the ticket price after Oct. 1.

QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.

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

Details: Canton Newcomers and Neighbors benefits from this fundraiser. Cost: 1 paddle $5; 2 paddles $7; 3 paddles $8. Quarters for bidding (Quarters available for purchase at event). Bids on donated items range from 1 to 6 quarters. Food, drink and cookies available for purchase. There will be drawings for bringing a non-member guest and for purchasing 3 paddles, along with a 50-50 raffle. All proceeds benefit Canton Newcomers and Neighbors.

Contact: Kristina Wittner, (734) 787-9954

SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth

Details: Meetings are open to sewists of all levels. The Nov. 1 meeting features "Purse/Tote challenge" judging and holiday gift ideas; The Dec. 6 meeting features "Holiday potluck luncheon."

Contact: For more information, email ASGPC@comcast.net

BOOK SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Canton American Association Of University Women Used Book Sale will be part of the Delta Kappa Gamma's Craft Show. Pick up some reading materials for the fraction of the cost. Now collecting used books (children/adults), gently used, no text, damaged books or Encyclopedias.

Contact: If you have any books to donate and/or questions, contact Becky Copenhaver, (734) 981-6023 or email bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com

MOM 2 MOM SALE

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

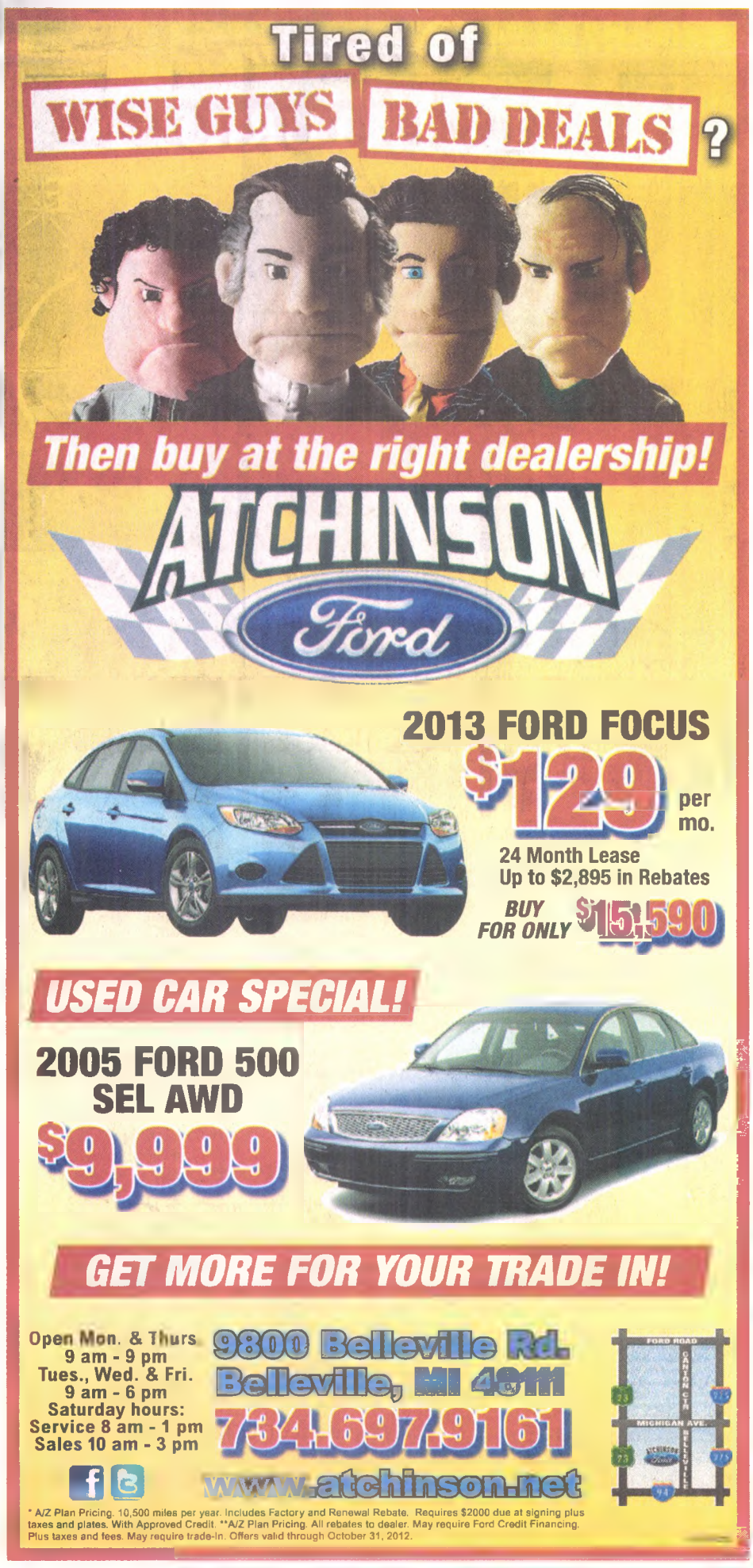
Location: St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Sleepy Hollow

On Oct. 19-20 at 8 p.m., Barefoot Productions premieres an original adaptation of the classic short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," by Washington Irving. This production is a formal reading directly from the classic story. Six actors will read the tale of Ichabod Crane and his encounter with the 'Headless Horseman.' All seats are $10 each. Seating is limited. Call the box office at (734) 560-1493. Barefoot Productions Theater is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth.



Edwards touts experience, record, township service

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Ask Ron Edwards and he'll tell you: Plymouth Township is heading in the right direction.

Edwards

Infrastructure improvements are saving residents and businesses on water bills, much of the former township complex on Ann Arbor Road has been razed to pretty up the site for redevelopment, investments at Hilltop Golf Course paid off with record usage last summer and a projected profit, and the Plymouth Community Fire Department has been through a necessary, though painful, restructuring.

Plus, the township's tax rate, at 4 mills, is the lowest in Wayne County.

Those are among the accomplishments that Edwards, the four-term township treasurer, cites in his bid for re-election. Edwards faces Democratic challenger Rita White, an attorney and former Wayne County assistant prosecutor, in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election.

"My record speaks for itself," Edwards told The Observer. "I will continue to keep Plymouth Township moving forward while keeping it affordable for all taxpayers."

Edwards has long been up front about what he called the need for reform in the PCFD, especially following the city of Plymouth's departure from it at the end of last year, which meant a 25- to 30-percent reduction in run volume and a nearly $1 million-a-year revenue loss. He defended the March layoffs of six firefighters and the closing of Station 2, in the Lake Pointe subdivision.

The township is currently looking at cross-training police officers as firefighters and emergency medical first-responders as a way to bolster public safety staffing.

While public safety is among the top three issues facing the township — the other two being infrastructure and financial stability — Edwards argues the community needs to keep attractive, and with a low tax burden, as well as safe in order to compete for business and residents. Let appearances and public amenities slide, he said, and jobs and population will follow.

As far as budget priorities, they are "where they need to be to keep the community a desirable place to live, attract business and enjoy life," Edwards said.

"Keep the buildings full and keep the community improving," he said.

Edwards acknowledged he is involved in a lot of activities outside the treasurer's office, something often seized on by his critics, but said with the township's limited budget and staff, he is trying to give residents the best services possible.

"We don't have the money to hire more people," he said. Besides, he said, Supervisor Richard Reaume is

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THE EDWARDS FILE

Name: Ron Edwards
Hometown: Plymouth Township
Family: Married to Mary Pat for 33 years; children Thomas, Theresa, Mark and Matthew.
Profession: Plymouth Township Treasurer since 1996
Education: Bachelors in Business Administration at Eastern Michigan University, Certified Public Accountant, Certified Public Finance Officer
Community involvement: Founded the 4th of July Picnic, Brought fireworks back to Plymouth Community, Plymouth Lions Club
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Challenger in treasurer race touts new ideas, communication

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Rita White wants to move Plymouth Township government toward new ideas and what she says should be greater cordiality and openness with the public.

White

A former assistant Wayne County prosecutor who is now in private law practice, White, a Democrat, is challenging Republican Treasurer Ron Edwards, who is seeking a fifth four-year term, in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, township election. The treasurer job is "not a career position," she said, and it's time for new blood.

"I think there clearly needs to be new leadership in that position" rather than the "same old, same old," White said in an interview last week.

Edwards, White said later, is "doing a good job" on most fronts, but needs to communicate better with residents.

"I don't think they're getting a clear pathway to communicating with the treasurer," she said, adding that the Board of Trustees as a whole needs to use more politeness when addressing members of the public at board meetings.

"That's the way to run a board — a professional board that doesn't take things personally," she said. In her door-to-door campaigning, she said, voters often tell her they don't know what's going on in township government.

White said her time in the prosecutor's office gave her experience in talking with many different types of people. "I would make sure I'm always open to communicating with people," she said.

Prosecuting financial crimes, analyzing contracts and running her own business, for which she does the accounting and taxes, gave her the financial skills necessary for the job, she said, though she is not an accountant.

"I've always been known as a numbers-cruncher,' she said.

White also wants to bring new ideas to the township, such as giving residents on-line access to their property-tax accounts and their water bills, and the ability to pay those bills via computer.

"We need to start competing with other cities and the global economy," she said.

Providing good public safety services is "first and primary" for the township, and if elected, she would take a close look at township budgets to make sure dollars are allocated effectively, she said. White is open to revisiting the March layoff of six members of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, saying current staffing seems adequate but questioning whether the township is prepared for a big public safety emergency.

"I can be persuasive, but I can't guarantee that I'm going to change any-

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THE WHITE FILE

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Hometown: Plymouth, Michigan
Family: Married to Oronde White
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Education: University of Michigan, BA-Biopsychology; Wayne State University Law School - Juris Doctor
Previous public-sector experience: Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting attorney for over 10 years.
Community involvement: Women Lawyers Association of Michigan -Washtenaw Region- Communications Director; Vanzetti Hamilton Bar Association, Vice President; Plymouth Democratic Club, University of Michigan Student Recruitment Program, University of Michigan Athletic Alumni Letter Winners Club, United States District Court -Eastern District of Michigan Courthouse Pro-bono Program, Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar Association
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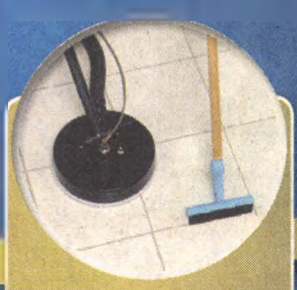
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Field teacher honored as Extra Miler

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Former longtime Field Elementary teacher Stu Raben turned up to do presentation for Pete Puzzuoli at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, and his speech turned into a roast of sorts of his former colleague and longtime friend.

Puzzuoli was on hand to be awarded the district's Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award for his efforts with the Book Cab, the bicycle-traveling bookmobile Puzzuoli ran for students in Canton neighborhoods over the summer.

Raben's speech was a 15-minute tale of stories and barbs about his friendship with Puzzuoli over the years they taught together at Field. The hilarious routine, though, failed to mask Raben's bottom line.

"Pete is a humble person, an honorable person," said Raben, who has known Puzzuoli for more than 40 years. "What an honor for me to be allowed to speak for Pete. What an opportunity for our children to have Pete as a teacher. There have been two or three people who've had an impact on my personal and professional life, and Pete is one of them."

Puzzuoli spent the summer delivering books to students twice a week in a special bicycle book cab. He wanted to ensure that students were reading, and the only way to do that was to deliver books to their homes on a regular basis. Twice a week Field teachers rode a customized "book cab" bicycle through the neighborhoods where Field students live. Students select a book, read it and return it for a new book.

"This is a fantastic example of how dedicated our teachers are to the students of this community," said Field Elementary Principal Denise Lilly. "Literacy may be the most important skill students learn in school. If you can read well, you do better in other subject areas. Our teachers know this and are willing to dedicate their summer vacation to help our students read better."

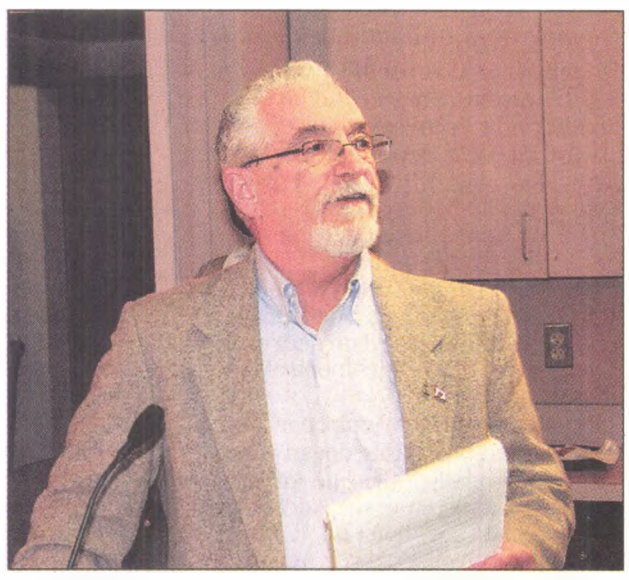
Board of Education Vice President Adrienne Davis, who presented the award to Puzzuoli, lauded the longtime teacher for earning the award literally.

"Pete is a literal extra-miler," Davis said, speaking of the milage Puzzuoli logged on the bike. "I can remember in my day the bookmobile. This touches my heart because I can see this staying with the kids forever."

Puzzuoli accepted the honor by recognizing it wasn't his alone.

"I accept this on behalf of the people I work with," he said. "They're smart and talented, and they leave a little of themselves there at Field Elementary."

Extra Miler Pete Puzzuoli accepts the congratulations of Field Elementary School Principal Denise Lilly and Board of Education Vice President Adrienne Davis.



Retired longtime Field Elementary teacher Stu Raben told stories about and paid respect to Extra Miler winner Pete Puzzuoli Tuesday night.

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District restores arts coordinator

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Judy Mardigian was torn between her longtime support of the arts program in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the budget issues the district faces in trying economic times.

In the end, though, faced with a vote that was going to pass without her, Mardigian put her stamp on the issue and helped the Board of Education pass a motion to reinstate the position of visual and performing arts coordinator to the district's leadership team.

The move had been requested by Assistant Superintendent Jeanne Farina, who believes filling the position gives visual and performing arts students in the district the best chance to grow. The $150,000 position had been cut over the summer while the board was developing its budget.

"It was difficult to cut, knowing we have such a huge arts focus," Farina said. "We have wonderful programs in our community. The position was important to the district and the children we serve. It's been difficult to fill using existing staff this year. We've sort of been just limping along."

Among the duties of the coordinator: develop links between the arts and core academic subjects; expand exposure for students with local artists and performers and look for funding for arts programs via community-school partnerships.

The coordinator will coordinate all K-12 art and music shows and community events and write grants in collaboration with arts organizations to find funding sources.

"I'm a big supporter of the arts, but I have concerns" about the financial impact, Mardigian said. "The votes are here (among board member) for it, so I'm going to support it. But I've been saying for years I'd like a dance component, and I hope that happens."

Trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath were the only no votes.

"I think it's an important position," Horvath said. "For me, I have a different set of priorities. We've cut block grants, we've expanded class sizes ... this is not the next $150,000 we should spend."

Amy Morgan, who did the job for a significant portion of last year and who now heads the district's new arts academy, said any kind of cross-curricular can't happen without a coordinator.

"It's really significant," Morgan said. "The teachers are busy teaching. The health of all of our arts programs depends on this."

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OUR VIEWS

Reaume, Edwards right picks for Plymouth Township voters

Two of the three full-time elected leaders in Plymouth Township face challenges in the Nov. 6 general election.

We believe voters should return Supervisor **Richard Reaume** to office for his third term, while handing Treasurer **Ron Edwards** a fifth consecutive term.

Reaume

Nancy Conzelman defeated incumbent Clerk Joe Bridgman in the Republican primary and is unopposed in the general election.

Reaume has steadily improved since taking the job eight years ago. He has guided the township through difficult times, including the controversial downsizing of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, union negotiations with the various township bargaining units and other big decisions that needed to be made.

Reaume is adept at keeping and attracting business to the township. He's actively involved in a variety of civic organizations, he's attentive to residents' needs.

Reaume has clearly grown in the job. Since taking the supervisor's post eight years ago, Reaume has either chaired or currently chairs the Conference of Western Wayne, the 35th District Court board and the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

He is being challenged by Independent Richard Sharland, a frequent critic who attends nearly every township board meeting. Sharland, a semi-retired farmer who has attended most board meetings since 2003, is well-informed on township issues, he has a sharp mind and he's obviously invested in seeing his community flourish. However, we think Sharland may be more effective in his current role as a township watchdog.

We believe voters should select **Richard Reaume** when they vote in the Nov. 6 election.

Treasurer

Incumbent Treasurer Ron Edwards speaks his mind and is not shy about discussing issues with those who agree or disagree with him. He is smart, does his homework, is always looking for ways to make local government more efficient. He never backs away from a spirited debate.

Edwards

Edwards has done a solid job as Plymouth Township treasurer — even his challenger, Democrat Rita White, acknowledges his achievements. Edwards merits voter support on Nov. 6.

His involvement in negotiations with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department resulted in lower rates for township customers, and his assistance with the budget actually helped add money to the township's fund balance last year.

Edwards is responsible for origination of the Good Old Fashion Picnic and for bringing the Fourth of July fireworks display to the township, events even Edwards' most ardent critics admit are outstanding. He also works behind the scenes, with no fanfare, to help charitable organizations such as the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Based on a solid track record of serving taxpayers — his job performance, his accomplishments and his absolute desire to do what's best for Plymouth Township — **Ron Edwards** is the right choice in the Nov. 6 general election.

Our recommendations for township trustee

For the first time in anyone's memory, Plymouth Township voters will have candidates from more than one party from which to choose when they go to the polls in the Nov. 6 general election for Plymouth Township Trustee.

Arnold

Curmi

Doroshewitz

Maguire

We recommend Republicans **Bob Doroshewitz, Kay Arnold** and **Charles Curmi** and Democrat **Alanna Maguire on Nov. 6.**

Doroshewitz, who is seeking his third term, has been a voice of reason. He has shown a willingness to listen as residents pushed for a special assessment district for the fire department, even suggesting he'd be open to a potential millage question. He considers all opinions offered, even if he doesn't agree, and has developed in eight years on the board into one of its most dependable members.

He and his wife, Tammy, also stepped up when the annual Good Old Fashion Picnic needed new leadership a few years ago, and has maintained that event as one of the township's jewels.

Likewise, the choice of Kay Arnold comes easily. She is the longest-serving member of the board, and has also served as its liaison to the planning commission since 1996.

Arnold has demonstrated an ability to consider issues on their own merits, rather than getting pulled into controversial discussions. While the vast majority of her votes, especially in recent years, have tended to side with the majority, we believe she considers all opinions before rendering her vote.

In a year where there could be major change on the board, Arnold's corporate memory would ensure a level of historical consistency that could be important.

Charles Curmi left the board in 2008, and we believe voters should send him back. His experience and knowledge in matters such as the new township hall, contract negotiations and other township issues gives him a corporate knowledge to complement Arnold's, and his four years away from the fray gave him a chance to view things from an outsider's perspective.

With a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Curmi brings an analytical focus to the discussion. In his previous time on the board, he was as interested in what incoming businesses could do the for the community as he was in the tax revenue they would bring.

This election is also a good time for the board makeup to better reflect township demographics. For too long, Arnold has been the only woman on the board. It's time for that to change. The choice of Alanna Maguire would change that demographic and send a positive message to younger township residents.

Maguire, a native of Plymouth Township, is one of those people we always say we want: A young, engaged person who chose to stay in Michigan rather than take her education, and talent, elsewhere. She has worked hard, attended events and candidate forums, and learned all she can about township issues such as economic development and the fire department right-sizing.

We urge voters to consider **Alanna Maguire, Bob Doroshewitz, Kay Arnold** and **Charles Curmi** in the Nov. 6 general election.

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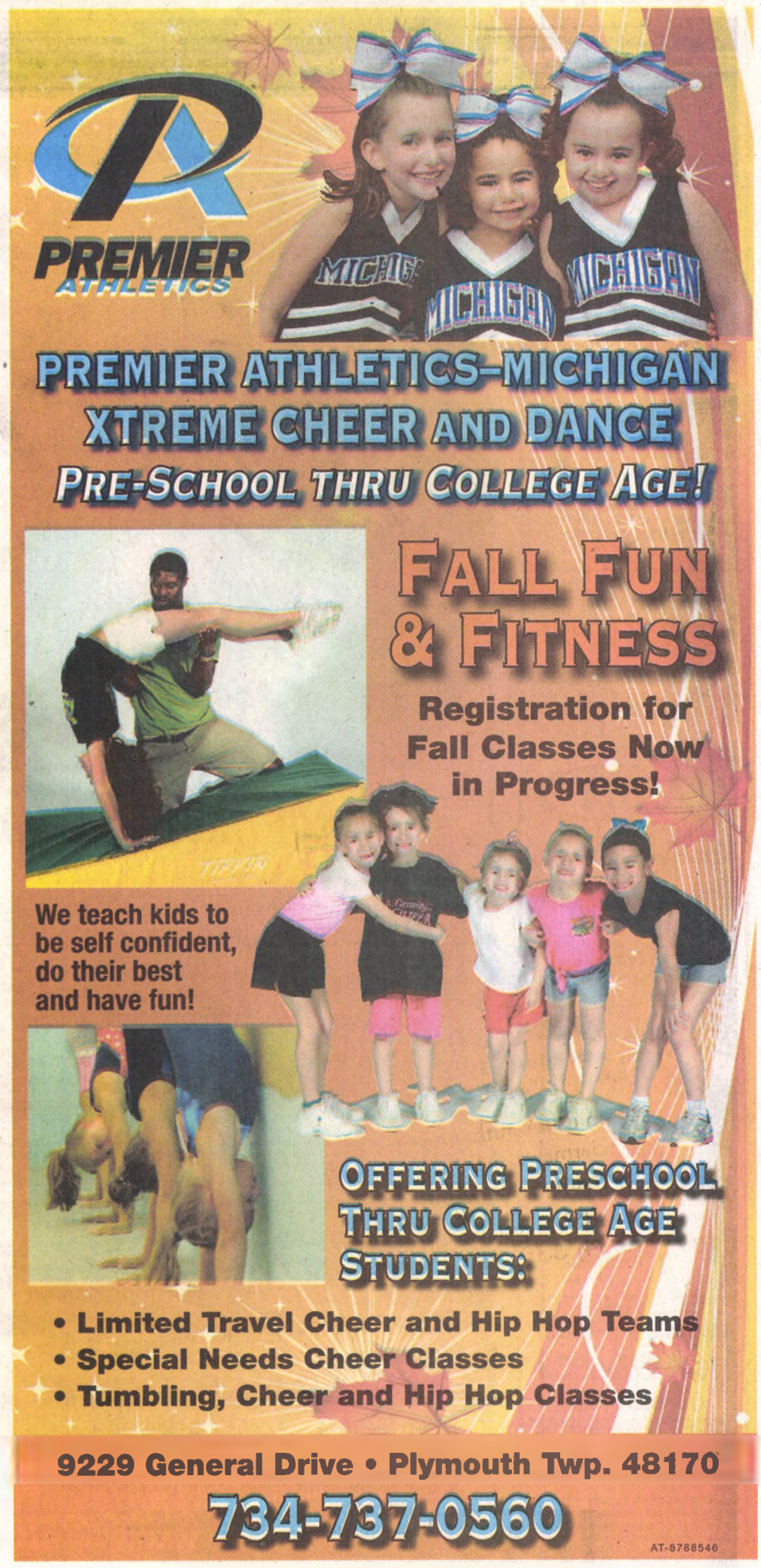

MDOT

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Road a boulevard by turning the middle turn lane into a grassy area and maintaining two lanes in each direction from I-275 to west of Sheldon. It involves restricting left turns at intersections and incorporating vehicle turnarounds similar to those on Michigan Avenue.

"I like the boulevard (option)," said Erin Ware, who lives near the IKEA store at Ford and Haggerty.

Officials say one potential detriment is that a boulevard could limit access to Ford Road businesses, but some local leaders have said traffic bottlenecks already threaten to choke off Canton's core shopping district.

Though the boulevard concept would force a slight widening of Ford Road, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the proposal on the surface has appeal.

"It moves the most amount of traffic and reduces the most accidents from a pure engineering standpoint," he said.

• The fourth option involves the long-discussed proposal to add access ramps from the southbound I-275 exit ramp to north and south Haggerty Road, allowing drivers to avoid Ford Road. It also entails adding a northbound service drive east of the interstate from Cherry Hill to just north of Ford Road.

"I could almost never have to drive on Ford Road again," Ware said with a smile.

PHOTO BY ANN ESPINOZA

Canton resident Paul Lakatos takes a look at presentations made by MDOT officials at a public presentation Thursday.

Four failures

Canton and MDOT had submitted this proposal four times for a federal grant dubbed TIGER, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, only to face disappointment.

However, officials say the major flaw of the so-called TIGER plan is that it would mostly address traffic congestion in the Ford-Haggerty area, rather than in a broader area. Moreover, this plan is costlier and could have a more far-reaching environmental impact.

• The fifth and final proposal — and by far the most expensive and intrusive on the environment, residents and businesses — centers on building two new interchanges along I-275 at Cherry Hill and Warren Road. Some residents said the magnitude of this proposal is daunting.

Canton resident Andy Psilis told Matt Wendling, a civil senior engineer for Wilbur Smith Associates, that until MDOT chooses one option, other traffic-easing measures could be adopted such as having traffic lights better timed along Ford Road.

Wendling agreed. "That's one of the easier fixes, and that's going to be one of our short-term fixes."

MDOT and consultants say the ultimate plan has to include consideration of waterways, the I-275 bike path, wetlands and other issues. No solution is easy, they say, in an area that is largely developed.

Psilis said he is encouraged that MDOT has taken its study seriously.

"I'm hopeful," he said. "I drive Ford Road every day."

Yung, meanwhile, said MDOT hopes within the next few days to have the proposals online at www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies. She said residents are invited to send their comments to MDOT-ford275@michigan.gov.

"We want feedback to know what people are thinking," she said.

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WHITE

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body's mind," she said of fire department staffing.

White also:

•Wants to look further at the township's potential for saving money by combining resources and/or purchasing power with neighboring communities.

The township already does some of this, sharing, for example, public safety dispatch with the city of Plymouth, and buying big-ticket items, such as police cars, as part of government purchasing pools.

• Said she would entertain the idea of making the treasurer job part time, as long as there was sufficient backup in place for the sake of financial accountability.

• Said the township needs to do more to promote itself as business-friendly, and to diversify its business base. Canton Township has a greater variety of businesses, she pointed out, though she conceded she wouldn't want that community's traffic congestion.

With good public schools and available land, she said, the township is a good place for new or expanding businesses.

"There are so many ways to promote Plymouth Township," she said.

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EDWARDS

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in charge of day-to-day township operations.

Edwards says he is aware there are some vocal detractors, who question Board of Trustees decisions and say he is too brusque with the public. But his critics are in the minority, he says; many residents are supportive but don't necessarily speak up at board meetings.

Edwards does, however, admit to frustration in dealing with some members of the public who, he said, made personal attacks and inflammatory remarks during the debate over the fire department reorganization.

"We're very cordial to people who are cordial to us," he said.

Edwards defeated accountant Edwin Schulz in the August Republican primary, and should expect an easy contest with White in what is seen as a heavily Republican area. But he says he's not taking anything for granted.

"I'm not going to let this thing go," he said. "This is my job."

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County hopefuls pushing toward finish line

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

As they race toward the Nov. 6 finish line, Republican Shannon Price and Democrat James Amar say they are mounting vigorous campaigns as they battle for the 10th District Wayne County Commission seat that represents Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Price, constituent relations director for Michigan Attorney Bill Schuette, and Amar, a retired state of Michigan labor mediation supervisor, are knocking on doors and trying to reach as many voters as possible as they compete for a two-year term in the newly redrawn district.

Price said his overriding message centers on helping Wayne County government to rebound following scandals that have rocked County Executive Robert Ficano and others in his administration.

"It's really about trying to clean up the mess in Wayne County and restoring honesty, integrity and accountability," Price said.

Amar said he is stressing issues such as government accountability and transparency, roads and economic growth as he makes his campaign stops. Even though some voters do mention Wayne County's scandals, Amar said he believes they understand he is a Democrat newcomer who wants to improve the situation.

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County Commission candidates Shannon Price (left) and James Amar (far right), with former candidates Matthew Fiems and Richard Convertino at an earlier candidates forum, are pushing toward the finish line of the Nov. 6 general election.

"I do think they can separate it," he said.

Price said he and his supporters haven't changed their strategy since the Aug. 7 primary.

"We haven't stopped knocking on doors and calling voters since the primary," he said.

Amar said his campaign effort hasn't changed either.

"I am trying to contact as many voters as I can, either by literature, mailings or door-knocking," he said. "I'm out there every day."

Price said voters who are tuned in to county politics say they want accountability. He said his message includes putting the budget online, cutting back on the number of political appointees and seeking a full, independent audit.

Amar said he is stressing his background, such as being a former labor mediation supervisor who can weigh all sides of issues.

Price, Amar and their supporters aren't taking their election chances for granted.

"We're fighting hard every day," Price said of his campaign, "and we're hoping for the best outcome. We're working really hard, and we're not taking anything for granted."

Amar said voters appear to have been receptive to his candidacy.

"I think my chances are good," he said. "I'm not a candidate to say I've got this locked up, but I've been campaigning since May and I'm trying to visit new neighborhoods. I feel comfortable about what I've done."

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MYSTERY

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said Donny Klemmer Jr., the special events manager at Quizzo! Detroit, which is staging Dead Paparazzi. The company, which has been producing pub trivia events in the area for years, began interactive mysteries two years ago, and they've caught on big, Klemmer said.

"The response was overwhelming. People loved it," he said.

Klemmer said he got the idea after seeing other interactive mysteries that, in his view, didn't offer much interaction. Quizzo has other mysteries in its repertoire, and Dead Paparazzi is a new one, making its debut in Plymouth.

The first Dead Paparazzi was to have taken place Saturday. It sold out quickly, Bruscato said, so the Friday, Oct. 19, event was added. The game can accommodate up to 20 teams of four adults each, and Bruscato said the second date appears to be on its way to also selling out.

Unlike Clue, in which the first player to successfully deduce the murder site, weapon and suspect, Dead Paparazzi is not a race, and all detective teams will be visiting all sites, at different times, in the course of the evening. If two or more teams solve the mystery correctly, said Klemmer, there are tie-breaking elements that also test the players' detective skills.

The event should last about two hours.

"You can take your time, you can have a drink at the bar, you can pick up an appetizer somewhere," Bruscato said.

Klemmer said Quizzo will be staging at least 10 interactive mysteries this year, with many more expected to be booked for next year.

Tickets for the Friday, Oct. 19, Dead Paparazzi mystery in downtown Plymouth are $80 for each team of four adults. The event starts at 8 p.m. The Plymouth Community United Way will be getting a third of the proceeds; for tickets, call the United Way at (734) 453-6879.

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A player in one of Quizzo! Detroit's interactive mysteries checks on a lead. The company, known for its pub trivia events, has been staging interactive mysteries for community and corporate events for two years.

Nancy Spencer remembered as 'God's soldier'

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Nancy Spencer, a longtime community servant who headed up the Canton Goodfellows and made sure countless children had good Christmases, died Friday afternoon after a long battle with a variety of health issues.

Spencer passed away peacefully at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti, with John, her husband of some 45 years, at her side.

"I was holding Nancy's hand this afternoon when Jesus took her other hand and led her to His heavenly home," John posted on his Facebook page. "She was at peace."

After meeting on a blind date, John and Nancy Spencer fell in love and became engaged before the Vietnam War pulled him away from her and his job packing hot dogs for a family meat-manufacturing company his grandfather had started in 1917.

The couple married nearly 45 years ago after he returned from his one-year Vietnam stint as a longshoreman and payroll clerk.

"My high school typing skills got me off of the ships and into the office," Spencer, 67, recalled.

We captured Nancy Spencer with a donated quilt on display at the Canton Library back in 2004. Spencer, the longtime community philanthropist, passed away Friday after a long battle with health issues.

For 37 years, he and his wife have helped raise money for Christmas gifts for needy children, first in Livonia and since 1985 for the Canton Goodfellows.

"It's part of our Christian service to others," Spencer said.

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said Nancy Spencer was a "good friend to so many people," and noted her passion for the Goodfellows, for veterans and for children.

"Nancy has been truly one of God's soldiers on Earth," McLaughlin said. "She gave of herself unselfishly. We're going to miss her terribly."

Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, said Nancy Spencer was one of the first people to warmly welcome her to the community when she started in September 2007.

Aren said the pair struck up what she called a "warm friendship."

"There are tears of sadness, for sure, but there is also rejoicing that her pain has ended," Aren said. "I was blessed to call Nancy my friend."

Staff Writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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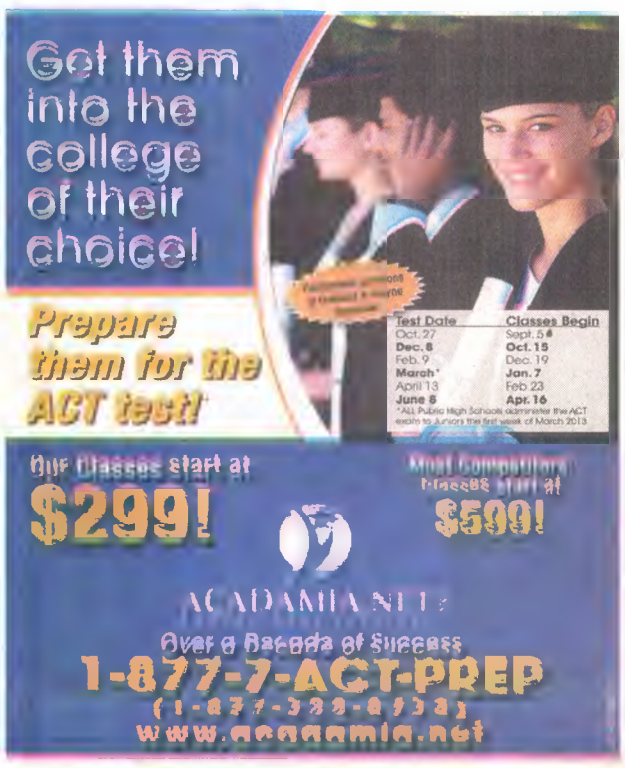

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Oakwood prepares for regional crisis

Health systems and governmental agencies throughout metropolitan Detroit took part in a region-wide crisis drill on Oct. 4, but officials at Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. took the training exercise to a new level. At Oakwood, it was all systems go.

Oakwood activated its crisis response plan at all four acute-care hospitals as well as its ambulatory sites, setting up command centers at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center (OHMC), Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (OAH), Oakwood Heritage Hospital (OHH), Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (OSMC) and at the Oakwood Healthcare Center—Canton.

Additionally, Oakwood activated command centers in the Oakwood Physicians integrated (OPi) department, at the Corporate Services and Muirhead buildings and at Oakwood Common and Oakwood Skilled & Home Care. Oakwood Physician Network (OPN) sites, along with the Oakwood Infusion; Oakwood Laboratories; Oakwood Care Connection; Senior Care Solutions and Oakwood DME and the executive offices at the Parklane building in Dearborn and the Center for Exceptional Families took part, too.

Participants included physicians, clinical and non-clinical staff as well as senior leadership and executives.

"We took this exercise a step further than most other organizations," said Maureen D'Agostino, senior vice president of organizational excellence, accreditation and compliance. "We wanted to evaluate not only how well our clinicians responded to the situation, but how well we communicated with each other and how the system operated, as a whole."

Some 60 volunteer 'victims' took part in the recent crisis response drill.

Named 'Operation Shared Burden,' the drill tested the ability of regional health facilities and local governments to respond to the aftermath of a fictitious detonation of an Improvised Nuclear Device. Objectives tested included evacuation of victims, radiation release, shelter-in-place activities, medical supply management and distribution, communications, emergency/trauma triage & treatment, command center management; radiation response and decontamination and treatment. There were nearly 200 simulated victims to test the ability of an overtaxed emergency department to handle a major catastrophe.

"It was the largest exercise I've ever been involved with," said John Cargill, emergency and trauma coordinator at OAH, where 60 volunteer 'victims' tested the skills of an already-busy emergency department.

The objective, from the executives to the non-clinical staff who took part, was to practice Oakwood's established crisis management plan and look for ways to improve it. All participants took their role very seriously, according to Maureen D'Agostino, senior vice president of organizational excellence, accreditation and compliance.

"The communities we serve expect us to give the highest level of care no matter what the situation is. This wasn't just practice for anybody. Every participant was focused on solving problems," she said. "We're more prepared now than we ever were; we gained a lot of knowledge through this drill—and we hope we never need to use it in a real-life situation."

There's plenty to do for Halloween for young, old alike

Take a bite out of downtown Wayne's Zombie Pub Crawl starting at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

Start your zombie limp on West Michigan Avenue, at the US 12 Bar and Grill or Stockdales's on the Ave West, then proceed over to Jake's for a bite, and end your midnight massacre at the Village Bar and Billiards. The event is free, just bring your best zombie attire to scare up local pubs and restaurants with your fellow undead. Within two blocks you will find costume contests and other fun at downtown Wayne's favorite hot spots while admiring the creativity of fellow zombies.

The Zombie Walk is held on the Friday before Halloween every year. Participants meet up at US 12 at 8 p.m., then make their way down Michigan Avenue, making pit stops along the way at the supporting venues and have a great time being Zombies. There will be lots of gift certificates and fun prizes.

Don't have a zombie costume? No problem. They are one of the easiest costumes to make at home and for little money. First pick your outfit. Were you a doctor before you were bitten? A cheerleader? Get creative. Next, rip your clothes in areas that compliment your story as to what you were doing when you were turned. It's your story, have fun with it.

Your makeup is a key factor to realism and how far you want to go for the full zombie effect. For fake blood, corn syrup works great but can be very sticky so use with caution. Another great way to get a more realistic effect with fake blood is to put it on in layers. Add multiple coats of "blood" to darken the stains, letting each application dry first. You can also go online and find recipes to make your own "blood" as well.

The event is for those age 21 and older.

Check out www.downtownwayne.org for details on other Halloween related events for all ages.

The Wayne County Parks also is offering a dose of spooktastic fun sure to rattle the whole family, even your four-legged friends. With three events spread out over a two-day period, there's no shortage of a good time this Halloween.

The hour-long Halloween Forest Fun Hike will be held Friday, Oct. 19. Bring children dressed in costumes to enjoy this unique outdoor Halloween event.

A guided night hike will introduce some of our "not-so-scary" funny forest dwellers. Hikes begin on the grounds of Nankin Mills in Westland. After the hike, guests will meet amazing live creatures from around the world during an indoor presentation.

Participants must pre-register as event space is limited. Pick starting times of 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per child, $2 per adult for Wayne County residents. For out of county residents, costs are $7 per child and $3 per adult.

Call (734) 261-1990 to register.

Wayne County Parks

Wayne County Parks also is holding a Halloween Festival 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

Bring the whole family to enjoy an afternoon of free games and activities at the Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area. Children dressed in costumes are welcome. This event includes hayrides, inflatables, costume parade, games, trick-or-treating, entertainment and much more.

There also will be a Howl-O-Ween Dog Park Party 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 20, at the dog park. The free event includes costume contests, games and prizes for your pup. Pet related vendors and light refreshments will be available.

The Wayne County Dog Park is located at Hawthorne Ridge Park on Hines Drive, east of Merriman Road in Westland.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Also hosting Halloween activities are:

• Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church which will have Trunk-or-Treat and Other Halloween Fun (Cupcake Walk, Paint a Pumpkin and more) 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Everyone is welcome with or without a costume. For more information, call (73) 728-1088.

• Grace Moravian Church which is hosting a Trunk or Treat 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24. One prize will be awarded to the scariest trunk and one prize will be awarded to the friendliest trunk.

Food and beverage will be available inside the church for a donation $2 per person (children 5 years and younger are free). Everyone is welcome.

The church location is 31133 Hiveley, off Fernwood, near the corners of Cherry Hill and Merriman in Westland. For further information or to RSVP, call Cheryl Hice-Hillon at (248) 756-3592.

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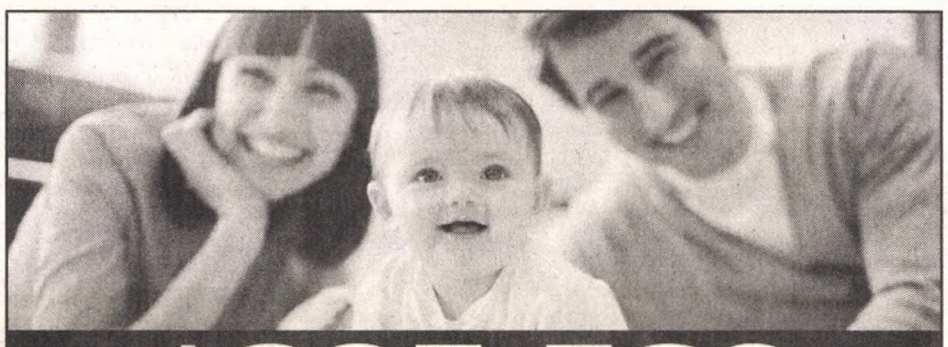
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McCotter: 'They were clearly not sufficient to make the ballot'

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

Two staff members of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter will have to wait to find out if they will stand trial in connection with falsified nominating petitions.

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang will learn if their case will be bound over to circuit court at 9 a.m. Oct. 23 in front of 16th District Court Judge Sean Kavanagh.

Kavanagh, while wrapping up the pair's preliminary examination Thursday in Livonia, said he wanted more time to go through transcripts of interviews between witnesses and state investigators.

McCotter was called by the defense as a witness during the three-hour hearing, one of few public appearances he's made since leaving office. Wearing a suit with a pink tie, McCotter appeared shaken when answering several questions, including whether he knew the signatures were photocopied from previous petitions turned in.

"All conversations I engaged with Mr. Seewald or anyone else were that we were on track or done," McCotter said, about the process of collecting signatures for nominating petitions.

Seewald and Yowchuang stand charged with several misdemeanors and felonies after the Secretary of State found photocopied signatures on McCotter's nominating petitions. The issue forced McCotter's name off the ballot, and he ultimately resigned from Congress in July.

McCotter said congressional candidates typically collect close to the 2,000 signature maximum allowed to insure enough valid signatures and to not appear to be losing support from voters in the district. He had been told Seewald had signed several petitions without being the circulator when they were returned without one.

McCotter said he was on a delegation trip to Hawaii when his chief of staff called to report the irregularities. He was then contacted by Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, telling him he would not qualify for the August primary ballot after her office found many of the lines broken on the forms, indicating the signatures had been lifted from elsewhere.

McCotter said he was unaware the photocopied signatures were submitted, and only found out when Johnson contacted him.

"To me, it was 'why? Why were we at this point when this is something that is so routine?'" he said. "They were clearly not sufficient to make the ballot."

McCotter has not been charged, but was advised by Kavanagh that he had the legal right to remain silent during questioning.

Gregory Townsend, an assistant attorney general who is prosecuting Seewald and Yowchuang, presented several petition forms as evidence, and showed them to McCotter, as well as former volunteers Dillon Breen and Pamela Hull, who circulated petitions.

Townsend asked Breen to compare a petition he filled with 15 signatures to another form that bore his signatures that was filed with the state.

He said it was clearly photocopied.

"They all have the same addresses on them," he said. "They all also seem to be cut and pasted, as the lines do not match up."

Breen, who is running for a seat on the Livonia School Board, said he turned in his petitions to Yowchuang, and assumed he would handle the filing of them in Lansing.

Hull, who fundraised for McCotter, said when she turned in some petitions, Yowchuang went through them in front of her.

She said she never let the petitions get away from her when collecting them at various events through Wayne County, and was unaware her forms had been copied to count as two sets of signatures.

"The clipboard never left my hands," she said.

Mark Mandell, Seewald's attorney, said the state is wasting its time prosecuting people that made a mistake on nominating petition forms. He said Attorney General Bill Schuette is spending more time prosecuting his client rather than violent offenders throughout the state.

"He chose to chase my client, why doesn't he come down (and prosecute himself)?" he said. "It's a political witch hunt."

Priest placed on leave after sexual misconduct allegations

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

A retired priest who assisted with services at Our Lady of Sorrows church was placed on administrative leave on Friday after the Archdiocese of Detroit "deemed substantive" two allegations of sexual misconduct involving two minors. The church is Farmington.

The Rev. Loren O'Dea, 83, of Waterford was placed on leave and restricted from any public ministry. The allegations date back just prior to O'Dea's ordination in 1993, before he was an associate pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, according to the archdiocese.

Information about the allegations, which was received in recent weeks, was turned over to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

The Archdiocese of Detroit commissioned an investigation that found the complaints to be "of sufficient substance to require the placement of restrictions on O'Dea prohibiting him from performing any public ministry or presenting himself as a priest," according to a press release on the archdiocese's website.

O'Dea could not be reached for comment for this story.

O'Dea was ordained in 1993, began serving as associate pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, then retired in 1997.

Archdiocese spokesman Ned McGrath said O'Dea continued to say masses at Our Lady of Sorrows until O'Dea was placed on leave.

The review board acts as an advisory board, but the decision to place a priest on administrative leave comes from Archbishop Allen Vigneron. "There is no timetable," McGrath said about the church's investigation of the allegations.

"It is very early in the process," McGrath said. The allegation was "deemed credible, but it doesn't mean we've made a final judgment," McGrath said.

The archdiocese did not receive complaints about O'Dea from that parish, McGrath said. McGrath, who is not a member of that parish, said, "I think most people in the parish appreciated him."

McGrath said the Archdiocese of Detroit was saddened by the allegations. "It's a sad day for everybody involved. Last weekend the pastor told the parishioners to keep everyone in our prayers," a point also reiterated by the archdiocese, McGrath said.

The archdiocese also released the following statement on its website:

"Information on archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding these matters is available on the Protecting Children page of www.aod.org. To inform the archdiocese of complaints involving sexual abuse of minors by clergy or church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, contact 866-343-8055."

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Arts celebration returns to Westland Shopping Center

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Described as a celebration of visual and performing arts, the Three Cities Art Club's Festival of the Arts returns to Westland Shopping Center Friday through Sunday, Oct. 19-21.

It's the second year for the festival, sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club, to be at the mall.

"There will be 17 artists displaying over 100 pieces. We had displayed at the Canton Library but they have so many programs we couldn't get the room on consecutive days," said club president Marilyn Meredith. "We were looking for a place. Westland doesn't have an art club, so we got with the mayor and the Rotary Club."

The expanded festival, which had a good response last year, begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday.

Event co-chair Allen Brooks is a former Westland Rotarian and contacted the club about sponsoring the event.

"It's really nice. When you walk into the mall, it's overwhelming what they have done," Westland Rotary Club President Antoinette Martin. "It's nice to have something different. It's not fireworks or asking people to donate money for something. It's giving back to the community."

Along with displays of original paintings and photograph by club members there will be drawing and painting demonstrations, free face painting for children and live entertainment including music from classical to jazz and ballet and modern dancing.

Live entertainment will include ay D. Kilgus of Piano Pleasures, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra String Quartet, the Dance Academy performing ballet and modern dance, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Ensemble, the Harmony Town Chorus and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Brass.

A demonstration especially for kids will be presented by Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D&M Art Studio in Canton, from 4-5 p.m. on Friday.

Martin will join state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Westland Mayor William Wild and Westland Shopping Center General Manager Carol Rutz as special guest judges to select their favorite pieces of art. Awards will be presented at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, there will be a "Paint-Off" 2-3:30 p.m. when four artists will draw/paint in four different mediums — oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel.

Artists from Three Cities Art Club will be displaying and selling over 100 paintings and photographs. Framed and matted prints and note cards will also be available for purchase.

"We had a very good response last year. I sold three paintings myself — one I was still working on as a demonstration," said Meredith.

Founded 60 years ago, the Three Cities Art Club originally was formed in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia. The club relocated to Canton and meets at township on the first Monday of the month with membership open to everyone.

"We demonstrations, workshops and presentations at our monthly meetings," said Meredith. "You can learn if you don't know how to paint. If you have experimented with art, you can try new things. We have photographers but it's mostly painters."

Festival visitors can enter to win prizes donated by Center Mass, Inc., D&M Art Studio, Westland Mall, artist Kenneth Barbb, Lakeshore Grill Restaurant, Belanger Tire, Red Lobster and Fruigart. There's no purchase necessary, you need not be present to win and chances of winning are based on the number of entries.

For more information, call (313) 231-3939 or visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Three Cities Art Club members Betty Felts of Garden City (seated), Rod Jenkins and David Lamb, both of Canton, with painting by Elmer Reeves of Canton during the first Festival of the Arts in 2011.

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State program aims $8B at assisting businesses

By Michelle Muñoz
Correspondent

Mike Finney, president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., is determined to help make Michigan the most business-friendly state in the country.

Part of that effort is the Pure Michigan Business Connect program, which assists participating companies in finding talent, obtaining business analysis services and assisting in locating capital.

Finney discussed the $8 billion program with the Livonia and Farmington Area chambers of commerce at a joint breakfast Friday at Farmington Hills Manor.

The Pure Michigan Business Connect program was developed by MEDC and started in June 2011. It is a government-facilitated package of services available to businesses in the state. The program is aimed at helping businesses get started and then helping them grow.

DTE and Consumers Energy each signed on with the program and committed to spending $250 million with Michigan suppliers over five years, but Finney said Consumers recently doubled its commitment to $500 million over five years on its own. Finney said Consumers is at $375 million in contracts within the state.

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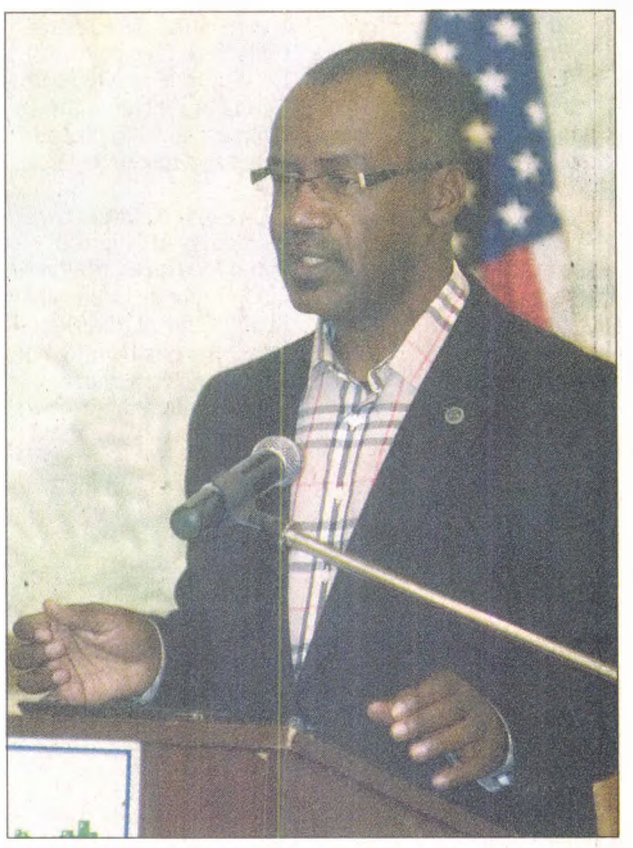
Members of the Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers attended the Michael Finney breakfast at the Farmington Hills Manor.



Michael Finney, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., was the keynote speaker Friday at a breakfast organized by the Farmington Area and Livonia chambers of commerce.

Left to right, Andrea Pacheco from Fairfield Inn, Jann Deane of Schoolcraft College and Tammy Thomson, Certified Small Business Consultant.

Credits 'mortgage future'

Finney said rather than offer tax incentives, which do not offer businesses cash, the state decided to give businesses things they could use immediately. He said the state currently has tax credit obligations that could stretch all the way to 2032.

"The reality is that tax credits, while they do serve a purpose ... you're essentially mortgaging the future," Finney said.

Bosch, Rehmann, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Farmers Insurance Group were the presenting sponsors of the breakfast.

Finney said government is playing the role of facilitator by providing the necessary tools to businesses that will help them flourish and companies are using the resources to great success.

"It's critical," Finney said. "It's having an incredible impact."

Prior to taking the helm at MEDC, Finney served as president and CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK (SPARK), a public-private partnership whose mission is to advance innovation-based economic development in the greater Ann Arbor area.

Program called 'practical'

Karen Blazaitis, owner and president of Mid American Studios in Farmington Hills, had not heard of the program before the presentation, but said business owners are in need of the kind of tools Finney discussed.

"It sounds like a wonderful practical solution," Blazaitis said. "When you are starting a business, there are so many things you don't know. It can get overwhelming."

Milene Plisko, district manager for Farmers Insurance Group in Livonia, also hadn't heard of Pure Michigan Business Connect until Finney's presentation. She said the guidance and tools available to companies participating in the program could help convince entrepreneurs to set up shop in Michigan rather than going to another state.

"It makes perfect sense," Plisko said.

Huntington Bank, DTE, Consumers Energy and Fifth Third Bank are some of the major partners involved in Pure Michigan Business Connect.

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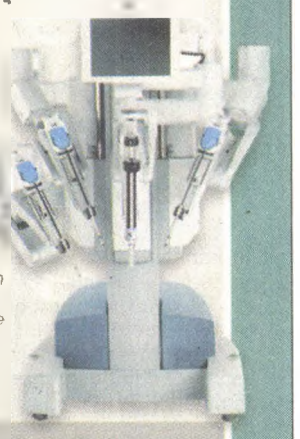

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Things to remember when converting to a Roth IRA

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: Originally when I received the buy-out offer from Ford I was going to continue with what I had. However, after attending your seminar and listening to what you said, I've decided to change my mind and take the lump-sum distribution. Considering what my wife and I both receive for Social Security and what her pension is, it makes sense to take the lump-sum and let it reinvest and grow. I'm going to follow one of your suggestions and begin converting some of our traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. Does it matter whose IRA I convert? My wife is about five years older than me. She is in her late 60s. Do I have to name my wife as beneficiary of my IRA? Because of her pension I figure she won't need the money and, therefore, I would leave it directly to our three kids. Are there issues that I need to consider? Thanks for the seminar. I appreciate the fact that it was educational and no one tried to sell me anything.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: Thanks for the kind notes about the seminar. Whenever I hold a talk or seminar, I always make sure that they're educational. All too often financial seminars are only meant to sell you something. You know that they're going to try to sell you something whenever they offer you a free dinner or something of that nature. My advice is when you get that invitation throw it away. The hard sell that you will get is not worth the free dinner.

In reviewing your situation, the first issue is whether you should convert your wife's or your traditional IRAs into a Roth. Based upon your age and the fact that your wife is closer to required minimum distributions than you are, I recommend that you first convert her IRAs. Once her IRAs have been converted to a Roth, then you can start yours. That would be the most efficient choice, considering your ages and required minimum distributions rules.

With regard to Roth IRAs, they are not subject to required minimum distributions and, thus, you can allow them to grow tax free for as long as you choose. In addition, it's always important to remember that you do not have to convert an entire IRA in one year; you can convert as much or as little as you want on a year-by-year basis.

As to beneficiary — there is no problem naming your children as the primary beneficiary. The only difference from a tax standpoint is that if your wife was the beneficiary, upon your death she would have the option to roll the entire amount into her own IRA. The kids would have a little different tax treatment. There is, however, a potential issue when it comes to estate taxes.

When you pass away, money in your IRA is part of your estate for tax purposes. If your spouse was the beneficiary of your IRA, taxes would not be an issue because that money would qualify for the unlimited marital deduction. Basically, the unlimited marital deduction means that whatever you leave a spouse upon death is not subject to estate tax. On the other hand, if anyone other than your spouse was a beneficiary such as your children, then that part of your estate would not qualify for the unlimited marital deduction. Depending upon the size of your estate, who you name as beneficiary, may be an issue.

When it comes to estate taxes, the great majority of people don't have to worry about them.

However, if you have a very large estate, estate taxes may be an issue. Remember, effective estate planning can eliminate or reduce estate taxes substantially for those subject to the tax.

Sometimes people name a beneficiary for an IRA or some other investment account and then fail to periodically review their beneficiary designations. I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to occasionally review their beneficiary designations. Family dynamics change, as well as financial situations. Don't forget to review all beneficiary designations — primary and secondary.

One last note, remember if you are going to convert money from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, the transaction must be completed by the end of the year. Custodians get very busy late in the year so don't wait until the last minute. My advice is to get it done before Thanksgiving. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Comment sought on SC nursing programs

Schoolcraft College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Michigan Board of Nursing, will host a site review for additional national accreditation of its Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

The public is invited to meet the site reviewers and share their comments about the nursing programs from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Livonia Campus in the VistaTech Center, Room 425. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to rweber@schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4401 by Oct. 22.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly by email to sjtanner@nlnac.org or by postal mail to Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Written comments should arrive at NLNAC by Oct. 22.

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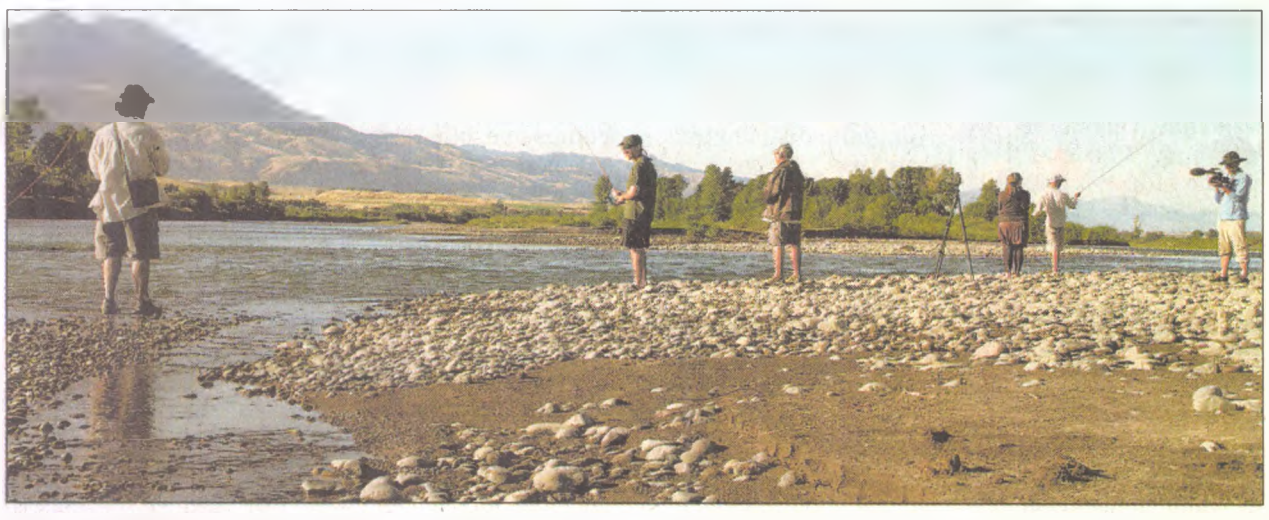
Schoolcraft student takes life-altering journey into filmmaking

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent



Hunter Weeks (from left), Justin Haight, John Hall, Shannon Ongaro and Mike Dion (far right) fish the banks of the Yellowstone River while making the documentary.

When Justin Haight received the invitation in 2011 to take part in award-winning filmmaker Hunter Weeks's latest project in Montana, the 23-year old Novi resident said "yes" before he even knew what the project was all about.

"I didn't know anything about the project; I just knew that it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with an amazing film director and if I didn't do it, I would always regret it," said Haight, an aspiring filmmaker, currently working toward a degree in computer science at Schoolcraft.

"I was familiar with (Weeks's) films and really admire the way that Hunter is able to capture the essence of America. This was a chance to learn from one of the best," he added.

As it turned out, Weeks's "project" was a full-length documentary film titled *Where the Yellowstone Goes*, and follows a 30-day drift boat excursion down the longest undammed river in the contiguous United States.

The movie, scheduled for a free public screening at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center in Livonia, paints intimate portraits of local residents in the cities and dusty towns along the Yellowstone River.

The experience provided Haight with some solid footing on his journey to becoming a filmmaker. He was given an associate producer credit for the film.

In addition to illustrating the history and controversies surrounding the longest undammed river in the lower 48 states, the film provided Haight with a life-changing experience he will never forget.

"I learned so much from working on this film with Hunter. It truly was an amazing experience — from the people that I met on the set to the people we encountered living along the river while we were actually making the film. I will just never forget it," said Haight, who spent almost two months traveling with the film crew out west as they filmed their experiences.

For Haight, the journey into filmmaking actually began when he was growing up. After viewing the photographs he took during family vacations, his parents Susan and Marcus designated him the official "family photographer."

"When I was younger, I just used a point and shoot camera, but there was something about catching life on film. It adds a whole other dimension and I really liked it," Haight said.

A 2007 graduate of Hartland High School, Haight was in his junior year when he started thinking about colleges and careers. Working as a member of the high school yearbook staff, he enjoyed the chance to capture images.

His "eye" for selecting quality photographs was noticed by a teacher who encouraged him to pursue his talents. Haight is clearly a man of action. Once his career decision was made, he did not waste time.

Familiar with the work of a variety of filmmakers, he quickly took matters into his own hands, contacting various directors to ask for guidance and advice through email and Facebook.

"I pretty driven," Haight said. "I wasn't sure if I really needed a degree in film to be successful and wanted to get their opinions."

He ultimately decided on pursuing a degree in computer science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia — as a "backup plan" — while continuing to hone his filmmaking skills.

Big break

Haight continued to correspond infrequently with Weeks and, in 2011, sent him an email message "out of the blue, just to see if he was working on any new projects," he said.

The response from Weeks was fast, he said.

"He said if I could get out to Montana in two weeks, I could work on the film," Haight said.

The rest is history — captured on film, of course.

Riding along the Yellowstone River in a support vehicle as part of a seven-member film crew, Haight spent six weeks learning the ins and outs of filmmaking.

"I did everything from data management to blogging about our experiences to help set up our camps. He also let me do some touch-up editing," he said.

Kind characters

The people Haight met living along the river made a big impression, he said, and made for some memorable experiences.

"The people that we met, randomly, as we traveled down the river really touched me," he said. "'Montanans are unbelievably friendly. They just open their homes to you and welcome you in."

Haight recalled two brothers fishing along the Yellowstone.

"It was September 11, 2011, and they invited the whole film crew back to their home to eat the fish they had just caught in the river," he said.

He also recalls a memorable encounter the crew had with two sisters, known throughout their region as "The Cake Ladies" for their mouthwatering delicious angel food cakes.

"These two women are at least 80 or 90 and get up every morning at 4 a.m. and make angel food cakes from a secret recipe," he said. "People all around the area know about their cakes and although they do not sell the cakes, they do donate them to charity auctions, which are able to get a lot of money for them."

The ladies, who appear in the film, have lived along the banks of the Yellowstone River their entire lives.

"Lewis and Clark made their canoes from trees on the property these women now own," he said.

In addition to developing a deep appreciation for the people and beautiful landscapes of Montana, the experience also provided Haight with insight into the unique aspects of translating real life onto film, something he hopes to do in future ventures.

"The documentary aspect allows you to catch the true person in their element — it's almost like capturing reality," he said. "I was so fortunate to work with such an esteemed filmmaker. Just being able to have him mentor me through the filmmaking process has opened my eyes to a whole different world."

Mutual admiration

Weeks has an equally high opinion of Haight and said he that he is sure that Haight's energy will serve him well on his path to filmmaking.

"Justin is one of those people you only come across every so often," Weeks said. "He's filled with a charge that if used right can change the world. He's been a huge factor in helping create the story we all set out to make last summer on the Yellowstone River. I look forward to seeing Justin navigate the channels of life, work and maybe some more rivers in the future when we make another river film or two."

Now back home, Haight is looking forward to the screening of the film at Schoolcraft.

"I'm looking forward to the chance to share this with the community," he said, "I did not have any experience and he took a chance on me, and I am grateful."

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Chiefs stymie Rocks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When the schedule makers threw Canton and Salem a curve for Week 8, the two campus rivals knew they'd be squaring off the final two weeks of the regular season.

And they knew only one of the teams would be able to get to the coveted six-win mark, needed to clinch an automatic state playoff berth.

The first salvo was fired Friday night in a KLAA crossover football game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field — the Chiefs scored 27 unanswered points en route to a 34-7 victory over the Rocks.

Canton and Salem now each carry a 5-3 record into the regular season finale (7 p.m. Friday) and Florida-bound Chiefs lineman Cameron Dillard can't wait to pick things back up.

Setting the tone

"It gives us a little more momentum, gives us more hope for the playoffs," Dillard said. "We're just going to go out next week at practice and do the same thing we did this week and get the 'W.'"

Concurring was senior Matt McKoy, who caught a key 14-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Greg Williams to break a 7-7 tie with 10 seconds left in the first half to put the Chiefs ahead to stay. He also had an interception and caught four passes for 89 yards.

"Tonight we were just setting the tone for next week, because we planned on winning tonight and we plan on winning next week, too," McKoy said. "That's the whole goal, was to keep the momentum and stay strong."

Salem head coach Kurt Britnell, meanwhile, took some positives out of a game where Canton's offense largely doubled Salem's yardage output (about 410-205).

"We can play with them. We shot ourselves in the foot," said Britnell, whose team is look-

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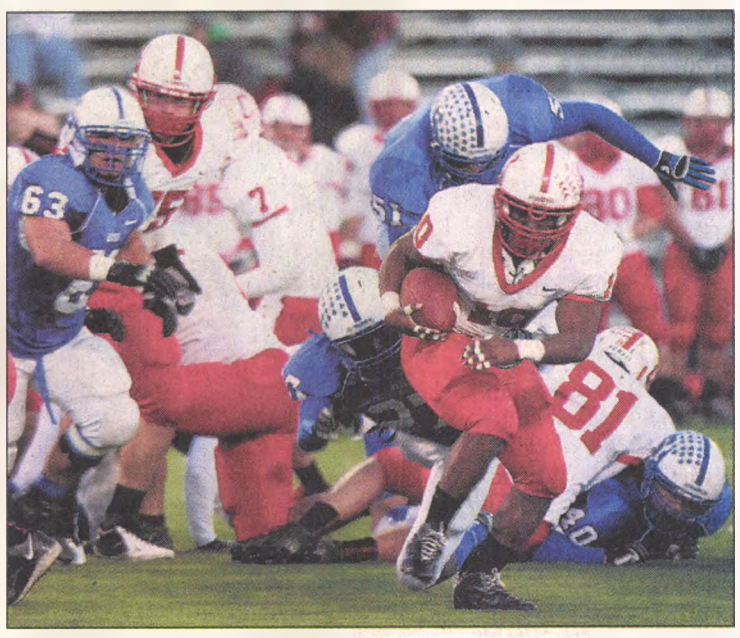

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Canton running back Malcolm Hollingsworth (No. 10) eludes Salem defenders Danny Stropes (No. 51) and Matt Grabowski (No. 63) for a big gain Friday night.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Kelsey Murphy, shown from earlier this season, was overall medalist at the Division 1 regionals. She also led the Wildcats to the regional title.

On to state meet for 'Cats

Plymouth's season-long roll continued Wednesday with its first-place finish at the Division 1-Region 2 meet at Pine View Golf Course.

The Wildcats qualified as a team for the D1 state meet with a tally of 330 strokes, well ahead of Saline (349), Ann Arbor Pioneer (361) and fourth-place Canton (378). In 10th place with 432 points was Salem.

Overall medalist was Plymouth senior Kelsey Murphy, with a 2-over par score of 74. Senior teammate Sarah Thompson was second overall with a 78.

Other teammates helping the Wildcats to the regional title included Sydney Murphy (sixth, 86), Katie Chipman (13th, 92) and Kayla Whatley (22nd, 99).

"Tough conditions, cold, windy and wet," Plymouth coach Dan Young said. "We were mentally tough and I couldn't be more proud of how we hung in there and grinded it out."

Canton junior Kelsey McDougall also qualified for the state meet, one of three individuals to do so. She finished fifth overall with a score of 82. Rachel Pisano's round of 94 earned her a 15th-place finish. Katie Adams and Madelyn Mans tied for 24th with scores of 101 while Chloe Luyet's 102 score earned her 28th place.

The top performer for Salem was 23rd-place Amanda Bennett, with a 100 tally. Gabby LeBlanc (33rd, 104), Katie Vena (45th, 111), Kiley Flynn and Christine Li (tied for 51st, 117) rounded out the scorecard for the Rocks.

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Rocks work OT for KLAA title

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

BOYS SOCCER

Ed McCarthy laid it all on the line at halftime of Wednesday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship boys soccer match.

Coach McCarthy's Salem Rocks trailed 1-0 against Brighton, but the visiting Bulldogs could have had a three-goal cushion at the break if not for a couple shots off the crossbar.

"The message at halftime was we were being outplayed and we simply had to do better," McCarthy said. "... Collectively, we were disappointed in the first half, being down a goal. And they came out very motivated to get that tying goal."

Salem turned up the offensive heat right away, scoring at 1:07 when junior forward Brady Cole — who missed nearly half of the opening 40 minutes due to injury — converted a cross-crease feed from senior forward Chris Dierker.

Although the Bulldogs regained a 2-1 lead, the Rocks went on to tie the game again on a penalty kick goal by junior forward Connor Cole and Dierker ultimately won the game 3-2 with a goal at 27 seconds of the first 10-minute overtime period.

The victory gave Salem (14-2-4) its first association title since 2008. McCarthy credited his team for finding a way to score three goals on a previously undefeated Brighton team (now 13-1-4) that had given up just five goals all season.

"Brighton's as good a team as we've seen all year," McCarthy said. "They were very, very good tonight. It's been a long time since we've given up two goals."

Nothing gets by

Protecting the one-goal lead later in OT was junior netminder Collin Hewett, whose aggressive play

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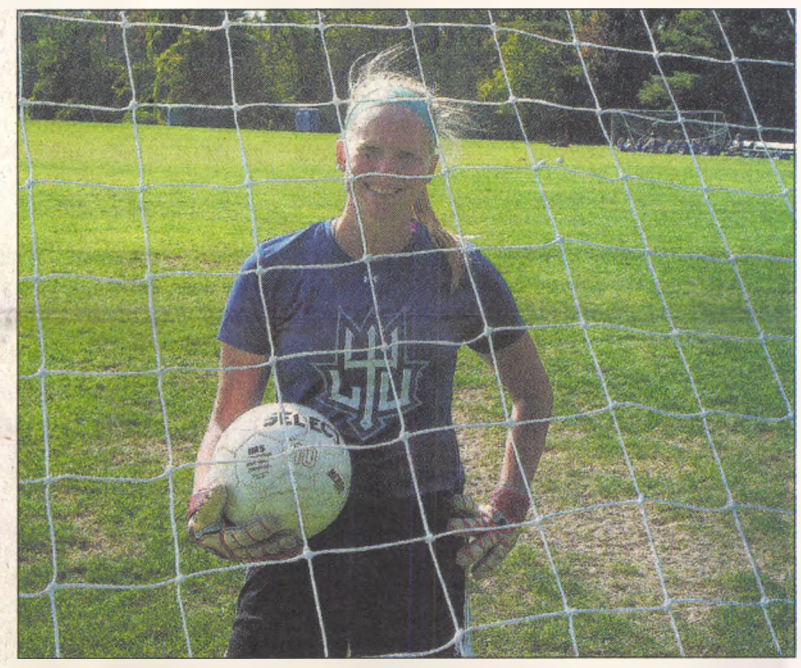
LTU coach Jamie Scott has links to Canton.



The first two victories — both shutouts — in the inaugural season of Lawrence Tech University women's soccer belong to freshman goalkeeper Katelyn Watson, a graduate of Plymouth High School.

Kicking it out

LTU's inaugural women's soccer season a big learning experience

By Marty Budner
Eccentric Staff Writer

While everyone is getting their kicks out of the inaugural women's soccer season at Lawrence Institute of Technology, it is a huge learning process.

Head coach Jamie Scott, in her first season as a college coach, is finding out the college scene is indeed a full-time commitment. The players are not only adjusting to a new system, but learning all about the advanced skill level and quickness of college competition.

"It feels like we just can't get enough time with the girls," said Scott after Tuesday's early-afternoon practice at the Southfield-based institution.

"It's been a lot of fun, but we've had so much to learn in every facet of the game. We're learning something new. We're going back and tweaking something to make it better. It's just a big learning curve for a lot of the girls.

"And, to their credit they give effort and energy all the time because they want to get better," she said. "They are really hungry for that direction so it's fun to work with a group that wants to learn."

A full background

Scott played high school soccer at Livonia Churchill (1998 graduate) and earned a scholarship to play college ball as a center midfielder at Madonna University. She still coaches youth soccer in the Canton area and was a former junior varsity coach at Canton High School.

With that background, Scott pounced on the opportunity to get the women's program started at LTU.

"It's an amazing experience," said Scott, a former Social Worker. "Not many people are going to be offered something like this, so obviously I jumped

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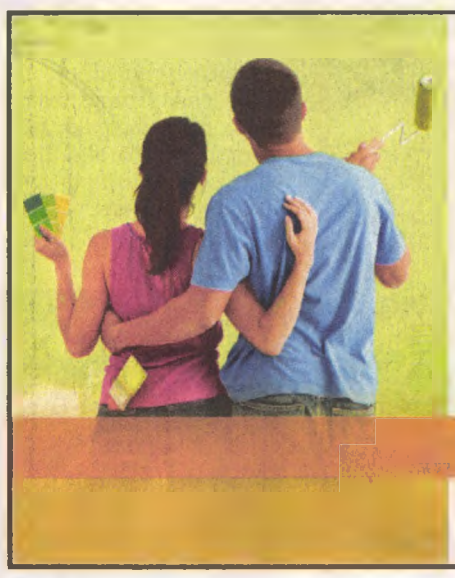

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With Madelyn, all 'Betts' are on

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Madelyn Betts wondered if a college would ever call to offer her a chance to continue her volleyball career beyond high school.

Not too long ago the Plymouth High School senior got her answer, and it was one she was thrilled to get — she will be a middle hitter at Robert Morris University.

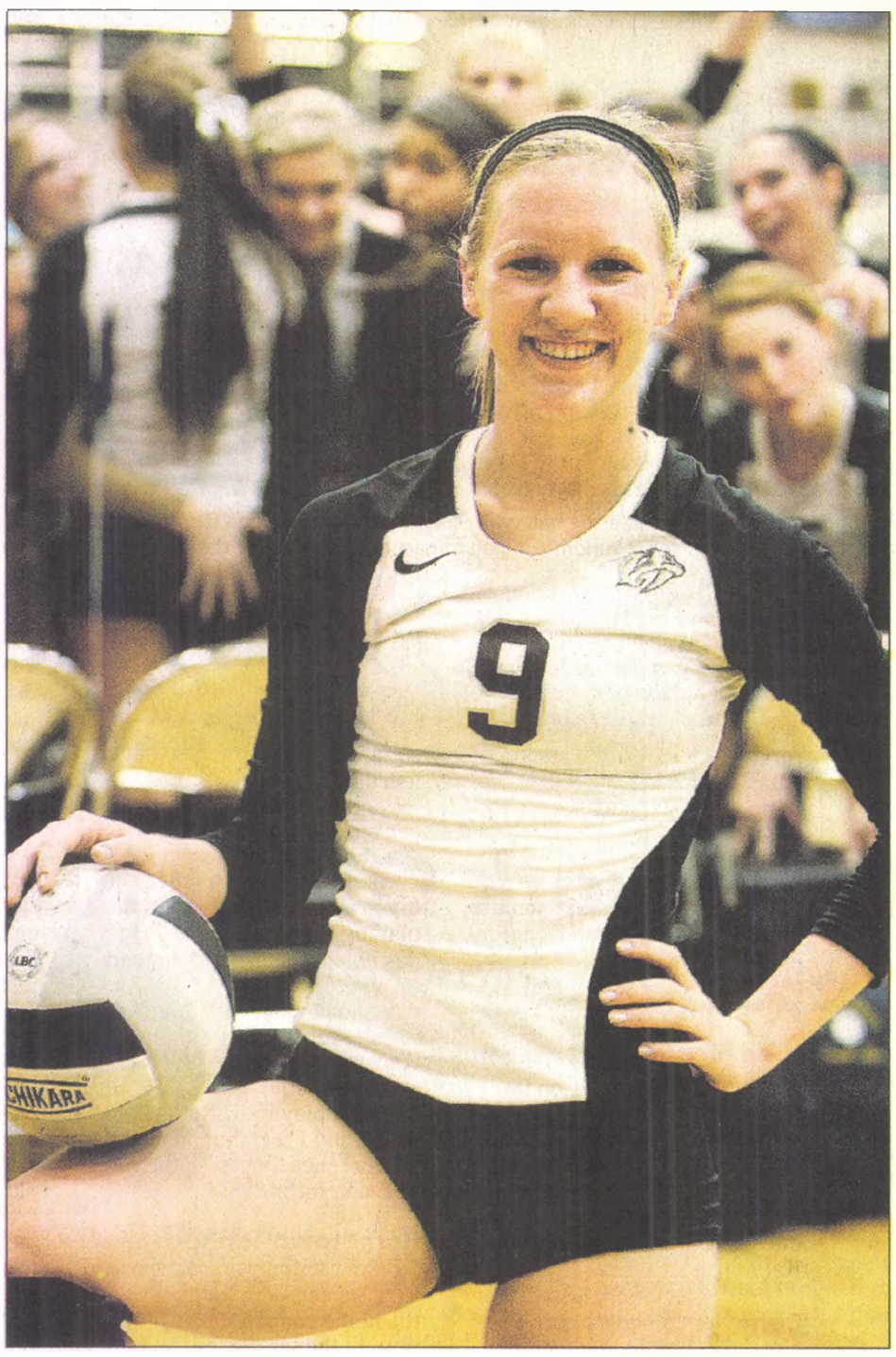
"It was really crazy, it was stressful," Betts recalled. "I've been trying to get recruited since my sophomore year, and this year I was kind of upset that nothing had happened.

"But out of nowhere, I started talking to this coach. It was the greatest feeling when he had offered me (a scholarship), it was just a big weight lifted off my shoulders. I was so proud."

Her coach at Plymouth, Sarah Marody, also is proud that Betts will have the opportunity to suit up for a Division I team next season.

"I am so excited for her, I'm so proud of her," Marody said. "I've coached Madelyn for three years. She's a hard worker, she dedicates her life to volleyball and she absolutely deserves the scholarships she's getting and the chance to play in college."

Marody is about to have several outstanding senior players and leaders leave the fold — including Betts along with co-captains Zoe Irvin, Emilee Beyer and Taylor Rieckhoff.



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Plymouth senior Madelyn Betts is all smiles, not only about her high school career but about getting a scholarship to play volleyball at Robert Morris University.

Sparkplug

Although Betts isn't listed as one of the captains, the coach emphasized that she is integral to the team's success because of her upbeat nature and tireless work ethic.

"She's a leader on the floor, when she's on we're all on," Marody said. "And she's a leader off the floor. She's a hard worker, at practice she knows how to have fun, she knows how to pick the girls up and keep them going.

"Without her this would be a completely different team."

Betts, a player who can rise up from anywhere to send laser shots over the net, said she relishes her leadership role.

"On the court ... I take control," Betts noted. "I'm comfortable out there being able to talk to everyone."

She added that her experience with the Wildcats should help prepare her for life at Robert Morris, where she received a combination of athletic and academic scholarships.

"It takes a lot of dedication to be on a high school team," said Betts, following a recent Plymouth match. "You have to play for your team and not for yourself.

"And it just gives you a good mindset and taught me how to be a leader and an even better person."

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Canton seniors look back on their careers

Senior co-captains Erica den Boer and Becca Middleton led a strong cast of veterans who enjoyed Tuesday's Senior Night victory over Westland John Glenn — along with perhaps pointing the way to more success as the districts arrive.

Canton (18-7-1 overall, 8-2 in the KLAA South Division) rolled to a 25-12, 25-15, 25-16 win over the Rockets, spearheaded by den Boer's 10 kills and libero Middleton's nine digs and six assists.

Augmenting them were Jordan Diedrick (four aces, five kills), Rebecca LeChevalier (six kills, seven block touches) and Alexis Madis (four kills, seven block touches).

The team's sixth senior, starter Dia Jackson, could not take part in the contest and related festivities due to a personal commitment.

"Whether it was a senior that made the starting roster, or have been on varsity for two, three or even four years, these young athletes have played a major role in the culture we now have at Canton volleyball," first-year head coach Steve Johnson noted. "The example and leadership that our senior captains Erica den Boer and Becca Middleton have set even in the preseason, and throughout this season have had a major impact in setting the bar.

"Every one of our seniors have pushed themselves and have excelled as a result, setting the tone and expectations for our program and we are proudly acknowledging them in their senior year and wishing them the best in their college pursuits hereafter."

Their thoughts

All of the seniors also took time to reflect on what Senior Night meant to them:

• **den Boer:** "It reminds us that we made it through all the tryouts and season and challenges all four years and Senior Night celebrates that.

"... Hopefully it inspired our younger teammates and junior team players to keep striving and working hard so they can be celebrated in the same way."

• **Middleton:** "Senior Night was a sad, but exciting night. It was my last chance to play a match in our gym, and I took in every moment of it. That night inspired our seniors to give it their all, and go out with a bang.

"... It was also great to see our younger teammates playing so well with us."

• **Diedrick:** "This was hard to believe because this gym has been my second home for years.

"I had many mixed emotions when playing that night because I realized how much I'll miss this. It hasn't fully hit me yet. I love Canton volleyball and there isn't another place I'd rather play."

• **Madis:** "I felt like as a team we needed to come out with a final bang to leave back a final footprint as Canton volleyball players.

"Canton volleyball has impacted me emotionally, physically and mentally. It taught me to be a tough team player and to fight for what I want leaving no doubts behind."

• **LeChevalier:** "It was kind of like a summation of my four years playing Canton volleyball. One last home game, one last chance to 'protect our house.'

"It was sad to know that my last season of high school volleyball is coming to an end, because I have met so many of my best friends through the seasons."

• **Jackson:** "Even though as a senior I was not able to participate I appreciate the love I was shown. The program has impacted my life in so many different ways. I was able to meet a host of new girls that I now call my sisters.

"Some of us come from different areas but we jell as if we've known each other our whole life. Being a senior comes with the joy of being a leader and role model to the younger girls."

Salem hosts 'Dig for a Cure'

Salem's varsity girls volleyball team is hosting its first ever 'Dig for a Cure' to help raise money for breast cancer research.

The event is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against Wayne Memorial at Salem High School's gymnasium.

Proceeds from ticket and concession sales will go to the cause, and there will be pink T-shirts available to purchase.

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throughout the night helped keep the Rocks in the contest.

A direct kick by Jordan Messick appeared ticketed for the right corner, but Hewett dove to his left to bat the ball aside.

"We fought hard as a team, we worked hard, we pushed," Hewett said. "It was a great effort by everybody. In my head I was thinking 'I got to make every save.'

"Obviously I make my mistakes, everybody makes their mistakes. But I worked really, really hard not to in this game."

Hewett wasn't the only Salem player leaving it all out on the varsity turf field on a windy, cool evening.

On the winning goal, junior midfielder David Schroeder threaded a pass up to Dierker, sprinting into the 18-yard box.

Dierker then ripped a low shot from about 15 yards inside the left post past Bulldogs goalkeeper Jack Grant. And it was Dierker who made a crisp right-to-left pass to Brady Cole to quickly even the score in the opening minutes of the second half.

"Chris Dierker has had a fantastic week," McCarthy said. "He's been brilliant, his game winning goal (Oct. 8) against Canton and tonight to get the winning goal in overtime, I couldn't be happier with him.

"And he got the assist on the first goal. He had a very fantastic night and he scored the biggest goal of the season 30 seconds into the overtime.

"Normally, we can defend well, so we were able to finish after his great goal."

Salem's second goal, with 4:13 left in regulation, enabled the match to move into overtime (where two, 10-minute stanzas were played).

A Brighton foul against Salem senior midfielder Tyler Fosdick resulted in a penalty kick that Connor Cole made no mistake with. He drove a shot into the lower right-hand corner to make it 2-2.

Game changer

According to McCarthy, one of the reasons for the Rocks' tough first half was the fact Brady Cole left the game twice after sustaining separate injuries.

"The minute Brady went out the game changed," McCarthy said. "Brady Cole is a big piece of our machine, we don't have anybody that can replace him and that game immediately changed when we took him out.

"... Fortunately we got him back in the second half and started to click again."

Cole said he was disappointed to not finish out the first half, "so I came out ready to go in the second half and luckily put one in."

Salem now gets ready for the Division 1 districts, which begin 7 p.m. Tuesday at Livonia Franklin.

If the Rocks prevail that night, they will face the winner of Tuesday's Garden City-Canton matchup in a semifinal scheduled for Thursday.

"It's always nice to win, I don't know how much momentum it gives us," McCarthy stressed. "We know next Thursday we have the most important game of the season, if both of us win our Tuesday game.

"Playing Canton for a fourth time certainly makes me very nervous, they're a very good team. We were fortunate to get wins in the previous couple. We know we have our hands full. But it's always nice to win the association."

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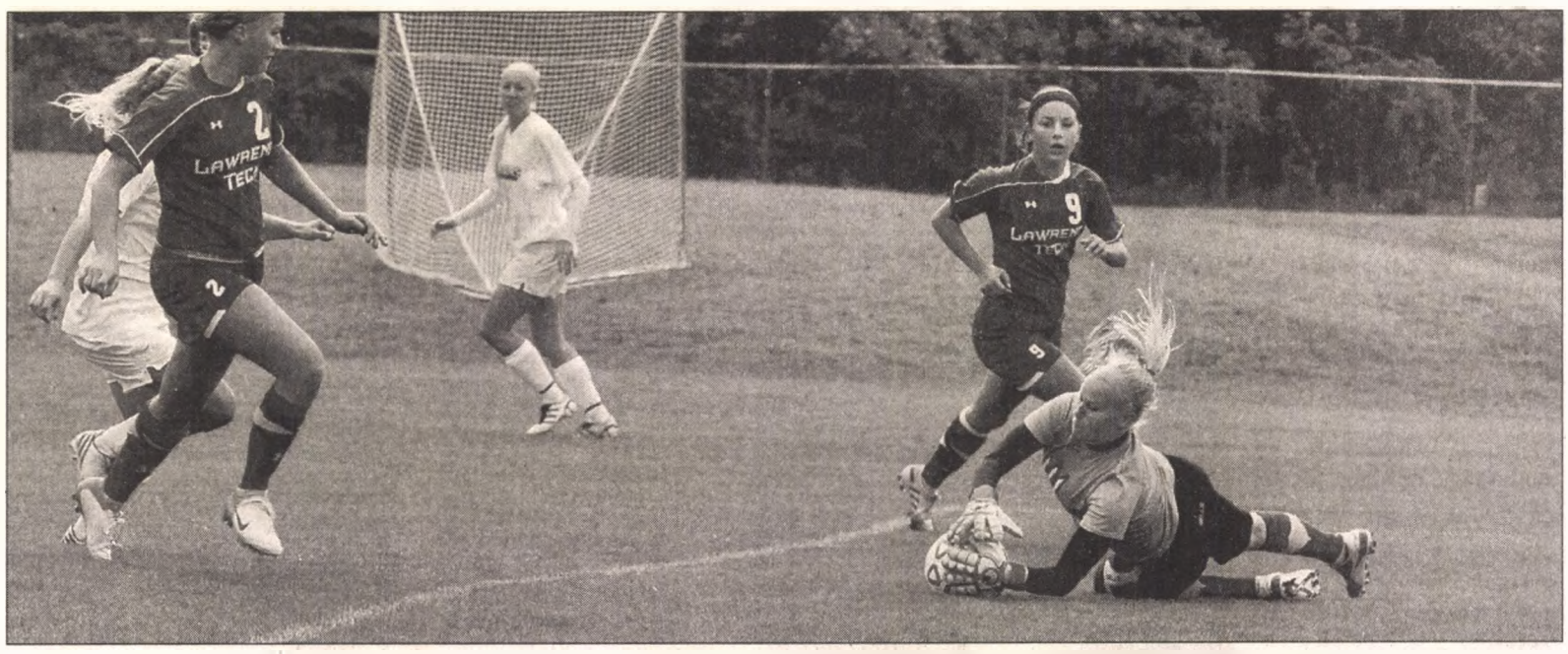

Lawrence Tech goalkeeper Kate Watson comes out to grab the ball while teammates Alex Bryden (No. 2) and Claire Huddas (No. 9) hustle back to help out. All three are alums of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park making an impact as freshmen for the first-year Lady Blue Devils team.

PCEP alums help put Lady Blue Devils on map

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

From Canton to Plymouth to Southfield, a big assist for the launch of Lawrence Technological University's varsity women's soccer team goes to alums from the Park.

Namely, recent Plymouth-Canton Educational Park grads Alex Bryden (Canton), Claire Huddas (Salem) and goalkeeper Kate Watson (Plymouth).

And don't forget head coach Jamie Scott, who is a Canton resident who worked with all three players when they were cutting their soccer teeth at the Canton Soccer Club.

"The three PCEP alumni have been an integral piece of the LTU team," Scott said. "Alex Bryden can run for the entire game, she defends well.

"Claire Huddas has found a spot in our back line. She battles for every ball. Kate Watson is an amazing goalkeeper. She is fun to watch as she makes exceptional saves."

All three players said they are happy they joined Scott with the Lady Blue Devils, taking on the challenge of helping a fledgling program grow.

"Entering the school and a new soccer program, I didn't know what to expect, but I am happy to say that I am more than pleased with my decision to attend Lawrence Tech," Bryden said. "Being a part of the women's soccer team is such a large privilege. Not only am I able to play the sport I love every day, but also share it with people like Katelyn and Claire.

"Before this year, Katelyn and Claire were always my rivals. However, now I am elated to have them both as teammates."

According to Huddas, her time so far at LTU has helped her learn how to manage academics and being on a college soccer team.

"Coming here has given me a great environment to focus on my grades as well as continue playing the game I love," Huddas noted. "Being surrounded by a great group of girls everyday and having the support of wonderful coaches has made the transition to college much easier and more enjoyable.

"I love playing with these ladies and I feel that committing to Lawrence Tech was the right decision for me."

Hometown connection

Likewise for Watson, who said LTU soccer — particularly with the home connection — is continuing the family feel she's always had going back to the Canton Celtics.

Another plus is that there are players from each of the PCEP teams being part of something new and fresh.

"I thought it would be impossible to have yet another soccer family, but LTU soccer has proven me wrong," Watson said. "I have grown to love these girls in just the few short months I have known them and can't wait for the next years to come.

"I know for a fact that as we begin to mesh and mold together, we will become the team that everyone wants to beat."

And a team a lot of high school players will want to play for.

"I have already made many memories and I cannot wait to see what Lawrence Tech will bring me and my teammates over the next four years," Bryden added.

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at the opportunity. Just to be able to put your own spin on things and build the program from ground up, when are you going to get a chance like that again."

Scott, who is as busy with administrative paper work as she is with on-field instruction, believes her youthful squad is slowly evolving.

Historic triumph

After their first nine games, including a 1-0 setback to Marygrove on Wednesday, the Lady Blue Devils owned a 2-7 overall record.

The historic first victory came in Indiana with a 3-0 shutout victory over Holy Cross College. The most recent triumph was a 2-0 blanking of Rochester College.

"We had a very tough pre-season leading up to our conference play," said Scott. "We played some very tough teams and held our own. We made teams work for every goal they scored on us.

"It was a nice feeling early-on to get that first win. But we didn't want that to set the tone because we knew we were in for a tough road ahead. A challenging road.

"But we do feel we are on the right course now and we just have to continue to push forward and continue to practice hard and continue to teach things," she said. "We're taking notes, building on what works and changing what didn't work."

A possession game

Freshman goalie Katelyn Watson, a 2012 Plymouth High School graduate, registered the first two shutouts in program history. Watson, an engineering major, played for Scott in her youth soccer days back in Canton.

"Kate is phenomenal in the air. She can get to any ball that goes to the top of the net. She's got up," said Scott. "And, she has a talking game too. She communicates well with her defensive line. She makes people comfortable because she communicates well and has a great spirit about her."

Other LTU freshmen from the Park include defender and Canton grad Alex Bryden and Salem alum Claire Huddas (midfield).

All five goals in LTU's two wins came off the foot of talented freshman forward Lisa Zaffina from Waterford.

"Lisa was a late addition to the team," said Scott. "She tends to position herself appropriately and just kind of sneaks behind opponents to find her way in. She's been a real nice find for us."

Olivia Ferreira, a junior transfer from Seneca College, is a physical defender who wins a lot of 50-50 balls. Alyssa Bolling and Hannah Huff are cousins from the Waterford area who handle chores around midfield.

Ferreira, Bolling and Rebecca Tritt are tri-captains. Junior Samantha Doherty (Royal Oak) and freshman Kristin Jordan (Southfield) are defenders for the Lady Blue Devils.

"One of our strengths is possessing the ball," said Scott. "We like to play a possession game. We don't look to one individual player; we look to the entire team to play the game together as one unit."

Setting a foundation

Lawrence Tech is a member of the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC). The Lady Blue Devils dropped their first official home game Sept. 29 to Davenport by a 3-0 count.

Coaches and players understand the adversity they'll face in this historic first season.

However, Scott's ultimate goal is to establish a solid program at LTU. She believes if a proper foundation is set, the program eventually will flourish with national title aspirations.

"We just want to show progress in different ways," said Scott. "We want to show progress in how we compete. We want to show progress with our future recruiting classes.

"Unfortunately, some people think about the wins and losses. To some degree we look at that, but we just want these girls to progress and really lay the ground work. We're in our infancy and we want to make sure we set measurable and reachable goals at this point.

"But, at the same time, I'm not going to tell you that we're not looking at post-season conference play," she said. "We want to be competitive while learning, and we want to be able to chase after a national title in a couple of years."

In the meantime, Scott is adapting to the college coaching lifestyle and everything that it encompasses, such as recruiting, coordinating transportation and administrative work.

"I love this. I just can't get enough of it," said Scott. "I love the fact this is my job. Some people wake up and go to their desk jobs. I get to come to the field and I love it."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 19
Grand Blanc vs. Plymouth
at PCEP (JV grass), 6:30 p.m.
Canton vs. Salem
at PCEP (varsity turf), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20
Allen at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
LIVONIA STEVENSON (Host)
Monday, Oct. 15: (A) Northville at (B) Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Novi vs. (D) Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at Novi Meadows Stadium, 7 p.m.; (E) Farmington at (F) North Farmington, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 17: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Farmington Harrison vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20: Championship final, 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional finals at Farmington vs. Dearborn High district champion.)
CANTON (Host)
Tuesday, Oct. 16: (A) Garden City at (B) Canton, 5 p.m.; (C) Salem at (D) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.; (E) Plymouth at (F) Livonia Churchill, 5 p.m.; (G) Westland John Glenn at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 18: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Farmington vs. Ann Arbor Huron district champion.)
DIVISION 3
BEVERLY HILLS-DETROIT COUNTRY DAY (Host)
Monday, Oct. 15: (A) Pontiac Notre Dame Prep at (B) Livonia Clarenceville, 6 p.m.; (C) Harper Woods at (D) St.Clair Shores South Lake, TBA; (E) Clawson at (F) Detroit Country Day, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 17: Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at A-B winner, 6 p.m. C-D winner at E-F winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Farmington Harrison vs. Hanover-Horton district champion.)
DIVISION 4
ALLEN PARK
INTER-CITY BAPTIST (Host)
Monday, Oct. 15: (A) Detroit Universal Academy at (B) Riverview Gabriel Richard, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at (D) Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m.; (E) Taylor Baptist Park (F) Lutheran High Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 17: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 3 p.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. E-F winner, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19: Championship final, 4:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Hillsdale Academy district champion.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Oak. Chr. at L. W'sld, 6:30 p.m.
Roeper at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Steve., 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at S. Lyon, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
C'ville at W. Bloomfield, 7 p.m.
(Kensington Championship)
Churchill at N'ville, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 18
Greenhills at PCA, 6:30 p.m.\
HVL at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 8 a.m.
Romulus Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
(KLAA Assoc. Tourneys)
Gold Bracket at Novi, 9 a.m.
Silver Bracket at Wayne, 9 a.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Oct. 18
Kensington Conf. Meet
at Huron Meadows, 3 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19
MIAC meet
at Spencer Park, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20
Catholic League Meet
at Stoney Creek, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 18
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Plym. at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. N.D. Prep
at Liv. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Macomb at S'craft, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 17
Lawrence Tech at MU, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 18
S'craft at Oakland, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19
(Crusader Classic at MU)
MU vs. Daemon, 3:30 p.m.
MU vs. Embry-Riddle, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20
(Crusader Classic at MU)
MU vs. Rochester, 9:30 a.m.
MU vs. Trinity, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 17
S'craft at Jackson, 4 p.m.
MU at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19
Ancilla at S'craft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20
Marygrove at MU, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Oct. 14
Monroe (N.Y.) at S'craft, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 17
MU at Lawrence Tech, 1 p.m.
Jackson at S'craft, 5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19
MU at U-D Mercy, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20
Davenport at MU, noon.
Kellogg at S'craft, 1 p.m.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

CANTON 125
LIV. FRANKLIN 61
Oct. 11 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Mackenzie Dugas, Claire Green, Faith Goodwin, Rachel Barszcz), 2:09.99; 2. Canton (Madeline Madison, Emily Hugan, Christine Pray, Jocelyn Moraw), 2:19.18.

200 freestyle: 1. Isabella Yardley (LF), 2:18.31; 2. Brenna Wayne (C), 2:20.43; 3. Emily Pettit (C), 2:27.88; 4. Hannah Turnbull (C), 2:37.76.

200 individual medley: 1. Emily Osika (C), 2:32.77; 2. Courtney Smith (C), 2:43.97; 3. Amber Elinsky (LF), 2:48.50.

50 freestyle: 1. Madelaine Brownley (C), 30.91; 2. Jane Bensen (C), 31.96; 3. Haley Talaga (C), 34.24.

1-meter diving: 1. Melissa Green (C), 165.00 points; 2. Nicole Lasecki (C), 152.00; 3. Jacquelyn Dziurgot (LF), 120.15.

100 butterfly: 1. Pray (C), 1:08.08; 2. Emily Meier (C), 1:09.64; 3. Goodwin (C), 1:16.76.

100 freestyle: 1. Jenna Michniewicz (LF), 1:05.29; 2. Amanda Esler (C), 1:07.16; 3. Carmen Muglia (C), 1:11.35; 4. Jacquelyne Kuznicki (C), 1:11.75.

500 freestyle: 1. C. Smith (C), 6:08.17; 2. Barszcz (C), 6:08.89; 3. Elinsky (LF), 6:42.06.

200-free relay: 1. Canton (Abby Madison, Caitlin Orr, Meier, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:48.60; 2. Canton (Hannah Jenkins, Delaney Adams, M. Green, Lasecki), 1:58.01.

100 backstroke: 1. Michniewicz (LF), 1:11.42; 2. Emily Downs (C), 1:12.20; 4. Haily Vaunado (C), 1:30.69.

100 breaststroke: 1. Wayne (C), 1:23.20; 2. Rachel McGue (C), 1:25.03; 3. Brownley (C), 1:27.66.

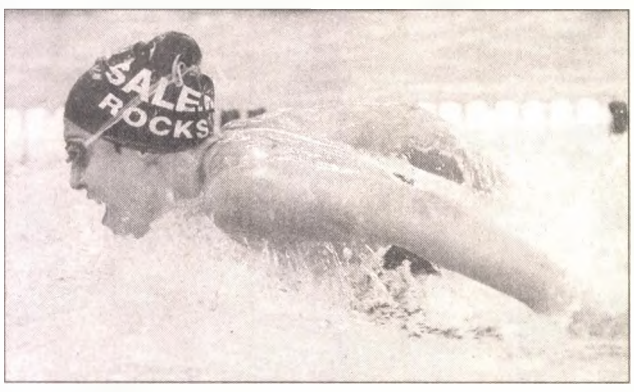
400-free relay: 1. Franklin, 4:27.11; 2. Canton (Turnbull, Adrienne Paton, Moraw, C. Smith), 4:37.39; 3. Canton (Grace Irwin, Kuznicki, Alexandria Elliott, Pettit), 4:47.85.

SALEM 133
WLC 49
Oct. 9 at WLC

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Hannah Pollard, Andrea Ringer, Stephanie Solterman), 2:03.80; 2. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Kristy Rupp, Claire Amin, Julia Suriano), 2:03.99.

200 freestyle: 1. Annie Patterson (S), 2:09.43; 3. Abi Collingwood (S), 2:28.73; 4. **Michelle Gutta (S), 2:**29.35.

200 individual medley: 1. Aumiller (S), 2:22.58; 3. Vincenza Zaia (S), 2:31.97; 4. Jocey Lamoureux (S), 2:32.89.



Salem's varsity girls swim and dive team continues to excel, led by a deep roster including Abby Aumiller.

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50 freestyle: 2. Patricia Freitag (S), 27.38; 5. Noelle Milad (S), 30.00; 6. Melanie Turner, 31.32.

1-meter diving: 1. Bridget Maul (S), 79.00 points; 2. Adelaida Jepperson (S), 79.02.

100 butterfly: 2. Ringer (S), 1:07.28; 3. Hannah Tardiff (S), 1:15.29; 4. Maddie Maikowski (S), 1:20.44.

100 freestyle: 1. Suriano (S), 58.47; 2. Zaia (S), 1:03.31; 3. Amin (S), 1:04.73.

500 freestyle: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 5:19.56; 2. Patterson (S), 5:38.59; 3. Solterman (S), 5:46.27.

200-free relay: 1. Salem (Zaia, Maikowski, Lamoureux, Aumiller), 1:53.36; 2. Salem (Freitag, Gutta, Ringer, Patterson), 1:54.68; 3. Salem (Sarah Mapes, Madison O'Donnell, Turner, Abi Collingwood), 2:06.99.

100 backstroke: 2. Cassidy Sargent (S), 1:10.19; 4. Maurice (S), 1:13.52; 5. Cousino (S), 1:21.38.

100 breaststroke: 1. Pollard (S), 1:20.75; 2. Rupp (S), 1:22.76; 4. Rachel Godfrey (S), 1:25.81.

400-free relay: 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Pattrson, Suriano, Amin), 4:00.04; 2. Salem (Ringer, Solterman, Aumiller, Lamoureux), 4:06.12; 3. Salem (Sargent, Maurice, Rupp, Pollard), 4:19.82.

DEXTER FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE INVITE
Oct. 6 at Dexter High School

200-medley relay: 1. Salem (Allison Eppinga, Therese Larson, Alex McPherson, Amelia Armstrong-Grant), 1:54.82; 2. Salem (Freitag, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Patterson), 1:54.85; 6. Canton (Emily Meier, Emily Hugan, Brenna Wayne, Jocelyn Moraw), 2:05.44.

200 freestyle: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:58.32; 4. McPherson (S), 2:00.44; 8. Claire Green (C), 2:05.80; 9. Olivia McKelvey (S), 2:07.17.

200 IM: 1. Armstrong-Grant (S), 2:16.26; 4. Solterman (S), 2:24.50; 5. **Larson (S), 2:**25.44; 7. Ariana Brown (S), 2:27.53.

50 freestyle: 1. Eppinga (S), 25.77; 3. Meier (C), 26.10; 8. Samantha Fox (S), 27.14.

100 butterfly: 1. McPherson (S), 1:02.43; 5. Kelsey Hohmberg (S), 1:05.76.

100 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 54.06; 4. Meier (C), 58.52; 5. Fox (S), 58.86; 6. Solterman (S), 59.47.

500 freestyle: 1. Green (C), 5:26.35; 3. McKelvey (S), 5:31.57; 5. **Patterson (S), 5:**36.60.

200-free relay: 1. Brighton, 1:44.65; 4. Canton (Green, Emily Downs, Moraw, Meier), 1:49.92; 5. Salem (Fox, Gillian Gatecliff, Larson, Kelsey Holmberg), 1:50.33.

100 backstroke: 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 1:01.00; 2. Eppinga (S), 1:01.16; 6. Freitag (S), 1:05.54; 7. Patterson (S), 1:06.09; 10. Sargent (S), 1:09.02.

100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:07.43; 3. Larson (S), 1:12.43; 4. Armstrong-Grant (S), 1:13.88; 6. Brown (S), 1:15.44; 10. Sophie Brightman (S), 1:16.94.

400-free relay: 1. Salem (McPherson, Eppinga, Armstrong-Grant, Fox), 3:46.89; 3. Salem (Patterson, Solterman, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang), 3:50.87.

KIWANIS INVITATIONAL
Oct. 6

A: freshman/sophomore heats; B: junior/senior heats.

1-meter Diving (A): 1. Megan McKeehan (Plymouth), 258.60 points; 3. **Samantha Fontana (P), 215.70.**

1-meter Diving (B): 1. Nicole Martin (Adrian), 279.70; 3. Katy Telega (P), 251.10; 5. Alexa Gullitti (P), 219.65.

200-yard medley relay (A): 1. Adrian, 2:03.32; 4. Plymouth (Kelly Erickson, Alex Conn, Sruthi Sundar, Abigail Zacharias), 2:21.96.

200-yard medley relay (B): 1. Temperance-Bedford, 1:56.85; 3. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Carolyn Stoddard), 2:03.10.

200 freestyle (A): 1. Alexa Earls (P), 2:04.86; 4. Allison Lennig (P), 2:19.80.

200 freestyle (B): 1. Sarah Dombkowski (P), 1:56.32; 4. Emily Weiner (P), 2:06.79.

200 IM (A): 1. Victoria Mueller (Adrian), 2:28.57; 5. Megan Sullivan (P), 2:48.50; 6. Madelyn Degener (P), 3:18.48.

200 IM (B): 1. Emily Toro (P), 2:12.86; 4. L. Erickson (P), 2:26.22.

50 freestyle (A): 1. Lexi Marok (Temp.-Bedford), 27.26; 3. Caylin Waters (P), 27.858. Audrey Roth (P), 33.20.

50 freestyle (B): 1. Kelsey Stark (TB), 25.88; 2. Stoddard (P), 26.88; 4. Weiner (P), 27.67.

100 butterfly (A): 1. Logan Dewey (TB), 1:06.53; 3. Lennig (P), 1:17.35; 4. Sullivan (P), 1:19.61.

100 butterfly (B): 1. Toro (P), 1:01.27; 3. L. Erickson (P), 1:04.98.

100 freestyle (A): 1. Earls (P), 57.71; 6. Waters (P), 1:03.96.

100 freestyle (B): 1. Stark (TB), 55.97; 5. Stoddard (P), 59.56; 8. **Casey Wing (P), 1:**04.67.

500 freestyle (A): 1. Sarah Mulder, 6:24.76; 2. Meghana Somsaale (P), 6:40.23; 3. Alyssa Bauder (P), 6:52.40.

500 freestyle (B): 1. Dombkowski (P), 5:03.20; 5. Abby Humphries (P), 6:17.27.

200-free relay (A): 1. Temperance-Bedford, 1:49.28; 2. Plymouth (Madalyn Crynick, Amy Olevnik, Alyssa Bauder, Somsaale), 1:50.32.

200-free relay (B): 1. Plymouth (Weiner, Stoddard, Toro, Dombkowski), 1:43.82.

100 backstroke (A): 1. Victoria Mueller (Adrian), 1:07.15; 3. K. **Erickson (P), 1:**11.34; 5. Somsaale (P), 1:17.89.

100 backstroke (B): 1. Hanna Martin (TB), 1:02.60; 4. Plencner (P), 1:09.21; 5. Lauren Wischer (P), 1:13.54.

100 breaststroke (A): 1. Hannah Asselin (TB), 1:21.08; 4. Maddy Hanton (P), 1:28.02; 6. Sundar (P), 1:29.60.

100 breaststroke (B): 1. Rachel Waite (Tecumseh), 1:09.39; 4. Matson (P), 1:18.36.

400-free relay (A): 1. Adrian, 4:12.84; 2. Plymouth (Earls, Waters, Sullivan, Somsaale), 4:12.93.

400-free relay (B): 1. Plymouth (Toro, Weiner, L. Erickson, Dombkowski), 3:48.79.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

BOYS MEET RESULTS
MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE JAMBOREE MEET
Oct. 9 at Nankin Mills
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Lutheran High Westland, 60; 2. Plymouth Christian, 97 (won tiebreaker); 3. Ann Arbor Grenhills, 97; 4. Southfield Christian, 119; 5. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 130 (won tiebreaker); 6. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 140; 7. Birmingham Roeper, 131; 8. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 133.

Individual winner: Evan Carter (Southfield Christian), 16:46.2 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 7. Eric Smith, 18:07.5; 11. Daniel Bunge, 18:39.1; 12. Hunter Roedel, 18:44; 14. Pete Sillanpaa, 18:50.8; 21. Ian O'Banion, 19:45.5; 45. Weslee Warren, 21:38.8; 50. Matthew Parent,22:25.4.

GIRLS MEET RESULTS
MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE JAMBOREE MEET
Oct. 9 at Nankin Mills
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Lutheran High Westland, 37 points; 2. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 82; 3. Taylor Baptist Park, 116 (won tiebreaker); 4. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 116; 5. Birmingham Roeper, 122; 6. Southfield Christian, 134; 7. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 138; 8. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 153.

Individual winner: Jenna Wisner (Lutheran Westland), 19:47.8 (5,000 meters).

Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 6. Michelle Greening, 21:28.6; 14. Alana Hill, 23:12.0; 19. Angela Morrison, 23:18.7; 22. Megan Heil, 23:35.9; 23. Rachel Wiggins, 23:36.9; 27. Allison Johnson, 24:05.7; 35. Laura Sillanpaa, 25:19.6.

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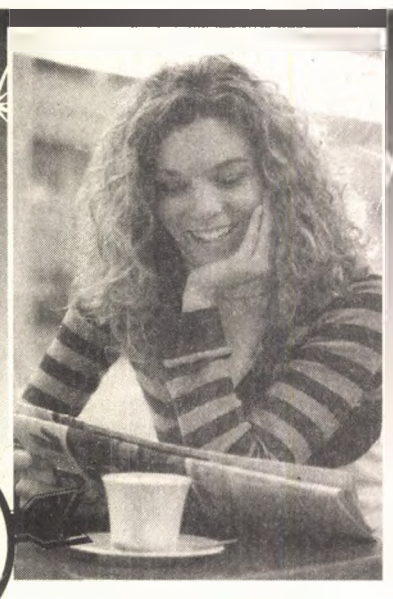

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CHIEFS-ROCKS

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ing to make the playoffs for the first time in two decades. "We left at least 21 points out there, two dropped touchdowns and one that was badly underthrown that we had them beat deep.

"Those are explosive plays. We get those, it's a different story.

"I'm glad we get them next week."

Starting it off

The Chiefs got on the scoreboard first with 4:36 left in the opening quarter, to quiet Salem's large homecoming game crowd. A 9-yard TD run by senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth capped off a 57-yard drive that took about six minutes off the clock.

Salem senior quarterback Jake Deprez (5-of-8 passing, 108 yards) tried to answer and a 46-yard run up the middle by junior tailback Gu'Woin Ingram (15 carries, 86 yards) moved the chains inside Canton's 35.

But on third down, Deprez's pass over the middle was picked off by McKoy, who made a nice return from Canton's 20 to near the midfield stripe.

Canton could not take advantage of the pick, however, and the Rocks did get the equalizer with 5:04 left in the first half.

Salem marched 71 yards in 13 plays, with a 27-yard pass from Deprez to junior wideout Brenden Sherrod (on a nifty fingertip grab) setting up a first down at Canton's 8-yard line.

On the next snap, senior fullback Kyle Cameron fought through the Canton defensive line for an 8-yard TD run. The extra point by Alex Kenrick made it 7-7.

Quick response

The Chiefs immediately responded, beginning with a 30-yard kickoff return by senior Kendall Scott.

On fourth-and-short, junior running back Joe Grinage (10 carries, 59 yards) earned a first down with a 7-yard carry.

Williams followed with completions of 23 and 11 yards to McKoy to move the ball inside Salem's 20-yard line.

Four plays later, the Williams-to-McKoy combo worked again, for the tie-breaking score with 10 seconds left. McKoy, standing near the goal line in the shadows of the uprights, reached down to snare a low pass for a 14-yard TD strike. Kicking his second extra point of the half was senior Connor Shennan.

Canton took the second half kickoff and marched down the field once again. This time, Scott made it happen with a 40-yard scamper around right end.

Scott scored from the 1-yard line with 6:41 to play in the third, giving the Chiefs a 21-7 advantage.

Salem went three-and-out and Scott then set up yet another Canton touchdown with a scintillating 58-yard punt return. He reached back to catch Kenrick's booming punt, near Canton's 25, turned it up field and raced down the right sideline.

Hollingsworth, who rushed 20 times for 158 yards, then carried the ball on a 15-yard run down to the 2-yard line. He punched it in on the subsequent snap for a 28-7 lead.

Canton's final score came with 8:49 remaining in the game, on a 55-yard run by Hollingsworth (his third TD of the night).

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Canton senior Matt McKoy (No. 4), who made a variety of clutch plays Friday night, races down the field while Salem's Gu'Woin Ingram (No. 27) tries to catch him from behind.

Wildcats roll to 45-21 win

Plymouth bombarded host Livonia Stevenson 45-21 Friday night in a KLAA crossover football game.

The Wildcats (7-1) scored 14 points in each of the first three frames, building leads of 14-0, 28-7 and 42-14.

As has been the case all season, Plymouth senior quarterback Jamarl Eiland was front and center for the offense. He scored on a 5-yard run in the first quarter and followed up with TD passes of 36 and 13 yards to Mike Kennedy and Conner Stella, respectively.

Plymouth's running game also was in sync, with 291 total yards in 28 carries for an average of just over 10 yards per rush.

Leading the charge was junior speedster DJ Rossell. He gained 151 yards in eight attempts, including a 58-yard touchdown run to open up a 21-0 lead with 8:52 to play in the first half.

Senior sparkplug Nate Emminger put the Wildcats on the board with a 46-yard run just 3:14 into the contest.

Then came Eiland with a 5-yard run with 44 seconds left in the first, making it 14-0.

Following the Rossell score, Plymouth saw hopes for a shutout erased when CJ Weiss carried it in from 4-yards out with 3:47 remaining in the half.

But Eiland's scoring pass to Kennedy in the final minute before intermission got those points right back and Rossell added a 34-yard TD run early in the third quarter to make it 35-6.

Plymouth upped the spread to 42-6 at 2:38 of the third on the Eiland-to-Stella pass.

Brenton Zuzo's 43-yard field goal early in the fourth proved to be Plymouth's finishing touches on a blowout win. Helping the cause with six extra points was Bobby Deeg.

Stevenson (6-2) scored a touchdown in each of the final two frames. Joe Mims connected with Billy Bonanno on a 24-yard TD pass in the third and Ken Doody scored on a 3-yard run with 1:32 to play in the game.

STATES

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The D1 finals are slated for Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Golf Course.

REGIONAL RESULTS
DIVISION 1-REGION 2
Oct. 10 at Pine View G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Plymouth, 330 strokes; 2. Saline, 349; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 361; 4. Canton, 378; 5. Temperance Bedford, 399; 6. Ann Arbor Huron, 401; 7. Monroe, 411; 8. Ann Arbor Skyline, 413; 9. Livonia Churchill, 417; 10. Salem, 432; 11. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 435; 12. Belleville, 459; 13. Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn, no team scores.

Individual medalist: Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth), 74.

AREA TEAM SCORING

Plymouth (330): 1. Kelsey Murphy, 74; 2. Sarah Thompson, 78; 6. Sydney Murphy, 86; 13. Katie Chipman, 92; 22. Kayla Whatley, 99.

Canton (378): 5. Kelsey McDougall (sq), 82; 15. Rachel Pisano, 94; 24. (tie) Katie Adams and Madelyn Mans, 101; 28. Chloe Luyet, 102.

Churchill (417): 7. Jackie Burdette, 87 (sq); 19. Maggie McGowan, 96; 49. Katie Shereda, 114; 56. Claire Rose, 120; 60. Taylor Cutting, 128.

Salem (432): 23. Amanda Bennett, 100; 33. Gabby LeBlanc, 104; 45. Katie Vena, 111; 51. (tie) Kiley Flynn and Christine Li, 117.

Franklin (no score): 57. Kendall Payne, 122; 59. Jacquelyn Hansen, 125.

John Glenn (no score): 55. Haley Arai, 119.

Additional state qualifier (sq): Madison Smith (Huron), 81.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS
KLAA ASSOCIATION
'A' TOURNAMENT
Oct. 4 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 34 points; 2. Northville, 28; 3. Grand Blanc, 14; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 11; 5. (tie) Brighton, Canton and Plymouth, 8 each; 8. Pinckney, 5; 9. Livonia Churchill, 4; 10. (tie) White Lake Lakeland, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western, 3 each.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Tyler Gardiner (N'ville) defeated Tim Wang (Novi), 6-3, 6-1.

No. 2: Connor Johnston (N'ville) def. Andre Liu (Novi), 6-1, 6-1.

No. 3: Koushik Kondapi (Novi) def. Nathan Albanelli (N'ville), 6-1, 6-2.

No. 4: Pavan Rao (Novi) def. Johnson Yang (Stevenson), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Carless-Andrew Ying (Novi) def. Matt Evasic-Brian Manney (N'ville), 6-1, 6-1.

No. 2: Michael Chang-Nishant Kakar (Novi) def. Brendan Slovisky-Andrew Schafer (N'ville), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 3: Jon Thompson-Maxx Anderson (Novi) def. Ben Crabill-Veer Shah (N'ville), 6-3, 6-1.

No. 4: Shashank Chitta-Kevin Xu (Novi) def. Jason Wang-Oliver Daniel (N'ville), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 5: Achuta Doddipatia-Harrison Halley (Novi) def. Nick Chatas-Dan Baldwin (N'ville), 6-1, 6-1.

'B' TOURNAMENT
Oct. 4 at Novi Meadows

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Howell, 29 points; 2. Salem, 27; 3. Hartland, 21; 4. Livonia Franklin, 11; 5. Milford, 10; 6. Walled Lake Northern, 9; 7. Waterford Mott, 5; 8. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial, 3 each; 10. South Lyon East, 2; 11. Waterford Kettering, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Jacob Scott (Salem) defeated Mason Wenzel (Howell); 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Aglek Zultowski (Salem) def. Nate Garrison (Howell), 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; **No. 3:** Austin Schipppers (Howell) def. Jake Sealy (Salem), 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Jake Lachowicz (Howell) def. Ryan Chin (Salem), 6-1, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Ryan Mulliett-Dan Swanson (Howell) def. Nisk Ortiz-Amol Carvalho (Salem), 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-3); **No. 2:** Zack Mixter-Nathan Retich (Hartland) def. Jared Mantay-Charlie Petersen, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Kenny Sell-Keegan Zemper (Howell) def. Chris McAllister-Eric Swartz, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 4:** Jeff Selewski-Charlie Liu (Salem) def. Ethan Haughie-Chas Distelrath (Hartland), 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** Anthony Zorney-Sebastian Toledo (Salem) def. Jon Fay-Andrew Michaud (Hartland), 6-0, 6-1.

FINAL DIVISION STANDINGS

Central: 1. Novi, 4-0; 2. Northville, 3-1; 3. Stevenson, 2-2; 4. Salem, 1-3; 5. South Lyon East, 0-4.

South: 1. Plymouth, 5-0; 2. Canton, 4-1; Churchill, 3-2; 4. Franklin, 2-3, 5. John Glenn, 1-4; 6. Wayne, 0-5.

West: 1. Grand Blanc, 5-0; 2. Brighton, 4-1; 3. Pinckney, 3-2; 4. Howell, 2-3; 5. Hartland, 1-4; 6. Milford, 0-5.

North: 1. W.L Central, 5-0; 2. W.L. Western, 4-1; 3. Lakeland, 3-2; 4. W.L. Northern, 2-3; 5. Mott, 1-4; 6. Kettering, 0-5.

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Club members have a hauntingly good time with Halloween

By Joanne Maliszewski
Correspondent

Matt Mio of Berkley says it's OK to be scared for fun. Jilda Macuga of Westland calls herself the "biggest chicken in the world" who, nonetheless, has a great love for a spooky Halloween.

"I lived out of state for awhile and I cannot tell you how much I missed being a part of the Halloween fun in Michigan. This state pulls out all of the stops for Halloween," said Mio, a chemist and professor at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Mio and Macuga are among the 100-plus paid ($10 annually) members of the Motor City Haunt Club, a group of Halloween lovers who meet monthly — except for October — to share their love for all things related to the holiday.

Mio is one of the founders of the club started in 2004 when he placed a newspaper ad seeking similar enthusiasts. In the early days, the club had about 15-20 members. Macuga joined about four years ago. "It sounded like something right up my alley."

Macuga and Mio have loved Halloween and anything to do with the holiday since they were kids. But they know that just as many adults love Halloween, maybe not so much for the treats, but for the imagination and creativity required to create their haunts — homes or other places — for the holiday.

"It's always been treated as a kids' holiday. Now Halloween is for everyone," Mio said.

PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jilda Macuga, a member of the Motor City Haunt Club, loves decorating her Westland home and donning a scary costume for Halloween.

A ghastly ghostly bride dangles from Jilda Macuga's house.

Spooky stats

The National Retail Federation would agree. The organization predicts that by the time Halloween comes and goes, not only will a record 170 million people have celebrated, but they will have spent approximately $8 billion on costumes, treats and decorations. Club members proudly count themselves part of these statistics.

"Home haunters go absolutely crazy decorating," said Macuga, who braved rain and cooler temperatures to complete her well-known haunt.

The primary club activity is not only friendship and camaraderie, but to share ideas for decorating haunts. Some members buy what they need for their haunt decorating, whether it's life-sized monsters, rubber masks, cobwebs — you name it. Others like to build their haunts from scratch. As Mio describes it, many members make use of what others may throw away or they recycle and create new masterpieces.

"We have a high proportion of professional-like yard haunters. But a vast majority are amateur haunters," Mio added.

Do-it-yourself

The sharing of information at the club's meetings is useful for non-technical members, Macuga said. "A lot of people do make their own props. They are so skilled and talented."

There's a definite technical side to the holiday. Next July when the popular Maker Faire arrives back in Detroit at The Henry Ford, Motor City Haunt Club members are likely to be there, picking up new tips and tricks. "You can make some really cool props," Mio added.

That's exactly what trick-or-treaters will see in Mio's yard sometime before Oct. 31. Mio's dad, an ace hobbyist and carpenter, has helped him build spooky coffins, which open and shut, to add to a little eeriness to the scene. Mio's yard also will boast Styrofoam tombstones, which he has been making since he was a boy, with enough pieces to create an honest-to-goodness cemetery. Mysterious whiskey barrels that jostle and move will also be positioned throughout the yard.

Calling them "one of the most iconic images of the fall season," scarecrows are one of Mio's specialties. He is creating the traditional decoys to be used with pumpkins or sacks for heads. "You get one good new shot every year to create," Mio said, adding that each year's props add to his inventory.

In Westland

At the Macuga household, trick-or-treaters will be greeted by Frankenstein and his gorgeous bride, the Wolfman, Dracula and a spooky scarecrow. But there's more. A giant spider calls the large maple in the front yard home. To add to the scariness, Macuga added some bones and skeletons — remnants of the spider's dinner — at the base of the tree.

Visitors also will encounter a spooky pumpkin patch, tombstones, "creepy ladies hanging from trees," and spooky masks delightfully positioned on stakes. "It's easier to say what I don't have out there," Macuga added.

Most haunt club members trace their love of Halloween back to their childhoods. Macuga remembers making a monster mask out of paper mache. In her family, Halloween was a tradition that involved her uncles, as well as her grandmother.

"My uncles always wore rubber monster masks, said Macuga, who used to decorate the Haunted House at Hayes Elementary School in Westland when her children were young. "It was like a national holiday there at the time."

In addition to sharing information, Motor City Haunt Club members attend conferences and conventions. They also participate in haunt crawls — checking other haunters' work — and charitable events.

A significant accomplishment was a food drive for Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Members also are involved in a costume reclamation program for children whose families cannot afford costumes for the holiday.

The Great Lakes Fright Fest, an annual event following Memorial Day, offers haunters in Michigan and Ohio the opportunity to participate in Haunters Against Hunger. Haunters who attend the conference are encouraged to bring cans of food to help families in need.

"We are a large group of people who can get things done," Mio said.

For more information about the Motor City Haunt Club, e-mail memberinfo@motorcityhauntclub.com

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October

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

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

Details: All-you-can-eat French toast and pancakes breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is $3 for adults and $1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19

Location: Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit.

Details: The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow costs $50 per person and includes two free drink tickets, parking, desserts, coffee bar, entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Contact: Get tickets at www.secondhelping.org or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Detroit Lutheran Singers 48th season with Bach's "Singet den Herrn" and many other songs. Tickets are $10, $7 for seniors and students 12 and over

Contact: www.detroitlutheransingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, Southfield

Details: Pianist Calvin Taylor will perform beloved hymns, well-known spirituals and classical sacred music. Light refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 569-2972

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICE

Time/Date: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Live Christian pop/rock music, a special drama and message, communion and refreshments are planned. Free will offering with proceeds to feeding people in need in local communities through Gleaners Food Bank and Deacons of the church

Contact: Mark Adams at smadams_2@hotmail.com

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 17

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

Details: The film "Precious Knowledge" will screen. Admission is free. Other upcoming films are "Domestic Violence," Nov. 14, "Freedom Riders," Jan. 16, 2013, "Traces of the Trade," Feb. 20, 2013, "Economic Happiness," March 20, 2013, and "Race is the Place," April 17, 2013

Contact: (734) 271-0070

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Oct. 17

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Forgotten Harvest will be on site to give free food to anyone who needs it. Bring a grocery bag

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 20

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The Women's Guild will host this show that will feature new items for sale. The group is seeking crafters for the show. Table rental is $20. Homemade baked goods and raffles every half hour. Profits donated to charity

Contact: (734) 464-0476

LIFELONG LEARNING

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18

Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halstead, Farmington Hills

Details: Three classes will be offered: E-mobility/plug-in electric vehicles, spiritual development and "My immigrant story: From Russia with Love." David Houser, a chassis-design and vehicle dynamics engineer, will discuss the market for electric and hybrid vehicles in the e-mobility class. Diane Rothman, owner of Sacred Sage Spiritual Emporium & Sanctuary in Farmington, will lead the session in spiritual development. A mother and daughter will share their immigrant story in the final session. A $5 donation is suggested. Refreshments will be served at a 7 p.m. social gathering

Contact: www.uuFarmington.org

MOVIE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26

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

Details: Free featured movie is "Luther." A German meal also will be served. RSVP for the free-will offering dinner

Contact: (248) 553-3380

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20

Location: St. Valentine School gym, 25875 Hope Street, Redford

Details: Proceeds fund church programs; drop off any unwanted "treasures" on Friday, Oct. 19

Contact: stvalentineparish.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 20

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's fellowship hall, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia

Details: $2 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: (734) 464-0211

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26

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

Details: A silent auction also will be held. Cost is $7 for adults, $3.50 for children, 4-11, and free for children, 3 and under

Contact: (734) 427-3660

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24

Location: Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hiveley Ave., off Fernwood, near the corner of Cherry Hill Road and Merriman, in Westland

Details: One prize will be awarded to the scariest trunk and one prize will be awarded to the friendliest trunk. Food and beverage will be available inside the church for a donation of $2 per person; children 5 and under are free

Contact: For information or to RSVP call Cheryl Hice-Hilton at (248) 756-3592

YOUTH HALLELUJAH PARTY

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Wear a costume to this party and carnival. It's designed to be a safe place to play games, eat snacks, win prizes and get candy

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

November

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov . 11

Location: St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Worship service is followed by dinner and bagpipe entertainment. Pre-sale tickets for the dinner are $12 for adults, $6 for children, 4-11, and free for children, 3 and under. Admission at the door is $15 for adults and $6 for children

Contact: (313) 534-7730

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

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

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

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

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

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

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

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

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

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

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

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

Sit, stay, heel

Local rescue teaches good behavior through training

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

I couldn't help but smile when I met Brenda Woody's canine pack Thursday evening at Healthy Paws Veterinary Medical Center in Westland.

The six dogs of different sizes and mixed breeds were dressed in sweaters — charming "Sable" sported a goofy winter hat and 90-some pound "Brownie" looked spiffy in a kerchief — when they assembled to meet me.

Milky, Destiny, Penny, Abby, Sable and Brownie sat politely with volunteers from Woody's Better Life Canine Center (BLCC) as she snapped several photos.

The dogs are a testament to good behavior because they've all been trained — and that's what Woody's organization is all about. Volunteers and foster guardians meet every Thursday at Healthy Paws to train BLCC's adoptable dogs. Trained dogs are more appealing to prospective adopters. They're more likely to find homes — and remain in those homes — than are dogs with behavioral problems. A professional trainer leads the sessions.

Anyone who adopts a dog from BLCC is expected to continue training with their new furry friend. Each receives a year's worth of free BLCC classes.

The organization also offers its training program for free to other dog rescues and shelters.

Training classes are a must for all dogs placed in adoption by Better Life Canine Center (BLCC). After they are adopted their new guardians continue to train them.

Saving dogs

Their mission is unique. No other animal welfare organization in the Metro area is devoted exclusively to training their own dogs as well as those of other rescues.

"A lot of rescues have dogs that they've had for a long time because they have issues," said Barbra Losi, BLCC volunteer. "So, these poor dogs can't get adopted because these other rescues can't afford training. They all work on donations as well. Some of them have to sustain a building. They all have vet care. They all have feeding. Usually training is a luxury.

"What we hope to do is give our resources to other rescue groups. So, if they have a difficult dog — some rescues have dogs they've had for two years — we can make them more adoptable. Even dogs that are in shelters, if we can offer training to (volunteers) and the dogs in their care, then more dogs can be saved."

Losi said a shelter in Allegan County, on the west side of the state has expressed interest in attending classes at Healthy Paws. BLCC also hopes to reach out to local groups, such as Almost Home Animal Rescue in Southfield, which maintains its own building.

My experience

The municipal shelter from which I fostered my second dog could have benefitted from BLCC's training classes. I've since adopted "Lola," but the frightened, high-energy mixed breed first spent nine months in a shelter with barely any regular walks, let alone consistent training. Potential adopters were drawn to her photo online, but rejected her in person as they watched her tremble in fear and crouch with her belly skimming the floor. Back in her kennel, she'd bounce off the walls and chew up dog beds and blankets.

Training would have gone a long way toward improving Lola's behavior and reducing her shelter time.

Woody has worked through equally daunting challenges with her own dogs.

"This guy was a basement dog. He was infested with fleas. You couldn't even touch him,' Woody said, showing Milky, now a very touchable dog. He had lived with a couple from her church.

"I hung onto him for a while and treated his ear infections. I said, man, you guys have got to train this dog. Time went by and they left him with me. They said 'we're going to move and we can't take him.' I was so happy. They would never have been able to handle him," she said.

Woody, BLCC volunteers — and at least a few dogs — will be on hand Sunday, Oct. 21 for the organization's Pumpkins and Pups fall festival. In spite of its name, the group doesn't actually own a training center or building. The festival will be held at Healthy Paws, which is co-sponsoring the event with Matick Chevrolet.

Dogs and their families will trick or treat from vendor to vendor. Pumpkin painting, treats, raffle prizes and doggy kisses await all visitors.

"It's something the family and their dogs can do together," Losi said. "We thought it would be a fun way to get dogs in costume."

It's a time for family fun, but also a good way to get to know BLCC and its program. Interested in become a volunteer? E-mail to betterlifecanine@gmail.com.

PUMPKINS AND PUPS

What: Better Life Canine Center's fall festival
When: Noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21
Where: Healthy Paws Veterinary Medical Center, 38150 Ford Road, Westland; (734) 326-PAWS
Details: Dogs are welcome for this afternoon of fun for the family that will include face painting, cider and doughnuts, trick or treating for children and dogs, a dog kissing booth, pumpkin painting, bake sale, 50/50 raffle, and vendors including Tastefully Simple, Thirty-one Gifts, Scentsy, Paparazzi Accessories. Bring your dog in costume for a family photo
Admission: A donation of $5 per person or $10 per family
Contact: wwwbetterlifecaninecenter.org or visit the center on Facebook

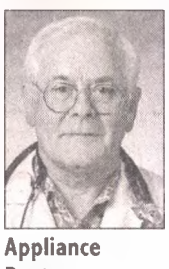
Volunteers for Better Life Canine Center pose with dogs owned by the organization's founder, Brenda Woody. Volunteers are Tracey Barraco of Westland, (left) Amanda Houts, Genie Shand of Westland, Aleia Balazy of Canton, Stephanie Vankoughnet of Garden City and Barbra Losi of Redford. Sally Henry of Westland is in the background. The dogs are Destiny (left), Milky, Brownie, Penny and Abby. Sable is behind Penny.

PET PROJECTS

Washing clothes — yesteryear vs. today

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

As a young boy back in 1946, my mother taught me the importance of washing clothes clean so that whites were bright and the bacteria was eliminated.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

We had a cottage on Kamiscotia Lake, 20 miles from the town of Timmins, Ontario, Canada. Trust me, this is what was known as pure wilderness. We had a spring about 4-feet wide where the purest of water flowed into the lake and that is what my mother would use for rinsing water. She would use a big aluminum tub elevated on four cut-off logs and fill it with boiling water from the old wood-burning stove.

My job was to use a short pole and circulate the clothes in this tub for several minutes before she would stand a scrub board in the water and rub the clothes on this board. She had a scrub brush to take care of harsh stains such as my blueberry pie spillage on the white tablecloth. When the washing portion was done she would run the clothes through a wooden wringer that my father had nailed to the top of an old stump. When that was all done, the clothes were placed in a wicker basket and that's when I took over the operation. I would take the clothes to the spring located 20 feet from the cottage and my job was to rinse them by flushing them in the water for few minutes, ring them out by hand and place them back in the basket. I wasn't tall enough so my mother was the one to hang them on the clothes line.

Now let me tell you something that was as real as this picture I've just painted in your minds. It was impossible to get those clothes any cleaner!

Recognized expert

People ask me all the time why I speak with such negativity on the subject of our modern clothes washers and maybe it's a psychological thing or I simply know how a washer is supposed to do the job. Please indulge me for a minute while I add some credence to my egotistical words. Four years ago I received a call from *The World Book Encyclopedia* office in Chicago, Ill. They wanted me to write a few paragraphs about the clothes washer and they would publish the works under my name. They did so and even paid me for doing so. For a few days I felt like a guy named Hemingway and I asked them why they called me. Their reply was quite to the point. "We have read your column since day one that is published in the *Observer & Eccentric* papers and feel that you are the qualified expert in this country."

Modern washers

Many years ago when it was announced that the new front-load washer would take over and the top loader would soon be eliminated, I wrote to great extent how wrong this would be. Front loaders would be a big problem and that proved to be true with Maytag having to recall the first 2 million they produced. Top loaders were needed especially for consumers who find it hard on the back to continually bend down to load and unload a washer. That proved to be true and today we still have top loaders. I said that you can't wash your hands in a tea cup of water and get proper results. Today's top loaders are restricted by forced energy mandates that allow very little water to enter into a machine. I bypassed a lid switch on a new washer the other day, which allowed me to observe the wash action and I almost dropped my drawers. The water in the tub hardly covered the clothes and this machine didn't even have an agitator.

There isn't enough space in this column for me to really express my simple logic about why I don't think much of our new breed of washing machines. The following words will sum it up. You can't wash clothes without an agitator and a lot of water. My mother proved that point back at the cottage in 1946. It's as simple as a saying of Will Rogers way back when. If you own a front load washer, "Don't squat with your spurs on." Stay tuned.

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

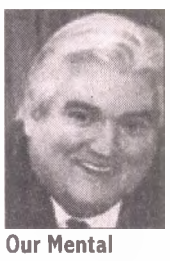
Warning signs: Become aware of teen suicide causes

By Len McCulloch
Guest columnist

There are many groups, organizations, and causes which have obtained local, state, national, and global proclamations. These denote specified periods of time to be recognized by the general public. Some examples are Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month, the World Mental Health Day, the Schizophrenia Awareness Week and National Mental Illness Awareness Week.

It occurred to me that all of these "proclamations of awareness" have in common the fact that they don't discriminate across culture, age, race, geographical location or time. What they promote are issues that are so important, that communities should be made aware of them all the time.

With our students fully back into a new school year, it is timely to increase awareness about an extremely prevalent mental health issue — adolescent depression and suicide.



Our Mental Health
Len McCulloch

Normally, teenagers transverse the ups and downs of their adolescence and move into the stage of young adulthood, relatively unscathed. However, some teens fall prey to emotional problems that can send them dangerously off course. A common problem is depression. Depression is an alteration in mood. It can take the form of sadness, irritability, trouble with attention and concentration as well as feelings of hopelessness and withdrawal.

According to the National Association of Mental Illness, every year in the U.S., approximately 2 million adolescents attempt suicide. In a 12-month period, 300 children, age 10-14, committed suicide as did 1,600 youths, age 15-19. This does not include failed suicide attempts or suicide threats or gestures. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among teens following car accidents. In a typical high school class, one boy and two girls have seriously considered suicide.

What can be done?

Watch for persistent mood changes, prolonged withdrawal, relinquishing of friendships, and lack of laughter and presence of self criticism. Invite teens to talk about their emotional and mental health issues. Attend professional presentations in schools, and community groups that educate adults and teens on depression. Hold depression screening days. Many schools offer support groups for students. And, always take talk about suicide seriously. Happy kids don't joke about such matters.

The issue of suicide is complex. There is still great reluctance to talk about it. It often hits by surprise.

Insight into suicide

Several years ago, two of my close friends killed themselves. One used a gun to her head and the other hung herself with a rope in her kitchen. As I joined the mourners there was a great amount of anger, sadness, sympathy, and much confusion.

In "psychological autopsies" the method of choice can often give clues about what the person's private and often hidden suffering was about. A gun shot to the head is a very violent activity. A hanging could suggest much guilt. In the olden days, that's how the guilty were condemned to death. More passive approaches such as use of pills or carbon-monoxide can represent a wished for peaceful bliss and possible reunion with a departed loved one. My friend who shot herself did so one year to the day her mother died.

In psychotherapy the attempt is to build a strong enough "working relationship" so that suicidal thoughts and feelings will be talked about, in detail, with a commitment to not take action. This is one way to achieve an understanding of buried thoughts and feelings and find better ways to solve problems.

Ongoing community-wide awareness of our teen's susceptibility to depression is very consistent with the goals and purposes of the various, formally-proclaimed awareness groups mentioned above. The best place to start in dealing with any problem is awareness!

Resources

- The National Helpline Network: (800) SUICIDE
- The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at www.AFSP.org
- The National Alliance on Mental Illness in Michigan at www.NAMIMI.org
- Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County at www.AMIOAKLAND.org.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, traumatic stress, addictions, and social work. He also is president of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, a non-profit organization that creates choirs for people with disabilities (www.therapychoirs.org). He can be reached for consultations at (248) 474-2763, Ext. 22.

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REUNIONS

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For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Father Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

FARMINGTON HARRISON
CLASS OF 1982
7 p.m.–1 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 24, at Uptown Grille, in Commerce Township; www.hhs1982alumni.info

GARDEN CITY WEST
CLASS OF 1972
6:30 p.m. Oct. 27; for more information e-mail to Janine (Alioto) Brown at jbrown@psm-inc.net.

LIVONIA BENTLEY
CLASS OF 1972
40th reunion, Friday, Nov. 23 at the Marriott Hotel - Laurel Park, in Livonia. For information about the event and to register, e-mail the reunion committee at 1972reunion@QPA.us.com

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
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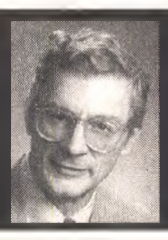


CHANGING DOCTORS

It occurs infrequently, but does happen. A patient and doctor find that they cannot develop a working relationship. This disruption can occur at any time; it may take a period of time and a number of issues before a patient feels unhappy, uncomfortable or irritated seeing the physician.

If such happens, the patient should feel free to leave that medical practice and look elsewhere for a more compatible patient-physician relationship. But a break does not need to have the trappings of a bitter divorce.

If the patient is certain at the end of an appointment, that this is the last time he (or she) wants to see the doctor, then instead of accepting the next scheduled appointment, the patient can say that because of personal conflicts he will call back regarding scheduling. That actually helps the office the patient wants to leave, as that schedule slot will remain open rather than being filled by someone who has no intention to return.

A way to get information from the office is to ask for chart notes, because of an interest in obtaining a second opinion. In the medical community, obtaining a second opinion is commonplace, most often done when surgery is an issue, but diagnosis and treatment decisions are regularly subject to the same scrutiny.

The above is a diplomatic and polite way to leave a doctor. However, if a patient feels anger more than regret, writing the doctor or speaking directly to the physician is an option. However, as a physician who at times has been on the receiving end of a hot tempered, angry patient, I would request the patient restrain the urge. Leaving a doctor speaks volumes without further words.

Milestones

William and Margaret Wiercioch on their wedding day in 1962.

50th anniversary

William "Bill" and Margaret "Ann" Wiercioch of Plymouth marked their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 29. They were married in 1962.

Bill served in the U.S. Army from 1957-1959, worked in the welding industry for 30 years and was a Plymouth business owner.

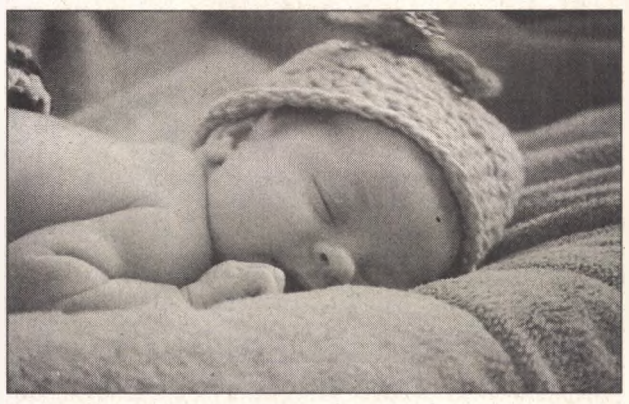
He volunteers, delivering donated items to shelters and soup kitchens in Detroit four days a week. Bill was featured as "The Donut Man" in February on Mitch Albom's *The Heart Of Detroit*, a video segment that features local "heroes" and volunteers.

He's active at Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church, enjoys reading, ice skating and golf. He also bowled a 300 game earlier this year.

Ann is retired from Michigan Bell and volunteers at Schoolcraft College Woman's Resource Center. She tutors adults in ESL and enjoys reading and playing the piano.

Their children are Brian (Susan) Wiercioch and Troy (Cristina Bordé) Wiercioch. Grandchildren are Troy, Sarah, Lucas and Nico.

William and Margaret Wiercioch of Plymouth

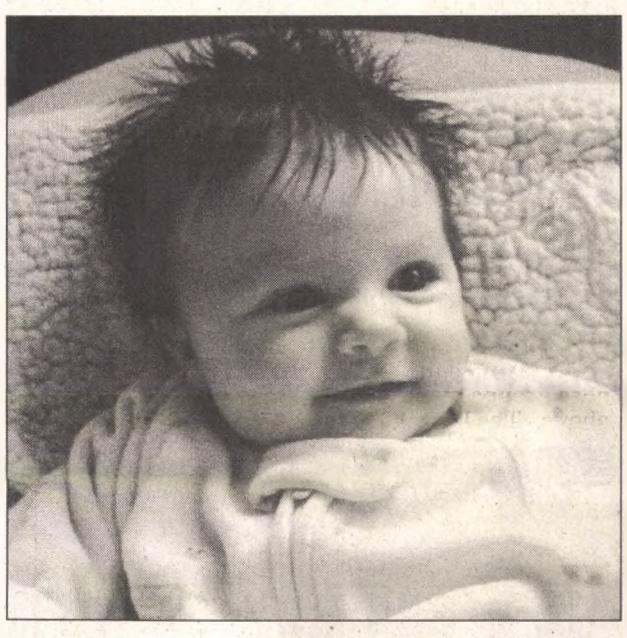


Avery Michelle Horback

AVERY MICHELLE HORBACK

Avery Michelle Horback was born July 9, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Erin and Michael Horback of Livonia. Grandparents are Mike and Gail Horback and Jim and Marcia Wilson Hermann, all of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Mary E. Wilson of Ashland, Ky.



Senna Jade Gani

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Senna Jade Gani was born at 2:13 p.m. Aug. 15, 2012 at Avista Adventist Hospital, Louisville, Colo.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Senna joins her parents, Christian and Meghin Gani, and sister, Kendall, 3, at home in Erie, Colo.

Proud grandparents are Audeen Wojtowicz of Livonia, Edward Wojtowicz of Livonia, and Bob and Sylvia Gani of Raleigh, N.C. Great-grandma is Cathy Wojtowicz of Livonia.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

Swap your plant seeds and celebrate another year of butterfly knowledge at Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association's (SEMBA) meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The meeting will include a seed exchange, year-end wrap-up and tea cup raffle and celebration. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is $3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com.

English Garden

- Learn what it takes to put your garden to bed at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.
- Get tips on holiday decorating at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.
- Youngsters, 3-12, can attend a free Halloween costume and bring a pre-decorated pumpkin for judging in the store's annual contest, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Pre-register online at englishgardens.com.
- Santa arrives at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 and will be on hand for photos until 5 p.m. Free photos will be available or bring your own camera. The annual holiday open house will include caroling and refreshments. Shoppers can see professionally-decorated trees and other holiday decorations.

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

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BEATON, GORDON ROBERT AMOS

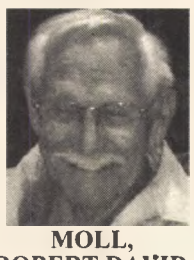
Of Birmingham, Michigan lost his battle to cancer on Monday, October 1, 2012 at the age of 79. Successful Hair Stylist, Photographer and served in the Korean War as a Paratrooper. Up until the weeks preceding his death still worked, golfed, exercised and enjoyed quality time with family and friends, such a strong man and fought for his life. Beloved father of ten children, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Known for his ability to make anyone laugh by sharing his jokes, good or bad, you had no choice but to laugh. Gordon will be dearly missed. Father of Rise Dahlka (Beaton), Jeffery Beaton (Deceased), Tammy Beaton, Cindy Hanna (Beaton), Carla Beaton, Reta Lock (Beaton), Ursula Nesbitt (Beaton), Joshua Beaton, Jessica Beaton and Cydney Beaton. Grandfather of Justin Beaton (Deceased), Alaina Soileau (Beaton), Ryan Dahlka, Jillian Dahlka, Eric Beaton, Hayley Beaton, Ashton Krebs, Madison Krebs, Sarah Brown and Shelbie Lock. Great Grandfather of Zephyr Harnadek. Gordon was laid to rest with his family and close friends on October 4, 2012 with a beautiful service with a Military Salute to follow. He will be missed by so many. To share your memories and condolences, please go to:

sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Click on The button on the page that reads "Obituaries & Gust Books", then scroll to find Gordon. Our apologize to all of our fathers clients and dear friends that could not attend given the short notice. Thanks to all of you for enriching his life the way you did. Love, The Beaton Family

BERGERON, SUSAN MARION

Age 92, of West Bloomfield passed away September 28 in Baton Rouge LA. Sue was an RN, avid gardener, impeccable homemaker, devoted wife, great mother, even greater grandmother and dependable friend. Her life will be celebrated in Louisiana at Christmas time by her daughter, Paula, her son, Marc, her granddaughters and their families. If you desire, donations may be made in her memory to the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice.



MOLL, ROBERT DAVID

October 5, 2012, age 84 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of the late Eva Elizabeth. Loving father of Lyndi Moll, Janna (Jeff Benson) Moll, and Cindi (Karle Kimball) Moll. Dear grandfather of Holli (Steve) Selleck, Chelsea and Duncan Moll and great grandfather of Elizabeth, Hayden, Addison, Joseph, and Johnathan. Dear brother of Al, Carl, John, Jim, Amelia, Pat and the late Paul, Richard, Helen and Ruth. Mr. Moll retired as an electronics engineer from the automotive and aerospace industries. He was a talented pianist, games inventor and tinkerer. He and his wife pursued many adventures together, having truly lived their dreams. Their lifelong romance was evident to all. Mr. Moll was witty, playful, and charming. He was our hero. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Saturday 11am at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

BUCKLEY FISCHER, BETH

Beth Buckley Fischer, devoted mother and friend dies at 95. Beth Fischer, 95 years old, of Middleton WI passed away on October 10, 2012 at the Agrace Hospice Center in Madison. She was born on December 14, 1916 in Elmira Heights, NY to Leon I. Buckley and Margaret Dwyer. She married Gerald J. Fischer in New Brunswick, N.J on May 31, 1941 and he preceded her in death on September 3, 1987. Her sisters Alma Janice Seabury and Edna Oaks also precede her in death. During her married life she lived in Washington D.C., Plymouth MI, Darien CT and Fairfax, VA. For the last 11 years she has lived in Madison WI. She is survived by four children, Gerald (Catherine) Fischer of Wayzata, MN, Kenneth (Penelope) Fischer of Ann Arbor, MI, Norman (Jeanne) Fischer of Houston, TX, Martha Fischer (Bill Lutes) of Madison WI, 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the OAKWOOD VILLAGE WEST CHAPEL 6205 MINERAL POINT ROAD, MADISON, WI, 53705 on Sunday afternoon October 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. There was a joyful quality to all of Beth's relationships. She had an extraordinary life and enriched so many others in countless thoughtful ways. She continues to be an inspiration and shining example. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Agrace Hospice, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison WI 53711 or the Gerald J. and Beth B. Fischer Scholarship Fund at the Interlochen Center of the Arts, Office of Advancement, Interlochen MI 49643. Condolences can be sent to Martha Fischer, 7321 Whitacre Rd., Madison WI 53717.

CHAPMAN, GERALD E.

Age 88, of Farmington and West Bloomfield, lifelong member of the Detroit Golf Club, died October 7, 2012. Gerald is survived by his children, Larry (Cheryl) Chapman, Rick (Kathy) Chapman, Wendy (Bart) Murdock; grandchildren, Lauren, Cameron, Paige, Jody, Rachel, Bryan and Emily; great grandchildren, Doug III, Paisley and Peyton; brother-in-law, Lynn Range. Gerald was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Flanigan Chapman and his sister, Dorothy Jean. Memorial Service Thursday, October 11, 10 am, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Wednesday 4-8 pm.

Memorial tributes suggested to Wounded Warrior Project, woundedwarriorproject.org heeney-sundquist.com

CHRISTY, LORELEI L.

Age 78, October 11, 2012. Significant sweetie of C.M. Novess III, beloved wife of the late Bernard. Dearest mother of Brad, Scott and the late Lori Kilpatrick. Loving grandmother of Allison Kilpatrick, Brandon (Jenny), Heather, Caitlin and Sean Christy. Lorelei was an accomplished artist, collector of owls and member of the Farmington Arts Foundation, Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Artifacts and St. Andrews Society of Detroit. Visitation Saturday 5-8pm and Sunday 2-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Memorial Service Saturday, October 27 at 2pm at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

www.mccabefuneralhome.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

HIGHE, STANLEY C.

Age 60, of Albion, passed away Tuesday October 9, 2012 at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, Michigan. He was born July 6, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley Joseph and Lottie Mary (Bienkowski) Highe. On September 3, 1976, he was married to Carla Wilhelm in Detroit, Michigan and she survives. He has been a resident of the Albion area since 2007 moving here from Redford Township. He was a Certified Auto Mechanic, working at Fairlane Ford, Formerly Bob Ford, and then went to work at Pat Milliken Ford before going to Ford Motor Company as a Service Engineer for the Technical Service hotline, retiring in February of 2007. He was also a trainer for Ford Motor Company. He was a member of the Metro Chevy Association Car Club and the Chevelle Club. He was active in the K.D.A organization with fundraisers, setting up their website,and doing the newsletter. Besides his wife Carla of Albion, he is survived by daughters Christine Marie (Doug) Strayer of Gladwin; Veronica (Fiance Robert Gardella) Highe of Albion; son Ed (Chelsea) Highe of Redford; grandchildren Jasmine Strayer and Kullen Highe; sister Veronica Bartlett of Redford; brothers Albert John (Shelia) Highe of Redwood City, CA; George (Debbie) Highe of Redford. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Tedd Highe. Visitation for Family and Friends will be Friday October 12, 2012 from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan 49224. Funeral Services will be Friday October 12, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremy Williams officiating. Assistance with Memorial Contributions to:

K.D.A (Kennedy's Disease Association) P.O. Box 1105, Coarsegold, CA 93614 is available at the Funeral Home

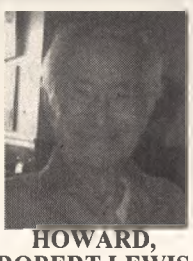
www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com

LEAR, GLENN ALLEN

Age 80, of Prudenville passed away at his home on Wed. Oct. 10, 2012 with his loving family by his side. Glenn was born on June 5, 1932 in Altoona, PA. to Charles D. & Anna M (Mitchell) Lear. He married Velma Irene Crawford on Aug. 31, 1957 in Plymouth. Glenn served in the US Army during the Korean War. He worked a short time for the Pennsylvania Railroad and later went to work for General Motors. The couple moved to Prudenville 12 years ago from Westland. He was a member of the Houghton Lake Wesleyan Church. Glenn loved to fish and enjoyed wood working and was an all around handyman. Glenn is survived by daughter; Roxanne (Donald) Larson of Prudenville, son; Kevin (Pam) Lear of South Lyon, son; Dale Lear of Chelsea, five grandchildren Benjamin, Molly, Justin, Mitchell and Katie, sister; Jackie Yanataitis of PA. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years Velma Lear in Feb. 2012. Visitation is scheduled on Sat. Oct. 13, 2012 at Christler Funeral Home- Prudenville Chapel from 2-6 PM. The funeral will take place on Sun. Oct. 14, 2012 at Houghton Lake Wesleyan Church with Rev. Bryan Thompson to officiate. Burial will be in Roscommon Township Cemetery in Houghton Lake. Memorials may be directed to the Wesleyan Ministries.

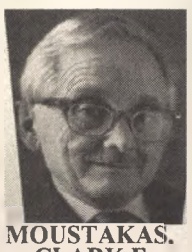
You may express your condolences to the family at www.christler-holdship.com Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel is handling the arrangements.

May you find **comfort** in Family and Friends



HOWARD, ROBERT LEWIS

Robert (Bob) Lewis Howard, 89, of Thousand Palms, California, passed away on October 9, 2012 in Palm Desert. He was born on February 3, 1923 in Farmington, Michigan to Floyd & Naomi Howard. He married Katheline Winner in 1949 & had a son, Tom. Bob & his family moved to Orange County, California in July of 1961, where they lived until Bob's retirement in 1988. Their home in the desert was a weekend & holiday getaway until Bob's retirement when they became full-time residents at Tri-Palm Estates. Bob had been a farmer in Michigan & was most well known in that area for his apple orchard. He was a Hardy's sprayer sales & service dealer in Farmington as well. He also was an Ortho spray material dealer. Once settled in California, Bob worked at Hunt's Food, Meredith Manor, Dr. Pepper & RC Cola. He & Katheline also owned an apartment building, which they owned & operated from 1961 until 1973. Bob always had a smile on his face & one of his favorite things to say to people was "you're good lookin'". He loved to swim & did so up until about a year ago. He also enjoyed riding bikes, collecting them & fixing them up to give or rent to visitors & friends. This is how he got the nickname "Bicycle Bob"! Bob is survived by his wife, Katheline & his son, Tom. He will be missed by his 2 grandchildren & 4 great grandchildren - Karen Hubbard, husband Gary Hubbard & their twins Timothy & Victoria and also Rob Howard & his children Evan & Kallie. Bob also has a brother, Hilmer, still living in Farmington, Michigan. The address is 44650 Monterey Ave in Palm Desert. A graveside service will be held at Desert Palm Memorial Park on Tuesday, October 16th 2012 at 11:30am. A reception will follow at the clubhouse of Tri-Palm Estates.



MOUSTAKAS, CLARK E.

Age 89, October 10, 2012. Beloved husband of 63 years to Betty. Proud father of Robert (Katharine), Wendy (Bill), Kerry (Tom), Stephen and Beth (Pat). "Papa" to his eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Remembered and revered by the many lives he impacted. Private service for family only.

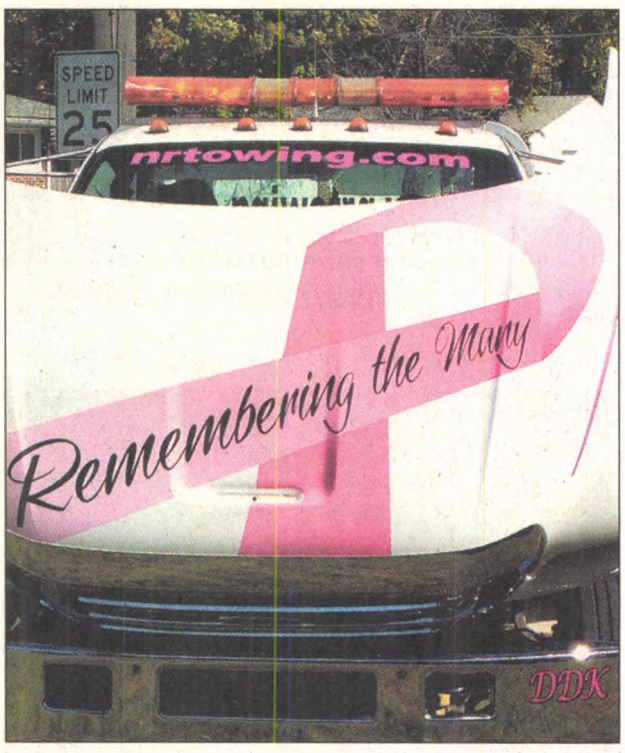
Share memories or tributes at www.mccabefuneralhome.com or send letters to McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

WOLFE, JEANETTE ILENE

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, Jeanette Ilene Wolfe, 68, of Winchester, VA passed away at her residence. She was born on October 19, 1943 in Detroit MI. She married Donald Henry Wolfe on June 17, 1967 in Farmington, MI. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1999. Surviving Jeanette are her children, William C. Wolfe and his wife, Barbara of Winchester and Wendy M. Wolfe of Myrtle Beach, SC. Her brother, William Hicks, preceded her in death. A memorial service will be held on Saturday. October 13, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ken Patrick officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA. Online condolences may be left at www.jonesfuneralhomes.com.

Pink truck benefits cancer causes with every tow

Bruce Bovee gives $5 from every towing fee generated by his pink truck, to a cancer-related cause.



The hood on Bruce Bovee's tow truck makes a statement about cancer patients.

North Redford Towing 'the little guy trying to help out'

By Sharon Dargay
. O&E Staff Writer

Bruce Bovee hopes you'll think pink the next time your car breaks down.

"I'm not wishing ill on anyone's travels. But if someone runs into a situation and they need help, they need a tow, and they think of us, maybe it will take some of the edge off and will make them feel better knowing its for a good cause."

Stranded motorists who ask Bovee to send his pink tow truck to move their vehicle simultaneously benefit the fight against cancer. Bovee donates $5 from every pink tow to the cause.

"It's something I've been thinking about for a couple of years," said Bovee, explaining why one of his 14 trucks at North Redford Towing fundraises for cancer causes. " I think you should give back if you can. This was close to my heart."

The Livonia resident, who has been in the tow business for 35 years, said he tired of losing friends to the disease and hearing sad stories about cancer patients. His mother lost her battle with breast cancer a few years ago.

Bovee unveiled the truck at Redford's Relay for Life in July. Over the past three months it earned $695, which Bovee donated to the community's Relay for Life program.

This month he is doubling the donation to $10 per tow in honor of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

He plans to donate to a different cancer-related organization or cause every three months.

"I'm trying to keep it local, maybe help families that are struggling," he said. "I'm the little guy trying to help out."

North Redford Towing owns a fleet of 14 trucks and sends them to 48 states and Canada, in addition to servicing accounts in the tri-county area.

The pink truck responds to local calls.

"Ask for it and we'll send it," Bovee said.

It may not be long before some of North Redford Towing's other trucks sport different colors for health causes.

Each would donate a portion of its tow fee to a related charity.

"I want to do other trucks for other causes. Autism is one. Muscular dystrophy is another. I'd be the same kind of concept."

For more information about Bovee's pink truck and donation program, to suggest a cancer-related cause for his donations — or to request tow service — call North Redford Towing at (313) 531-1303.

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Quiz: Do you know when to rephrase your résumé?

Susan Ricker,
CareerBuilder Writer

Sometimes a résumé was once good, but now it's stale. Sometimes it was never that good to begin with. Either way, how do you know if it's time to rephrase your résumé? Below you'll find five sentences commonly found on a résumé. Each sentence could be rewritten to better reflect the job seeker's skills. Choose the option you think best describes why and how the sentence should be reworded. Once you've finished, review the results to see if you know how to write a winning résumé or if it's time for some rephrasing.

1. "Objective: To obtain a challenging position in leadership that will allow me to apply creative problem solving to achieve optimum results."

A. The objective is pretty vague; it should also include the company or position title, as well as a desired salary.

B. The space for objective statements could be better used if replaced with a summary of your job-seeker brand, or a one-sentence statement that summarizes your expertise and skills.

C. Simplify the objective statement and use language from the job description.

2. "Summary of qualifications: Maintained strong business relationships with new and old clients, and cultivated strong connections with team members to create strong communication at our company."

A. This could be separated into three bullet points to make a stronger statement.

B. The repetitive language should be removed, and there should be individual bullet points with clear descriptions of each qualification.

C. Leave this as is.

3. "Professional experience: Independent business consultant at ABC Co., 2006-present; account executive at JRR Sales Co., September 2000-April 2006; cashier at Jerry's Ice Cream Shop, June 2003-April 2006."

A. Bullet points should follow each title, as well as daily tasks performed.

B. The only work experience listed should be relevant to the job you're interested in and should include three to four bullet points of major accomplishments that relate to the position for which you're applying.

C. This is fine, as long as the location of each business is also included.

4. "Education: College University, Class of 1998."

A. Include the school's location.

B. Include the school's location, your degree information and any training or certificates received. Revise the title to say, "Education and training."

C. Leave this as is.

5. "References: John Baker, supervisor at ABC Co., phone and email included; Linda Cook, manager at JRR Sales Co., phone and email included."

A. Leave this as is.

B. Leave references off of the résumé, and use the space for something else.

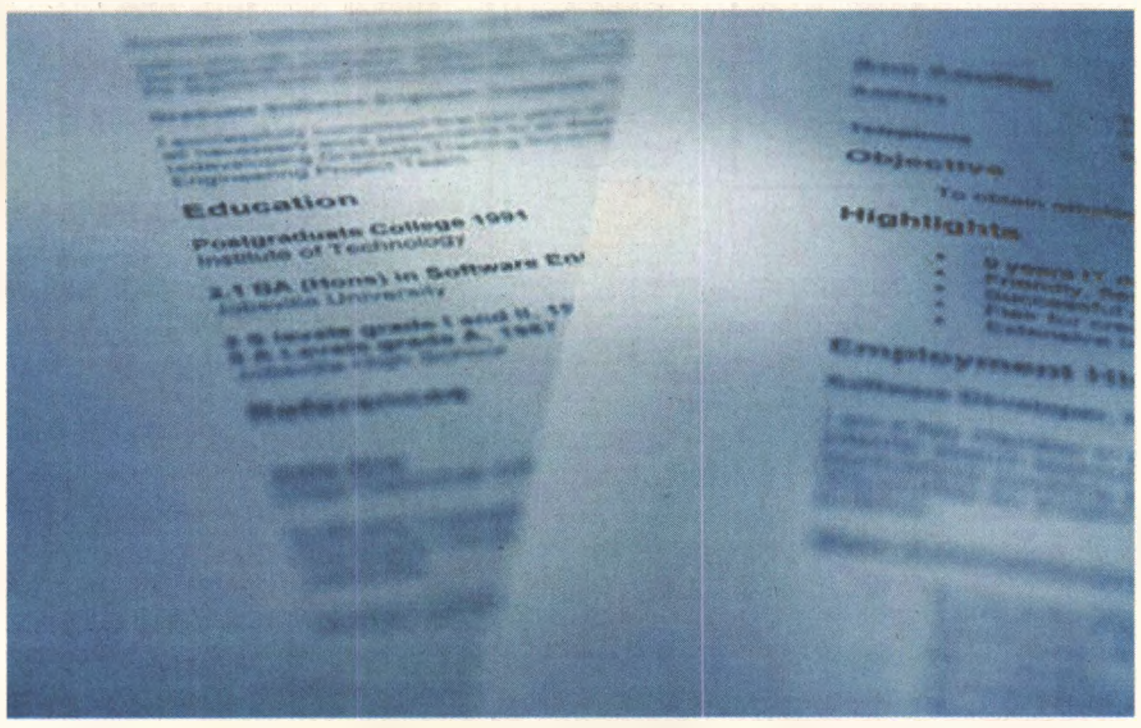
C. Use the line, "References available upon request."

Results

Mostly A's: You're on the right path, but most of your answers would make the résumé too wordy or unorganized. You may want to edit your résumé so it's more concise. In each section, ask yourself if the hiring manager would find that information helpful, relevant and easy to understand. Résumé space is too valuable to be wasted on unnecessary information.

Mostly B's: Your résumé rephrasing skills are top-notch. You clearly took the time to research the position you're applying for, and you're able to communicate your personality and experience in your résumé. You've likely included only relevant information on your résumé and everything included supports why you're the best candidate for the job.

Mostly C's: Although minimalism can be an attractive quality in business, your answers indicate that you're holding back on your résumé. Hiring managers can go through thousands of job applications when searching for the right candidate, and it's important that you stand out from your competition by showcasing your individuality, experience and personality. If you don't have much work experience, include information that's relevant to the position of interest, and communicate why you're right for the role.



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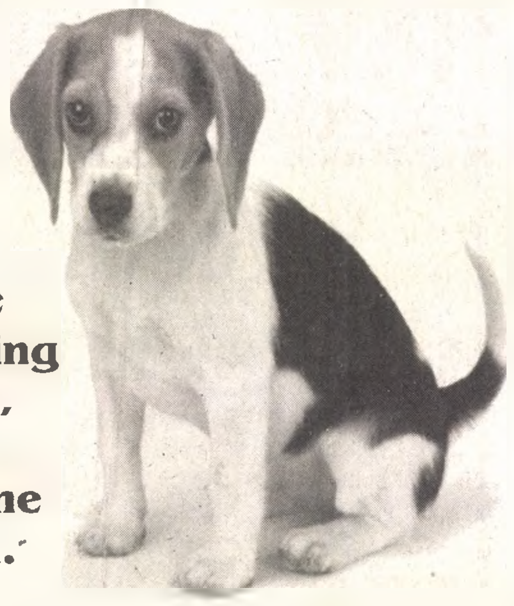

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1 Map a course
5 Rookie socialite
8 Trash hauler
12 Order for dinner
13 "— Luna" (Allende)
14 Oryx relative
15 Pharmacist's weight
16 Kind of phone
18 Head dog
20 Strangely
21 "Towering" Paris landmark?
24 Stanza
27 Bracket type
28 Nettle
31 — — the picture!
32 Give it a whirl
33 Oahu neighbor
34 Charged particle
35 — Braun of rockets
36 Caught a speeder
37 Atelier items
39 Braid
43 Virginia caverns
46 Spellbinding
49 Online auction
51 Rainbow goddess
52 Cotton gin name
53 Proficient
54 Mardi Gras follower
55 Was in charge of
56 Tints

DOWN

1 Univ. degree
2 Zhivago's beloved
3 Elongated circle
4 Bad storm
5 Type of coffee
6 Festive night
7 Checkbook amt.
8 Tie tack
9 Winter weather
10 Outback mineral
11 Stiff
17 Lounge about
19 Hotfoot it
22 Spore producers
23 Famous cathedral town
24 Sundial numeral
25 "I" trouble
26 Stimpy's pal
28 — Fleming of spydom
29 Weep over
30 Tease
32 Bring — — halt
33 Interpret wrongly
35 Kill a bill
36 Type of vaccine
38 Heston title role (2 wds.)
39 Noted groundhog
40 Stringed instrument
41 Could hear — — drop
42 Part of MIT
44 "Dear" columnist
45 Sturdy lock
47 Util. bill
48 Percent ending
50 Lubber's aye

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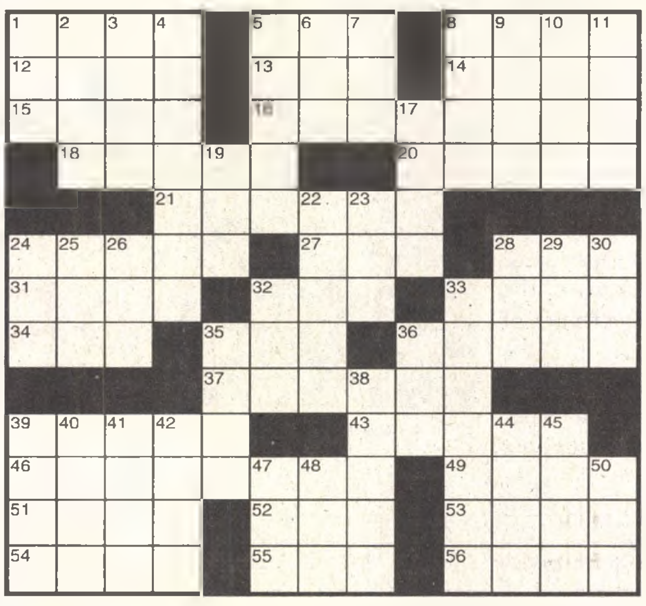

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Level: Beginner

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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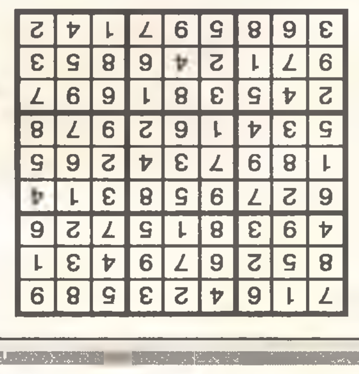

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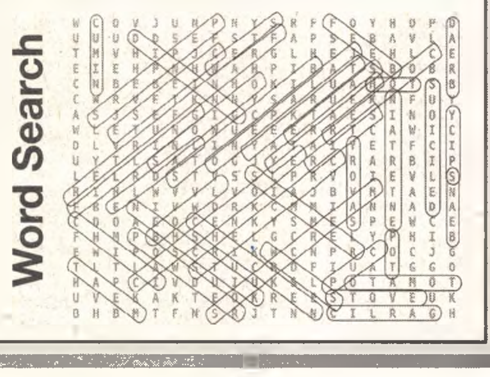

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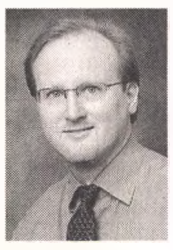


By Dale Buss

A donnybrook has developed in the robust small-car segment of the U.S. market between Chevrolet Sonic and Ford Fiesta, and between Chevrolet Cruze and Ford Focus. Their competition is helping Detroit brands stake their biggest claim in many years to the fast-growing part of the market.

Sales of the GM subcompact, Sonic, rose to more than 7,000 units in September, up more than 400 percent over a year earlier when the car was just rolling out to Chevy dealers in significant volumes. For the year, Sonic sales reached nearly 65,000 units.

And while there are other new and overhauled entries in the subcompact segment — including an improved Honda Civic — clearly there are a lot of car-on-car comparisons going on these days between Sonic and Fiesta.

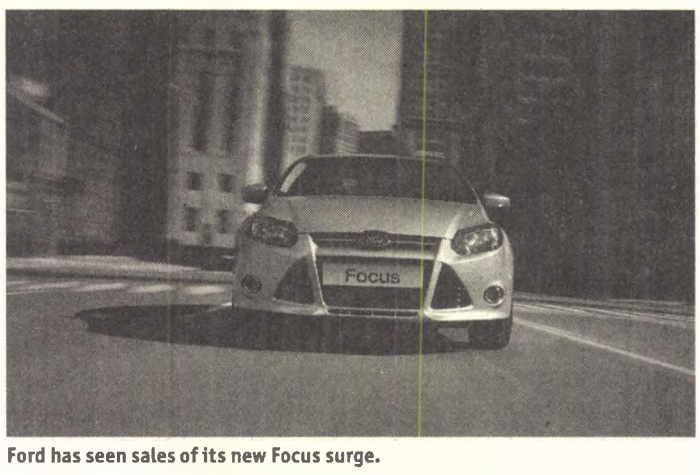
Fiesta sales have been slowing lately. Since a slam-bang introduction two years ago featuring some innovative social-media marketing, Fiesta sales have lagged increasingly over the last 18 months. Sales were flat in September, and for the year to date, sales of the subcompact Fiesta trail those of a year earlier by a significant 24 percent, down to just 43,000 units.

But Ford executives said that Fiesta sales have been falling off only because of the impressive, simultaneous rise of sales of the new version of Ford Focus. It took a while for Ford to deliver the substantially changed Focus in volume last year, but "now that it is" up to full production, there's just a natural running rate" on sales of Fiesta, said Ken Czubay, Ford's U.S. sales chief.

Focus sales rose by 91 percent year over year in September and have burgeoned by 36 percent, to nearly 187,000 units, for the year to date.

"The year-to-year increases are so dramatic on Focus, and down a little bit on Fiesta," Czubay said in a recent call with reporters. "This is on our plan." He further explained that "there are a finite number of 'B' [subcompact-segment] cars that are sold in an urban area, where parking and traffic problems are greater. But demand is [greater] for a 'C' car [like Focus] where you can get a little more size, and fuel economy is every bit as good and in some cases better."

So, specifically, the "plan" is that once customers get into a Ford showroom, more and more are opting for Focus over Fiesta because it is bigger and more highly contented. Yet the price of Focus versions begin at a sticker of around just $16,200, according to Edmunds.com, while Fiesta stickers begin at about $13,200. And Fiesta notches only 1mpg more in highway mileage than Focus, 37mpg to 36 mpg.



Ford has seen sales of its new Focus surge.

"People come in and really like the fuel economy and styling of Fiesta," Czubay explained, "and then they look at Focus. And where people may not have done on the internet to do that much [research on the two cars], they come in and see the payments — and vote for Focus."

Fiesta's declining sales levels are "on plan," he repeated. "We'll sell more Focus. There will be a natural water level for Fiesta and Focus, but we're relying on the power of choice for Focus offerings going forward."

So Ford's argument basically is that they're OK with how Fiesta sales have slumped badly as long as Focus sales continue to pick up smartly, and they keep gaining in the combined market for small cars — which continues to be the hottest broad segment in the U.S. market at a time of nearly $4-a-gallon gasoline.

Sonic is capturing a whole new market for Chevrolet.

Some rival executives have a similar perspective. "There's always going to be bleeding between [B and C] segments because a showroom dynamic goes on," said Allan Batey, GM's interim CMO, in a recent phone call with reporters. "We're trying to look at what our total performance is, particularly in our small and compact and mini-car [segments], and net-net we've had a very healthy increase. We don't mind if there's a little bit of movement from Sonic to Spark or Cruze or vice versa. It's the net we want to look at for all of those segments."

At the same time, Chevy has been able to keep Cruze sales relatively strong even as Sonic comes on, with sales of nearly 181,000 Cruze units off just 4 percent from a year earlier.

So here's where the numbers stand for each brand's combined B- and C-segment sales for the year to date through September: Chevrolet, 245,346, up 30 percent from 189,230 a year earlier; Ford, 230,170, up only 18 percent from last year's 194,540 units.

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