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Monument honors 'ultimate sacrifice'

Family members gather to remember loved ones lost

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A steady drizzle added to the somber mood Thursday afternoon as Wayne County officials and family members of public safety workers lost in the line of duty unveiled the county's First Responders Memorial in Plymouth Town-

ship. The \$400,000 memorial – granite pillars engraved with the names of 401 fallen, set in a semi-circular plaza at Hines Drive and Haggerty – was dedicated amid presentations from police and fire department honor guards and a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School choir. Police and fire departments from around the county were represented.

The Rev. Tom Belczak, pas-

tor at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, referred to the rain as he offered an invocation.

"Perhaps those are tears of our God for those who made the ultimate sacrifice," Belczak said.

County Executive Bob Ficano, the former Wayne County sheriff, said he was motivated to build such a memorial by a remark he heard, shortly after the terrorist attacks of 9/11,

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Bob Woehlke, brother of fallen Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke, hugs Diane Philpot, widow of Detroit Police Officer Jerry Philpot II, after placing a wreath during the dedication ceremony.

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Auto supplier watches trends shaping market

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Car buyers might look down the road a couple of years toward their next purchase and pay for it over five or six years, but the Plymouth Township-based automotive division at Johnson Controls Inc. is looking a generation ahead.

Vehicle interiors, seating and power supplies – both traditional and advanced batteries – will all be affected by rapidly evolving technology and global social changes and Johnson Controls wants to stay on top of those trends, company executives said Tuesday.

"The industry is so dramatically changing," Boda Bolzenius, a company vice president and seating division president, said during Johnson Controls' Automotive Experience Day, an open house for the automotive press and others who follow the industry.

The event, at Johnson Controls' Automotive Experience headquarters on Halyard, included tours of company testing facilities, one-on-one time with executives and a chance to test-drive company products installed in production vehicles like the Ford Fusion.

Johnson Controls, with facilities around the world and about 168,000 employees, develops, designs and makes batteries, seating systems and

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In the sled-test lab at Johnson Controls, a dummy shows the effects of a front-end collision at about 25 mph. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Dan Ridgeway talks about the Johnson Controls comfort lab. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Group pushes rec complex at Central

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A group of citizens pushing an idea for what to do with the Central Middle School property when it closes following the 2014-15 school year is trying to make the decision easier for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

The Parks and Recreation Complex Committee, which includes representatives of civic groups, sports teams, businesses and residents, wants to see the property repurposed to fit a number of activities, including a performing arts center, a senior citizens center and a fitness center, among other things.

In making a pitch to the school board's finance committee, PARC member Don Soenen said the plan, which could carry a project cost of some \$25 million, is "one suggested implementation option" for a community-driven effort "to develop this asset."

"The Plymouth community will never again have an opportunity to provide a facility like this in such a prime location," Soenen told finance committee members. "It is imperative that every effort is made to bring the relevant

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DISPOSITION OF CENTRAL

What: Parks and Recreation Complex Committee meeting
When: 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4

Where: Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, in Plymouth
Why: To hear discussion on possible options for the Central Middle School property when Plymouth-Canton board members decide what to do with it. The meeting will feature guest speakers, including Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and representatives from community groups, talking about options being considered for the property.

Lawyer: Same-sex parents 'every bit as good'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For gays and lesbians fighting for the same rights to marry and adopt children that are afforded heterosexual couples, justice delayed isn't necessarily justice denied.

Dana Nessel is so convinced change is coming, in fact, she doesn't even mind waiting a few more months to see it happen.

Of course Nessel, the Plymouth attorney representing

April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse in a federal lawsuit challenging the state's ban on same-sex marriage and adoption, was disappointed U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman declined to rule in the case Wednesday; Friedman instead set a February trial date for the case.

But since Nessel believes she already had a rock-solid case, a few more months to fine-tune it suits her just fine.

"We're disappointed we didn't have an immediate rul-

ing in our favor and we look forward to a trial in this matter," Nessel said Thursday, the day after Friedman declined to rule. "We're very confident we have a myriad of experts who will be testifying to the fact gays and lesbians are every bit as good at parenting children as their heterosexual counterparts."

Instead of ruling on motions for summary judgment filed by both sides, Friedman held

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Plymouth attorney Dana Nessel talks to the media at a rally before Wednesday's hearing.



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LAWYER

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off, telling a courtroom packed with gay rights supporters there are "issues that have to be decided ... as a matter of law."

"I wish I could sit here today and give you a definitive ruling," Friedman said. "I'm a little nervous. I've never had a case like this before."

Hazel Park nurses DeBoer, 42, and Rowse, 48, are challenging the state's ban on same-sex marriage and same-sex adoption (Michigan is one of 35 states with such bans either by law or by constitutional amendment), arguing the bans unlawfully violate their right to get married and adopt each other's children.

The couple filed their lawsuit in January 2012. Rowse has two preschool-aged boys; DeBoer has a 3-year-old girl. They argue the state has no "rational basis" for denying them the right to get married and adopt children together.

The case is a bit of *deja vu* for Nessel, who argued a similar case in 2009 – initially won, but

overturned by the Michigan Court of Appeals – involving a lesbian couple in Wayne County who lived together for 19 years and had three children before breaking up in 2008.

After the breakup, the birth mother refused to let her partner see their children. The partner filed suit requesting parenting time. But the birth mother denied any parent-child relationship had existed and asked the suit be dismissed due to lack of legal standing. Wayne County Circuit Judge Kathleen McCarthy refused to dismiss the case, but the Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed it because the partner did not and cannot qualify as a parent under Michigan law.

In Nessel's opinion, more such cases should be filed, and when she met DeBoer and Rowse, she thought their case was a perfect one.

"I really wanted to challenge the adoption code in federal court," Nessel said. "When I met April and Jayne, I thought it would be a great case. They were basically about the same thing ... how do we protect our kids?"

Of course, not every-



Jayne Rowse and April DeBoer addressed the media at a rally before Wednesday's hearing.

one supports the idea of getting rid of the ban, approved by Michigan voters in 2004. Lisa Dresser of Farmington Hills doesn't believe the law should be struck down.

"If it's voter-approved, it should be upheld," she said.

Fellow Farmington Hills resident Gerry Mato agreed.

"I don't understand how a judge could make that change," Mato said. "This is supposed to be a government of the people, by the people, for the people."

That 2004 election was the first in the voting life

of Alanna Maguire of Plymouth, a member of the Plymouth Democratic Club. And even though Michigan voters approved the ban nine years ago, she believes "attitudes have changed."

"I don't think Michigan is like that anymore. ... It's time to have marriage equality in Michigan," Maguire said. "Michigan is better than this, better than the laws we have with regard to marriage equality. It's an issue of fairness. Love is love."

Cindy Clardy of Southfield, who went through a marriage ceremony with

her partner Jocelyn Walters that isn't legally binding, said she supports overturning the ban, not only for the four kids she and Walters have between them, but for the three children DeBoer and Rowse have.

"I think it's in the best interest of their kids," Clardy said. "Being a grandmother myself, family is very important. Being able to marry would give their kids even more rights."

The state argues the voters of Michigan have already spoken on the issue and a federal court should not be allowed to drown out their will. In

2004, state voters approved a constitutional amendment that defined marriage as "the union of one man and one woman."

Nessel, who has fought the case alongside fellow lawyers Carole Stanyar (a former Plymouth resident), Ken Mogill and Robert Sedler – "One of my best attributes as an attorney is knowing which lawyers are smarter than me and getting them on my side," she said with a laugh – said there are "hundreds of surveys" that show there's no drop-off in parenting skills between same-sex couples and heterosexual couples.

"The state will not be able to prove to the court that gays and lesbians parent any worse than heterosexuals do," Nessel said. "The state has a better chance of digging up the body of Jimmy Hoffa than finding any credible experts to testify gays and lesbians make worse parents. It's a fallacy."

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CENTRAL

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parties together and to reach an informed and deliberative decision for the benefit of the entire community."

Finance committee member Sheila Paton, who also sits on the Board of Education, was impressed with the presentation.

"It's a very good option, but we're considering every option," Paton said.

The plan includes, among other things, an 800- to 1,200-seat performing arts center, an aquatic park with an upgraded swimming pool, a gym and a fitness center, locker rooms, a daytime senior center, meeting rooms and office space and upgraded athletic fields.

PARC members point out the city of Plymouth has already pointed to the Central Middle School property as a major factor in its recreation master plan.

They believe such a complex is an opportunity for the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and the school district to "develop this asset into a complex that would serve all residents of the community from toddlers to seniors, ath-

letics to the arts, while promoting health and fitness."

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock has already said city officials would be happy to talk to school officials about such a plan. Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume isn't quite as enthusiastic, but said the township, too, would listen when further details are firming up.

"This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to develop the property for the benefit of the community needs to be seriously considered before any final disposition determination of the property is made," Soenen told the finance committee.

PARC members said a project of this magnitude

will require a combination of public and private funding. Based on similar projects of this type, Soenen pointed out in making the presentation, costs can vary significantly, but it is anticipated that land, infrastructure and construction costs could be in the range of \$20 million to \$25 million.

While the district will make it a priority to get fair-market value for the property, the PARC said, a variety of funding mechanisms may be possible, one scenario would be:

» Use public funds from a bond issue to build it.

» Solicit donations to fund an endowment to ensure sufficient cash flow for startup costs and early operations.

» Charge user fees to cover continuous operating expenses.

In their presentation to the finance committee, PARC members said it would take 0.7 mills to generate the approximately \$1.5 million annual debt service obligation for a \$25 million bond. Committee members said that works out to approximately \$6.30 and \$7.20 per month for the average Plymouth and Plymouth Township homeowner, respectively.

"The PARC Committee is convinced there is broad community support for such a center," Soenen told the finance committee.

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Johnson Controls honored for minority work

Johnson Controls Inc., a global company with an automotive division headquartered in Plymouth Township, was recognized Monday by the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council as a 2013 state

corporation of the year. The company won the MMSDC's Tier 1 manufacturing category for achievements in developing and working with minority-owned suppliers. The 2013 honor marks

the 14th time in 18 years that Johnson Controls has been named an MMSDC corporation of the year. In addition, Kristen Cebulski, senior buyer in the automotive seating department, was recognized as buyer of

the year by MMSDC. The company is also a candidate for the national corporation-of-the-year award, which will be announced Wednesday, Oct. 30, by the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Johnson Controls is a technology and industrial company serving customers in more than 150 countries. Products include car batteries, vehicle seating systems, vehicle interior components and equipment for build-

ing mechanical systems. The company's Automotive Experience Division has three buildings and about 1,400 employees in Plymouth Township.

- By Matt Jachman

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a host of interior components, from door interiors to headliners and the electronics that go in them. The company supplies products to several different automakers, foreign and domestic.

Trend-watching

Bolzenius said the company studies not only the current vehicle markets and how its products that fit those markets, but also what automakers' next generation of vehicle models will bring, plus the "mega-trends" that will shape buyers' preferences and habits many years from now.

Self-driving vehicles - Johnson Controls calls it autonomous driving - is one future development the company is planning around. Han Hendricks, vice president for ad-



It's a short but real fast ride for the test dummies in the new Johnson Controls sled-test lab. This new sled can deliver about 700,000 pounds of force. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

vanced product development, automotive electronics and interiors, said 2025 is predicted to be a turning point for a mass migration to autonomous driving and that vehicle interiors will change because of that

trend. "It's coming and it's coming much faster than we think," Hendricks told the crowd. "Every year, we see technology increasing toward totally autonomous vehicles." Ultimately, because of

autonomous driving, vehicle "safety zones" will shrink and drivers who don't have to keep their eyes on the road anymore will find other things to do with their time, meaning interiors will change to accommo-



Jaime Yanez of Taylor uses a laser scanning device to create a virtual copy of a car seat in a JCI laboratory. Dan McCosh (right) is an automotive industry journalist.

date them, Hendricks said.

Global changes

Other trends the company is keeping an eye on, Hendricks said, include the move toward "small cars in big cities," particularly in Europe, India and Brazil; the expansion of shared-vehicle networks as an alternative to private ownership; and the boom of the luxury car market in China. By the year 2020, he said, luxury car sales in China are ex-

pected to hit 3.1 million annually, compared to 1.7 million in the U.S. and 1.2 million in Europe.

Vehicle interiors, Hendricks said, have become increasingly important to car buyers and are seeing more features added to them as people spend more time in their cars.

"With every model change, you see a richer interior," Hendricks said.

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Freeman takes post as Lakeshore chief

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Growing up, Phil Freeman can remember traveling up north to the family cottage, situated on a dirt road, where life is much different than it is in the big city.

It's a place where people stop and say "hi" to others and wave a greeting to drivers going by. It's a place where there's always time to greet neighbors and meet new friends.

It's a philosophy Freeman applied to his teaching style when he was long-time principal at Pioneer Middle School. And now it's a style Freeman, Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent of programs and services, will take with him to his new job.

Freeman, who has worked in the Plymouth-Canton district since he became the assistant principal at Pioneer in 1998, has accepted the position as the superintendent of Lakeshore Public Schools. The district, located in Berrien County on the shores of Lake Michigan, serves the communities of Stevensville and Baroda.

Details of Freeman's contract with Lakeshore are still being finalized, but he said he expects to take over there in early November.

"When I explored what Lakeshore Public Schools and

its community had to offer, I found that its values were consistent with mine: a focus on the child as the center of all we do, high academic standards with supports for students at all levels, emphasis on co-curricular activities as a platform on which students can flourish and build confidence, the view that schools are an integral part of the community at large and, maybe as important as anything else, the value placed on the people that do the work each and every day," Freeman said. "The sharing of these values made the decision much easier."

But not that easy. Freeman, who left Pioneer in 2011 to become the assistant superintendent for facilities and operations, said it was the second of the two hardest decisions he's had to make in 15 years with the district.

The first was leaving the instructional environment at Pioneer to take an administrative position. But at the time, he said, he felt his experience would help support the many new central office administrators who came aboard that year.

This year, he decided it was time to pursue his aspiration of becoming a superintendent, even if it meant leaving the district. It has been, he said, his most difficult decision.

"I moved to Canton to raise

my family 20 years ago," Freeman said. "Being a member of the community as well as a leader in the district has been a wonderful experience for both me and my family. I am proud to have served in the many



Freeman

roles I have and will greatly miss the neighbors, friends, students and co-workers with whom I've crossed paths. As people often say, however, the time just felt right to explore new op-

tions." Freeman's positive style hasn't always been admired. He said he drew some light criticism from others "for putting so much emphasis on building a positive culture" during his time at Pioneer. But Freeman, still a popular figure at Pioneer nearly three years removed from his tenure there, believed students, teachers and others involved thrived better in a nurturing and supportive culture.

"It was in that environment that teachers took calculated risks and pushed students to their highest potential," Freeman said. "It was a place where students grew in confidence each year as they prepared to take on high school and beyond."

Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the dis-

trict's director of student services, has known Freeman nearly 30 years as a wrestling coach, principal and administrator. He called Freeman a "sincere person who treats people with respect."

"I've learned a great deal from him over the years," said Tyszkiewicz, who worked closely with Freeman on the Facility Utilization Study two years ago. "I admire how committed he is to educating kids. He has always had a collaborative style of leadership. He's going to do a great job at Lakeshore."

A lot got done during Freeman's tenure. His three top accomplishments:

» Facilitating the Facility Utilization Study through a collaborative process that involved all stakeholders. "While many were not pleased with the outcome, going through the process helped the community understand the need for the recommended changes," he said.

» Getting the Starkweather alternative education program a new home. "Renovating the former Fiegel Elementary School with new science labs, a computer lab and ample space for our students gave the program credibility and supported many outstanding students," he said.

» Passing a \$114 million bond in May. "Helping the

community understand the need for equity among our schools and the move toward 21st century classrooms led to a 65 percent vote in support of our efforts to improve," Freeman said.

His regret is not being around to see the new middle school, approved as part of the May bond, completed.

"I would have liked to have seen (the new middle school) become a reality," Freeman said. "It really is the catalyst for many of the other changes I believe the district needs to make to continue move forward in reaching its vision."

Despite the early criticism of his style, Freeman wouldn't change it. In fact, it's what he would like people most to remember about him, less about what he accomplished than how he went about it.

"I ended every promotion day speech with these words: 'You will always have a home at Pioneer Middle School and you will always have a special place in my heart,'" Freeman said. "I want the people who make up this district - the students, staff, parents and community members - to know that I value them deeply and will carry them forever in my heart."

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Students have blast with engineering club

"We were like astronauts!" That was the feeling shouted out by second-grader Jeeya Patel after attending the first night of South Canton Scholars Charter Academy's new engineering club.

The club provides a hands-on approach to teaching science, technology, engineering and math, also known as STEM skills. The after-school program is offered to students

ages 7-11 who are interested in how things work.

"Students are natural engineers," club adviser and dean Fletcher Morgan said. "The students will benefit from the class by learning math and science concepts in a different way, reinforcing what they are learning in the classroom."

For the next six weeks, students will design, create, test and refine a variety of

experiments in aerospace and mechanical engineering, including straw rockets, parachutes, air-powered rockets, zip sails, dragsters and roller coasters.

"Engineering for kids helps reinforce STEM skills by focusing on how using science, technology, engineering and math will assist in solving real-world engineering problems," Morgan said. "We pre-

sent the information in such a way that students enjoy learning and applying each concept with hands-on experiments."

One of the upcoming projects involves constructing a shock absorbing system to protect two marshmallow astronauts in a lunar vehicle - something that Patel is really excited to learn. But first she had to get the astronauts to space by building a rocket.

"It was fun," she said. "We made rockets and wore goggles and shot the rockets into the air. Then we counted how far they went."

Twenty students have signed up for the class, which is run by two teachers so the student-teacher ratio is very low. The class is held every Thursday night until Dec. 5.

A second session will begin Dec. 12.

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Cast members Sarah Faix, John Henderson, Lindsay Frischmuth and Eric Donohue.

Spotlight Players bring Hitchcock to stage

Spotlight Players present their first ever Radio Play show, just in time for Halloween, Oct. 25-26, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The production revisits the 1940s Radio Play tradition, remembering family nights spent around the radio, listening to the voices weaving stories of intrigue and entertainment. Theatergoers will be the "live studio audience" to Spotlight Players' latest production. In the spirit of Halloween, they present two suspense-filled, classic radio plays, *The Birds* and *Rebecca*, adapted from the classic Daphne du Maurier stories and made famous by the master of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock.

Director Rebecca Winder said there's something "so endearing about the radio play tradition."

"Even when you're being scared out of your wits, you can't help but feel nostalgic for the style and time period it represents," Winder said. "This is a project our entire team has been thrilled about from the

beginning. The focus on the vocal delivery permits the actors a certain level of freedom and melodrama that is not appropriate in a typical staged play."

A radio play presents certain logistical challenges, most notably the generation of live sound effects. When asked how they have approached this particular challenge, Winder said, "One of the things that draws people to see a live radio play is the chance to see the creative way individuals involved attempt to create the action sounds that establish the setting and atmosphere of any given play. The wind-maker we have is particularly impressive."

The wind-maker, a contraption made of wood and canvas, imitates the sound of wind and was built by the director's husband, Eric Winder.

"Our goal for this show was to create as many sound effects live as we could, and limit the number of recorded sounds," he said. "The recorded sounds have the advantage of being more accurate, but there's an

element of fun to the generation of live sound effects that cannot be denied."

Winder said reaching for Hitchcock to create suspense was a pretty easy choice.

"There is no greater synonym for suspense than the name Hitchcock," she said. "We hope the familiarity of these two Hitchcock titles will draw people to the theater for the chance to see a creative interpretation of these suspense classics."

Winder, a Livonia resident, will be directing actors Anne Cloutier, Eric Donohue and Lindsay Frischmuth of Plymouth, Sarah Faix of Ypsilanti, John Henderson of Belleville, Siamak Davarani of Ann Arbor and Drex Morton of Canton.

Performances are at 8 p.m. each night, with a run time of some 90 minutes. Tickets are \$15.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call the box office at 734-394-5300.

Canton man pleads no contest in real estate scheme

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A Canton man has pleaded no contest to charges that arose earlier this year in a suspected real estate scheme.

Samer Salami, 33, pleaded no contest in early October in Wayne County Circuit Court to charges of conducting a criminal enterprise, embezzling \$100,000 or more, using a computer to commit a crime and false pretenses.

Judge David Groner set Salami's next court date for Jan. 29 and sentencing is to take place Feb. 12. A no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such during sentencing.

The maximum sentence for charges against Salami is 20 years in prison.

Salami was arrested earlier this year after a lengthy investigation by Wayne County into his business practices while he worked as a real estate agent at Villa Realty in Redford.

Prosecutors say Salami convinced mortgage lenders Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to sell homes to a side company Salami operated in addition to his work at Villa Realty. It's alleged Salami then sold those properties at a higher rate, keeping the profits from those sales.

Prosecutors say Salami made more than \$265,000 off the sales

during the time he completed them, which took place between August 2007 and April 2010.

Two of the homes listed by prosecutors are located in Redford: one in the 9500 block of Fenton, the other in the 9700 block of Woodbine. The rest were located in Dearborn Heights and Detroit.

Salami was bound over from 17th District Court in Redford in April and initially had a not-guilty plea entered. He remains out of jail on a \$750,000 cash or surety bond while awaiting sentencing.

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Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m.
Location: Liberty Street Brewing Co., 149 W. Liberty in Plymouth
Details: Get a taste of beer brewed within the Rouge River Watershed at Friends of the Rouge's fourth annual Rouge Brew. The event will include the release of a special Rouge beer brewed with locally grown hops. Rex Halfpenny of the Michigan Beer Guide will lead the tasting. Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance at therouge.org/index.php?id=691357. Proceeds from the event go to support Friends of the Rouge.
Contact: For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org, email spetrella@therouge.org or call 313-792-9621.

hosts a euchre tournament featuring cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A \$20 registration is payable at the door. New this year is quarter cups, get euchred, pay quarter. Bring your quarters for the Got Euchred, cups-quarters will be available for purchase. Also, pizza, snacks and a cash bar. Money raised from the tournament will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in the community, including those who need assistance during the slow economy. The Canton Lions Club has 42 members and meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.
Contact: Preregister your first and last name by calling 734-358-4280 or emailing CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com by Oct. 30.

will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.
Contact: To register, call the Rev. Emily Campbell at 734-453-6464. For more information, contact New Hope Center at 248-348-0115.

Puzzle class

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 5 and 12, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth District Library hosts a Sudoku Puzzle Intro Class to teach folks in a few easy steps how to enjoy the popular Sudoku puzzles. It's a free class, but registration is required.
Contact: Call 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

Firefighter fundraiser

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 20, 1-3 p.m.
Location: The Rusty Nail, 43845 Ford Road in Canton
Details: The Rusty Nail and the Canton Fire Department sponsor a live and silent auction, along with a 50/50 raffle. Items available for auction include sports memorabilia, limited-edition beer mirrors and pictures that were located within the Rusty Nail. All proceeds will go to the Canton Fire Fighter Foundation, which aids local Canton families in crisis. The charity houses, clothes and feeds families in need of assistance following a tragic fire. Donations will also be accepted.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor. The counselor can help understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.
Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Hearing loss seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.
Details: Learn how to identify if you have a hearing problem, how to enhance communication and listening skills, understand common hearing issues and see the latest advancements in hearing technology. Complimentary refreshments will be served.
Contact: To register for the event or to find out more information, call at 734-451-0800. Registration for the event closes Oct. 25.



The Michigan Philharmonic Travel group led by Kate Rosevear of Travel Leaders and Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic, hit Athens in September along with their Plymouth Observer.

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

Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.
Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

Vendors wanted

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.
Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers.
Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://fumcnorthville.org/#missions-and-service>, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth
Details: Johnny Trudell and his Quartet – with Trudell on trumpet and flugelhorn, Ray Tini on bass, Billy Cairo on drums and Chuck Shermetaro on keyboard – will be featured. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

Grief to New Hope

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 22 through Dec. 10, 7-8:45 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is presenting an eight-week grief workshop this fall titled "From Grief to New Hope." The workshop, which is offered at no cost to participants and is open to anyone grieving after the death of a loved one, will be presented by New Hope's speaker team led by Executive Director Karen Laing. Each session will begin with an informational presentation about one aspect of grief, followed by small group participation guided by trained facilitators. Attendees

Blues @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth
Details: Blues @ The Elks starts this month in cooperation with the Detroit Blues Society. The event highlights David Vest on keyboard with local favorites George Bedard on bass and R.J. Spangler on drums. These are all seasoned professional performers. Donation at the door is \$5. To learn more about David Vest's extensive entertainment career, go to his website www.david-vest.ca
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.detroitbluessociety.org or www.plymouthelks1780.com.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » Monday, Oct. 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.
 » Monday, Oct. 28, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.
Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at these times and places. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Support group

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it?

Seeking crafters

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three to four photos of craft items for judges to determine participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are eight feet wide, although there are some space variations available. Space is tight, so vendors will need to limit their display area to the size of the table or an equivalent space. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle.
Contact: The application is available at www.plymouth-history.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf. Crafters not accepted for the bazaar will receive a full refund.

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.
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Market hosts last regular event

Canton Farmers Market closes out the regular season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (Sunday), Manager Tina Lloyd said.

The day includes music, cooking, children's Halloween activities, lots of market food and more. Among the highlights:

» Mark Reitenga plays on the Bartlett-Travis porch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

» Learn about winterizing your garden tools at the master gardener tent. Bring lawn and garden questions.

» Children's activities include making small haunted houses, mummies and cats.

» Chef Paul cooks from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

» Bring your decorated pie pumpkin (the smaller size normally for cooking) for a decorating contest. You can carve it, paint it, dress it or even use sharpies. Bring all pumpkin entries to the porch of the house at the Market by 11 a.m. Judging begins at 11:15 a.m., with winners announced at noon.

» Get tickets for ghost stories presented by 35th District Judge Ron Lowe and hosted by the Canton Historical Society. The event takes place 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at Summit on the Park.

Tickets are \$10 per family and \$4 for individuals and can be purchased at the pole barn during the Farmers Market or at the Summit. This activity is recommended for ages 8 years and up.

» Save the date: Harvest Market happens from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24 at the Cady-Boyer Barn. Feel free to preorder turkeys from Pure Pastures and pick them up at the Harvest Market. See a company representative this Sunday to order.

» As always, the market this week features a wide array of healthy foods and vendors.

Flexibility is key to successful investing

Q: Dear Rick: I did a reverse mortgage and I used the proceeds to pay off my first mortgage, which has dramatically improved my cash flow. Now my pension and Social Security more than cover my living expenses. An annuity that I have currently pays me 4 percent and that rate is guaranteed for another two years. My agent approached me with an annuity he wants me to roll my current annuity into. He told me there are no penalties and that it has a 5-percent bonus. It is an equity-indexed annuity as opposed to a guaranteed annuity, which I currently have. The new annuity has a 12-year penalty period and, at my age, I'm a little concerned about locking my money up for 12 years. I'm in my mid-70s. My agent says I shouldn't worry, because I could take out a least 10 percent a year from the annuity if I need it. What you think?

A: The best course of action is to do nothing. Your annuity is giving you a guaranteed 4-percent return and in today's



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

world, that is a very good rate of return. I see no benefit to tie your money up for a dozen years. You would be better off to keep your existing annuity until the guaranteed period is up and, at that point in time, make a decision.

Unfortunately, seniors who own annuities all too often find that their agents constantly want them to move their money from one annuity to another.

The enticement is these so-called bonuses that the annuity companies pay.

It is nice when they tell you you're going to get a 5-percent bonus. However, what they don't tell you is how the bonus works. Many people find that in effect it's really not a bonus the way that you and I would think of it.

If you invested \$100,000 and were told you would receive a 5-percent bonus, you

should then have \$105,000. Unfortunately, in the annuity world, it doesn't work that way. The bonus can be offset by returns, which in effect means, it's not a bonus at all.

What many annuity agents don't tell you is the reason they want you to move your money from one annuity to the next is so they can make more money on commissions.

In addition, the reason why many of these agents want you to lock your money up for 12 years is that they receive higher commissions.

I cannot think of any reason in today's low-interest-rate environment why anyone would want to lock up into an annuity for 12 years. It makes no sense. The only one it makes sense for is the annuity agent, who receives higher commissions.

Good luck.

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



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Bloom a flower on region's youth theater scene

'Hansel and Gretel' next for Spotlight

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Barbara Bloom of Novi is thrilled with the cast of the upcoming Spotlight on Youth production of *Hansel and Gretel* she's directing.

"Oh, it's a joy," said Bloom, a theater veteran who is managing director of the group for those ages 5 and up. *Hansel and Gretel* features thespians ages 6-18. "I love my kids. They have so much enthusiasm and they really want to be there. A lot of friendships have been made."

Some of her former students are now in college. "It's fun to see them grow up," said Bloom, who earned a master's degree in communications, including theater,

from Wayne State University.

"I've been doing theater my whole life," Bloom said. "I did professional theater over 10 years. I'm a dancer. In the business, we call it a triple threat when you sing, dance and act."

She's appeared in more than 200 shows in her career and directed more than 80 for all ages: "Adults, children, you name it."

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton is the partnership with Canton Township and the theater's group. Spotlight on Youth's goal is to foster teamwork, good communication skills and a sense of self-confidence.

"Theater brings these to kids," she said. One girl did well in a Disney program, but the main focus is educational "and making it fun. We want it to be fun, bottom line."



Director Barbara Bloom of Novi takes a break from "Hansel and Gretel" rehearsal with a couple of young cast members.

Hansel and Gretel will run Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 17-20, at the theater. The show is divided into two 45-minute acts with a 15-minute intermission. The show is suitable for the entire family.

Bloom has a son and daughter-in-law in White Lake with a daughter, 10. Her granddaughter has

attended Bloom's theater camps.

Bloom was also instrumental in formation of a senior theater group for those over age 50 at the theater in Canton and appeared in a couple of those productions. "I actually started that group as well and that's been handed over to other people now," she said.

She agreed it's key to stay active later in life: "Once you sit down, you don't get back up again. The whole idea is to keep going."

She was born in metro Detroit, but lived in Minnesota's Twin Cities many years before coming back here in 1999. "I did a lot of theater there, mostly directing and choreography," she said of Minnesota.

She's not a playwright: "Maybe something to look at in the future." Bloom is impressed

with the caliber of theater talent here. "I think there's some amazing talent in this area, just amazing." It rivals Broadway, she said.

Bloom encourages people to attend *Hansel and Gretel*.

"It is an adorable show," she said of the contemporary version with an element of surprise. "We have a misunderstood witch in this one which makes it very family-friendly."

The Spotlight on Youth group has a scholarship program to assist with participation fees for young people. "We try to make it open to everybody," Bloom said of participation. The group also presents classes, summer camps and workshops.

Hansel and Gretel will be 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 17-18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20.

Sisters Kate and Lucy Nolan of Canton play *Hansel and Gretel*; Allison White of Farmington Hills plays the Witch; Hayley Roukin of Canton plays Mother; and Derrick Gallagher of Southfield plays Father.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets are \$15 each at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to showtime.

For more information about Spotlight on Youth, go to soy@mi.rr.com.

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Bagpiper Kenton Smith, who played "Amazing Grace," is from Berkley. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MONUMENT

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about photos and video of rescuers heading into the doomed World Trade Center towers while others rushed out. Ficano also remembered William Dickerson, a sergeant in the sheriff's department who was killed in an incident at the county jail while Ficano was sheriff, in his remarks.

Honor roll

The 401 names on the monument are of police officers, firefighters and medical rescuers who lost their lives while on duty for a Wayne County community or whose on-duty injuries later caused their deaths. The first name on it is John Miller, a Detroit firefighter who died in 1867 of injuries suffered in a fall from a ladder; the last is Rodney W. Jones, a Detroit police officer who died this year of a medical condition while participating in a motor-cycle skills event.

"They may have lost their lives, but surely their memories will live on," Ficano said.

Family members of three of the men whose names are on the monument shared stories during the ceremony.

"We survivors remember that person every day," said Diane Philpot, whose husband, Jerry F. Philpot II, a Detroit police officer, was killed in a 1995 shooting. Philpot talked about working to overcome the loss. "It's not closure, it's just — it's a journey that we're on," she said.

Todd Palgut of Plymouth Township told of his grandfather, Charles

Scull, a Dearborn firefighter who was injured in a 1928 house fire, suffered declining health and died in December 1929. At the outset of the Great Depression, Palgut said, the city gave Scull's widow Ida a pension to help her support her five young children, including Palgut's mother, who was just 2 at the time.

"If it weren't for that pension, Ida Scull would've had to split up her family," Palgut said.

Westland firefighter remembered

Bob Woehlke, brother of Brian A. Woehlke, a Wayne-Westland firefighter who died in May of injuries suffered when the roof of a burning building collapsed on him, fought tears after saying the rainy day reminded him of fall days spent on soccer fields with his younger brother. "Brian loved soccer," he said.

Woehlke said his late brother "did everything with enthusiasm and an amazing zest for life," was a rock of support for his wife Jen and a proud father to their daughter Ava. At a Woehlke family outing to a college football game this season, he said, "there was a huge void without our fourth brother."

Jeffrey Collins, deputy county executive, was the master of ceremonies Thursday, while Ed Glomb, chief of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Police, also spoke briefly. The ceremony ended with a rifle salute by the Van Buren Township Police Department, a rendition of *Taps* by a lone bagpiper, a mournful bagpipe version of *Amazing Grace* and a medley by the Franklin choir that included *My Country 'Tis*



The First Responders Memorial is dedicated on a rainy afternoon. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The Livonia Police Department honor guard presents the colors while mounted deputies from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department salute. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Valerie Olander lost her brother, Detroit firefighter Steve Olander, in 2002. She is a resident of Howell. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

of Thee.

Revenue from the county's parks and recreation property tax was used to pay for the First

Responders Memorial and officials hope an annual Heroes on Hines run — five-kilometer (3.1 miles) and half-marathon

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Air Museum events focus on B-24 bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

In October 1943, a meeting took place in Detroit at which the U.S. government and the American auto industry began organizing for war production.

Seventy-three years later, the Yankee Air Museum is holding two events Saturday, Oct. 26, to explore the Motor City's role in World War II and the bomber plant where the B-24 Bomber was built.

The first event, a conference, will be held at the Yankee Air Museum on the grounds of the Willow Run Airport and will look at the Willow Run bomber plant in its larger historical context as a critically important part of the Arsenal of Democracy.

Speakers will include Charles Hyde of Wayne State University, author of *The American Auto-*

mobile Industry in World War II; Michael Davis, author of *Detroit's Wartime Industry: Arsenal of Democracy*; and the Yankee Air Museum's own Randy Hotton, one of the authors of *Willow Run: Birthplace of Rosie the Riveter*.

The program begins with a light lunch at 11:45 a.m. and will conclude by 2:45 p.m. The conference will conclude with a brief presentation on the future of the Willow Run Bomber Plant site.

The second event will be at 3 p.m. and take place in Bay 8 of the airport's Hangar 1 on Kirk Profit Drive at the east end of the airport. According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, people will get a chance to see the area of the bomber plant the museum plans to purchase as well as help the "community un-

derstand what's going to happen."

"It will give the public a last look at the Bomber Plant as it has been and a first look at plans for the future of the site," he said. "People will be able to get close to the plant for sure and look inside. The big doors are open and people will be able to get a sense of the size."

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required by calling the museum at 734-483-4030.

Montgomery added that there's still time to save a portion of the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant as a new home for the Yankee Air Museum. A donation of \$50 will save 1 square foot of the plant. Visit www.savethebomberplant.org to make a donation.

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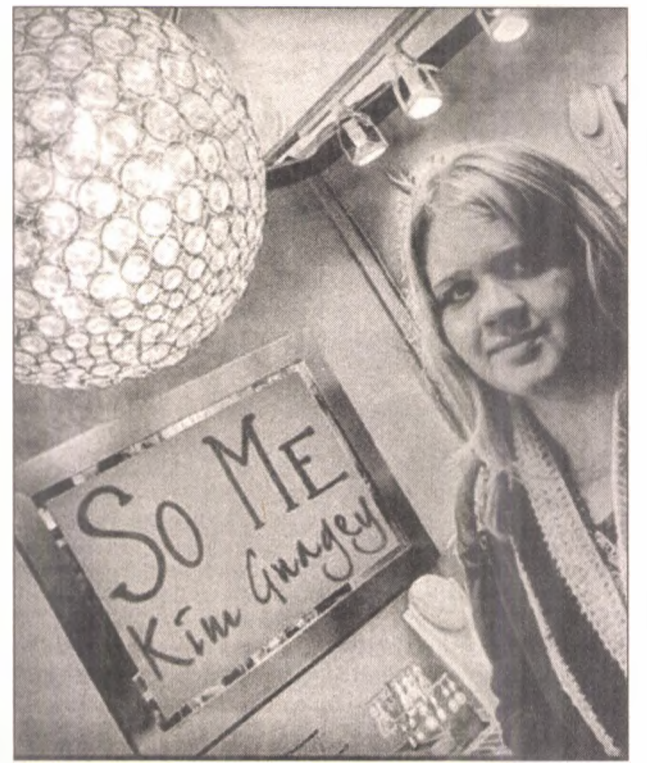
Concert to help fund breast cancer research

Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University graduate Kim Gnagey will join Benny Edwards and his volunteer team of local musicians and singers, known as The Flamingo Incident, in a performance to benefit breast cancer research.

The musicians will perform live at the Farmington Civic Theater 8-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. With the support of area businesses, this concert evening will raise money for Botsford Cancer Center's breast cancer research in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

"It's an opportunity to bring new faces into Farmington and support a good cause," Edwards said. Many Farmington retailers and restaurants are directly sponsoring the event or offering special discounts to concert attendees as a show of support.

The Flamingo Incident will present this benefit concert with all overhead expenses paid, allowing 100 percent of ticket and



Kim Gnagey takes the stage at the Farmington Civic Theater in a concert to benefit breast cancer research.

merchandise sales to go directly to The Botsford Cancer Center. Tickets are \$10 and available at <http://civictickets.ticketbud.com> and the Farmington Civic

Theater during regular operating hours. The Farmington Civic Theater is located at 33332 Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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

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

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

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

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Advertisement for Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will accept sealed bids for the following Project:

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DDA STREETScape

Details are described in the bidding documents.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Landscape maintenance services including but not limited to lawn mowing; fertilization and weed control; shrub pruning and trimming; and management of irrigation system including system winterization and spring start-up.

General Description of Project Area: The Project Area consists of 2 phases. The West Phase of the Project Area extends along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township from General Drive to a short distance past the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Road. The East Phase extends along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township from Eckles Road to a short distance past the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road. The East Phase also extends along Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township just north and south of Ann Arbor Road.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery), starting on Monday, October 21, at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170. In addition, electronic copies of the bidding documents are available online through the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN).

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for 10:00 AM Local Time, on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170. A walking tour of the Project Area will immediately follow the conference. All bidders must attend this meeting prior to submitting a bid.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any proposal if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

REQUIREMENTS

- The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work.
- Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance requirements.
- The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
- The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval of the DDA.
- The term of the contract is three years.
- The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.
- The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

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Charter Township of Plymouth
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

- Z 13-08 418 N. Main
Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback
Zoned: B-3, General Business
Applicant: Coachlamp Properties

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE & SITE PLAN REVIEW:

- SP13-07 Restaurant to Office
710 N. Mill
Zoned: MU, Mixed Use
Applicant: JDB Realty

2. FINAL PUD REVIEW FOR:

- PUD13-01 Starkweather Station
333 Plymouth Road
Current Zoning: O-2, Office
Proposed Zoning: PUD, Planned Unit Development
Applicant: Dev Mar LLC / Mark DeMaria

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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REQUEST PROPOSALS

Letters of Intent Notice

The Senior Alliance requests proposals to provide the following service to persons age 60 and older in the 34 communities of Western and Southern Wayne County. Some Adult Day Services and respite funding will include individuals 18 years of age and older. Not all services listed may result in award of contract.

Adult Day Services

Service period is December 9, 2013 through September 30, 2016. Bidders must provide service in one or more of the following communities. Additional criteria will be provided concerning serving residents of all listed communities.

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Canton Twp.	Inkster	Riverview	Wayne
Dearborn	Lincoln Park	River Rouge	Westland
Dearborn Heights	Livonia	Rockwood	Woodhaven
Ecorse	Melvindale	Romulus	Wyandotte
Flat Rock	Northville	Southgate	
Garden City	Northville Twp.	Sumpter Twp.	

All prospective applicants for FY 2014-2016 (December 9, 2013 – September 30, 2016) funding for the above listed programs must submit a Letter of Intent prior to submitting a formal application. Final funding levels for FY 2014 have not yet been determined however, amounts are not to exceed \$80,000. Complete Letter of Intent requirements can be found at <http://www.aaalc.org>.

TSA will solicit full proposals only with those applicants who submit a complete Letter of Intent by the submission deadline. Letters of Intent may be mailed, dropped off, or emailed to the attention of the TSA Planning & Programs Manager, Bethany Burge (BBurge@tsalinc.org). Letters of Intent must briefly describe the basic elements of the program, major benefits of the applicant agency, major partners, and innovation/sustainability. Letters of Intent must not exceed one page in length. The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents will be available only to those who submit a Letter of Intent in writing no later than Monday November 4, 2013 by 5:00pm.

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For more information please call (734) 727-2061

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Suspects in rash of car break-ins flee through Ohio

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Members of a nationwide organized crime ring are suspected of striking in Livonia last weekend, leaving more than a dozen cars vandalized and broken into.

Livonia Police Sgt. Steve Petsch said several suspects broke into about 15 cars parked at Bicentennial Park and Dickerson Center field on Sunday, gaining entry by smashing side windows. Petsch said the suspects waited until the owners left their cars and then took purses, identification cards, cash and other items with the intention of using that information to steal the victims' identity.

He said the individuals are most likely members of a larger, more organized crime ring that attempts to steal people's identities across the country.

"They're in Wisconsin, Florida," he said. "There's more than just these few people."

Ohio State Highway Patrol said they were notified by Livonia Police Tuesday of the suspects fleeing south and entering Ohio. Troopers followed the suspects, who were in a Dodge Durango, along the Ohio Turnpike and US-24 in Ohio until losing their trail. Troopers believe the vehicle then drove across state lines to Indiana.

At about the same time, Ohio troopers discovered a Lincoln SUV driving in Auglaize County in central Ohio that appeared to be connected with the Durango wanted in the Livonia case. Police pursued the vehicle more than 100 miles before the car was stopped in Sharonville, a

suburb of Cincinnati.

Three suspects are currently being held on fleeing and eluding charges in Ohio. A fourth suspect was also in the Lincoln SUV, but fled on foot. Ohio police were not able to locate or arrest him. Staff Lt. Ann Ralston of the Ohio Highway Patrol said the three arrested are not suspected in committing the crimes in Livonia.

She said the Durango had not been located as of Thursday afternoon.

Petsch said it is unlikely the suspects, if found, would face criminal charges in Livonia, as police would need to obtain a confession or more evidence.

Similar incidents were reported last week in Royal Oak, where several cars had their windows broken out and items stolen from them at Starr-Jaycee Park and Red Run Golf Course. Royal Oak police believe the suspects are connected with those suspected of the crimes in Livonia.

Livonia police remind residents to be aware of their surroundings and to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity when at an area such as a park. They also recommend taking valuable belongings out of the car with them or locking them in the trunk of the vehicle so they are out of sight.

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Fair a 'charitable, community effort'

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Michigan State Fair has grown and succeeded over the last two years since it's been in Novi - and, for that, its organizers want to give back to the community that supports it.

An \$8,000 donation was presented by Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace, home to the State Fair, to the city of Novi at its city council meeting Monday night.

"The event was a huge success in every respect," Bowman said of this year's fair, which was the second in its new home after then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm pulled funding in 2009. It was called the Great Lakes State Fair last year and renamed the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair for 2013.

In 2012, attendance hit 50,000. This year



Blair Bowman (with check on left) presented an \$8,000 donation to the city of Novi, courtesy of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, at Monday's meeting.

that grew to 80,000 over Labor Day weekend, with 150 volunteers making it happen. Bowman said the ultimate goal is to make it the best family event in the state.

He described the fair as a charitable, community effort. More than one-third of the ticket proceeds are going to fair supporter Detroit Shriners' efforts to help children hospital needs. In addition, \$10,000 each was given to support 4-H Club and urban youth scholarship programs. Another \$4,000 was put back into Novi

service groups like the Rotary Club.

Over the last two years, \$32,000 has been donated back into the community from this privately-run operation.

Monday's donation was a way to recognize the city of Novi's efforts and the support it has given to the fair.

"We're making this donation on behalf of the city of Novi employees and departments that helped enormously with making this event a success," Bowman said.

The donation will be primarily devoted to the

Novi Public Library, the Police/Fire Benevolent Association and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

"On behalf of the city council, City Manager Clay Pearson and all of the residents of Novi, we thank you and the Shriners and everybody involved for their hard work," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "We do want to make it the best family event of the state. Novi is a perfect venue for the State Fair and the State Fair is something the state deserves."

Bowman expects the fair to grow in its charitable efforts in the coming years with further help from its local sponsors like Walmart, Bright House Networks and Guernsey Farms Dairy.

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Library announces flurry of new programs

The Canton Public Library has announced programs dealing with children's literacy struggles, time management, creating a family portrait, the secrets to having a happy family and a Halloween celebration.

Here's a closer look:
» At 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, doctors Joanne Pierson and Lauren Katz will lead a discussion "Talking with Parents: Literacy Struggles," to help parents recognize a child's possible literacy

struggles and offer strategies to turn them into success. It's free and open to the public.

» 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, Lara Galloway of www.MomBiz.com will help attendees get a grip on their time during "The Entrepreneur's Guide to Getting Things Done." Learn the principles of managing priorities and time and avoiding the pitfalls that can rob the time needed to get things accomplished. It's free

and open to the public.

» At 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, the library sponsors "Create Your Family Portrait." Craft a portrait of your family for display on the library's Family Wall of Fame, while celebrating the unique makeup of Canton's families. It's free and open to the public.

» At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Hindu Temple of Canton, author Bruce Feiler is leading "Secrets of a

Happy Family." Tickets are required for admittance and are available for free at the library.

» At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, the library sponsors "Target Family Reading Night: Halloween Howls." Children ages 4-8 with a caregiver are invited to wear Halloween costumes, hear a haunting tale, make crafts and join a Halloween parade through the library. Registration is required.

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Jillian to Livonia Town Hall: 'As long as we're here, we might as well make the best of it'

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Hundreds of attendees had all eyes on Ann Jillian as she sang *Wind Beneath My Wings* as a part of her presentation during the Livonia Town Hall lecture series Wednesday morning.

Her message, both in song and speech, was something that captivated first-time attendee Debra Haffey.

"I'm so into positive people," the Bloomfield Hills resident said. "I loved it."

Jillian, a performer best known for her role as Cassie Cranston on the 1980s sitcom *It's a Living*, spoke before several hundred people Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman north of Six Mile. Her talk, the first in the series for this season, focused on several topics, including facing adversity, her family and her struggles with breast cancer, which she was diagnosed with in 1985. She even included a few musical numbers.

She said she didn't bring her husband with her to the doctor until it was all but confirmed she had cancer and told the audience to keep those in their lives close by in times of need. She told a parable of a man who was drowning and denied the help of a man in a canoe, a motorboat and a helicopter, saying he believed God would save him. When the man died and got to heaven, he asked God why he didn't save him and God pointed to the three men who offered their help as his intervention.

"Share your lives with the people you say you share your life with," she said. "We are all some-



The Livonia Town Hall crowd listens to Ann Jillian. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Ann Jillian talks about her breast cancer diagnosis almost 30 years ago.

one's canoe, motorboat or helicopter. It's up to us to

make use of them." Highland resident



Pat Hutchison listens to Ann Jillian's presentation.

Gail Perrin, who has attended the lecture series for many years, said Jillian was one of the best she had seen. She said she truly felt a connection to Jillian's words during the talk, especially

as she spoke of her struggles with breast cancer.

"She was giving a lot of good information about getting checked early," Perrin said. "This is no fluff. She's just like one of us."

'Like one of us'

She spoke of her time performing overseas with Bob Hope, entertaining soldiers in places such as Beirut. She told of how she flew with Hope to a hospital ship, which her parents had always told her was the boat she was conceived on.

"You really had to work with him to be in this industry called show business," she said. "Every time we did a skit or

something together, I'd look and I'd try to see where did this happen?"

In addition to *It's a Living*, she was also featured in such works as *Babes in Toyland*, *Hazel* and *The Ann Jillian Story*, a story based on her life and struggles with cancer. She received a Golden Globe for Best Actress for the television film.

Challenges are a routine occurrence in life, she said, and while they can be difficult to muster sometimes, Jillian said it's best to tackle them and enjoy life as much as possible.

"We've all had our challenges, we've all had our problems to overcome," she said. "As long as we're here, we might as well make the best of it."

Ruth Serrinck, a Farmington Hills resident who has attended the series for several years, was quick to heap praise onto Jillian's performance and words of wisdom.

"She's one of the best we've had," she said.

Livonia Town Hall is celebrating its 50th season this year. Future speakers this season include: U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade on Nov. 20, DIA Director Graham Beal on Jan. 15 and literary lecturer Elliot Engel on March 19.

All lectures include lunch. They begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$140 for the season or \$170 for priority seating.

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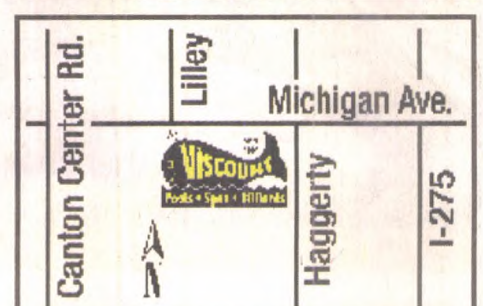


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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Rocks put on a show

High-flying Salem mercies Patriots, 8-0

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After overcoming a tentative start, Salem went into full run-and-gun mode to rout Livonia Franklin 8-0 in the nightcap of Thursday's Division 1 boys soccer district twinbill.

And with the victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium, the Rocks (13-2-6) ensured themselves a rematch against No. 2-ranked Canton in Saturday's district final, which took place after this issue of the

Observer went to press. Canton (17-1-3) won Thursday's first district semifinal, 4-1 over Westland John Glenn.

"I respect a ton of guys they have over there (Canton)," said Salem head coach Scott Duhl, whose team has one win and two ties against the Chiefs. "They're going to cause us fits with some good players centrally and up front."

"It's going to be a matter of who is going to put away some opportunities."

Netting two goals each for the Rocks in the mercy-rule win over the Patriots were senior forward



Salem's Jay Lee (No. 19) hurdles prone Livonia Franklin goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski and goes on to score the Rocks' sixth goal Thursday night. BRIAN QUINTOS

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Lacrosse meeting

An informational meeting for the 2014 Canton boys lacrosse team is slated for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, in the Canton High School library.

All players (including incoming freshmen) and parents are urged to attend.

Contact Maura Topper at 734-454-4864.

Coaches sought

East and Pioneer middle schools are seeking wrestling coaches for the 2013-14 season.

Candidates should be high school graduates who have experience coaching at the middle school or high school level (or at least have experience as an athlete in the sport); knowledge of CPR and/or first aid; a schedule compatible with the school's; ability to work with parents and children,

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State cuts

A number of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls swimmers made MHSAA cuts at last weekend's MISCA meet hosted by Bloomfield Hills High School. They were as follows:

- » 200 medley relay: Salem (Stephanie Solterman, Linda Zhang, Katie Xu, Lisa Zhang), 1:49.45; Canton (Emily Meier, Emily Hagan, Hannah Jenkins, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:54.69.

- » 200 freestyle: Sarah Dombkowski (Plymouth), 1:56.07; Claire Green (Canton), 1:56.56; Julia Suriano (Salem), 1:58.11.

- » 200 IM: Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:06.73; Alexa Earls (Plymouth), 2:13.09; Solterman (Salem), 2:13.78.

- » 50 freestyle: Lisa Zhang (Salem), 24.42.

- » 100 butterfly: Lisa Zhang (Salem), 57.68.

- » 500 freestyle: Green (Canton), 5:04.62; Dombkowski (Plymouth), 5:07.11.

- » 100 backstroke: Molly Rowe (Salem), 59.90; Earls (Plymouth), 1:00.40.

- » 100 breaststroke: Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:05.00; Jenkins (Canton), 1:08.55; Xu (Salem), 1:09.87.

- » 400 freestyle relay: Salem (Lisa Zhang, Patricia Freitag, Suriano, Linda Zhang), 3:37.93.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE TITLE GAME

Chiefs hammered



Canton defender Jalen Cochran (No. 81) closes in on Northville quarterback Joe Hewlett (No. 7) during Friday's game. ANN ESPINOZA

Northville offense romps in 42-30 triumph

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Things got off to a shaky start Friday night for the Canton Chiefs, with a costly penalty and fumble virtually handing Northville an early touchdown.

The Mustangs took it from there to win 42-30 in the KLAA Kensington Conference football title showdown at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Led by Northville senior quarterback Joe Hewlett and his favorite wide receiver — senior Sean Conway, back after missing a few games due to injury — the Mustangs prevailed to win the conference championship for the first time.

Hewlett completed 18 of 23 passes for 252 yards, with Conway grabbing nine for 122 yards and two TDs.

Northville led 21-15 at half-time and broke the game wide open with 21 points in the third.

The defeat spoiled an outstanding game by Canton senior running back Westen Price, who scored on touchdown runs of 22, 65 and 85 yards and tallied 262 yards overall on 20 carries.

Won't be forgotten

"I don't know whether we played well or not," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "But I know we played hard and tonight wasn't a fluke. We put it on them pretty good. We feel really, really proud of that."

"But the reality is it's very likely we're going to be in a district with these guys, and Canton looks at this and they're not going to forget this night. We could very easily see them in two weeks or three weeks."

Both teams will enter the final week of the regular season sporting 7-1 records.

According to Chiefs' senior James Hall, who was one of the players trying in vain to stop Northville's constant offensive pressure, watching an opponent seize the conference title on their turf was a bitter pill to swallow.

"It's tough, but it's a wake-up call," Hall said. "We'll just go back to the drawing board and work really hard next week."

Hall admitted that Northville is "a big team, but that's no excuse for us. We might be small, but hey, we can't get outphysicaled and that's what happened."

Great protection

Gripping the game ball along a fence as Northville fans pounded his shoulder fans for a game well done, Hewlett said the impressive win was due to hard work, preparation — and having the 6-3, 197-pound Conway back in the lineup.

"It's just unbelievable," said Hewlett, who added to Canton's misery by running 14 times for 142 yards and three scores. "The protection all night was great, they opened up great running lanes for us and having Conway

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Salem second in Kensington meet

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

How good was Northville's performance in Thursday's KLAA Kensington girls cross country meet?

The Mustangs, the Wayne County champions, went one-two-three and garnered five of the top seven places in the 12-school meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Ironically, Northville's eighth- and 12th-place individual finishers had to be tossed out of the scoring as the Mustangs totaled a mind-boggling 18 points.

Rounding out the top six teams were Salem (58), Canton (100), Livonia Franklin (114), Livonia Churchill (136) and Livonia Stevenson (159).

Northville senior Taleen Shahrigan seized the 5,000-meter race in 17:59.84 followed



Salem's Anya Cho, shown here from the county meet, finished sixth overall at Thursday's Kensington Conference meet. ANN ESPINOZA

by teammates Lexa Barrott and Cayla Eckenroth, who took second and third, respectively, in 18:15.23 and 18:18.68.

Rachel Coleman added fifth (18:48.73), while Erin Zimmer took seventh (18:58.62) as the Mustangs repeated as Kensington champs.

Able to break up the Northville domination were two Salem runners as senior Kayla Kavulich took fourth in 18:35.57 and junior Anya Cho added sixth in 18:55.02.

Considering Northville's domination, there was no shame in finishing second in the team standings.

"I think we raced very well," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "It's tough going into a meet like this when you have a front-runner like Northville, a team that is ranked first, and or second, in Division 1, along with the firepower that they actually have."

Three other Salem runners

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KENSINGTON CONFERENCE MEET

Plymouth harriers place 2nd

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Fighting for second place in the KLAA Kensington Conference boys cross country meet isn't such a bad thing after all — just ask Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz.

That's because it would have taken a natural disaster to unseat Northville as the defending champion.

The Mustangs, putting five runners in the top 10 led by individual winner Dan Sims (15:54.2 for 5,000 meters), appear to be in peak form after running away

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

PRIMETIME PLAYERS

Freshmen Steelers pumped for Ford Field cameo

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Move over, Megatron. Step aside, Stafford.

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshmen football team is taking over Ford Field Sunday afternoon.

OK, it's only for a six-minute halftime cameo during the Detroit Lions' game against Cincinnati, but, hey, you have to start somewhere.

The Steelers, who have started their season 6-0, will scrimmage against the Berkley Steelers in a dream-come-true matchup for both young squads.

Both teams' cheerleading squads will also perform. Each team will receive a three-minute set of plays on offense and defense in front of the expected sellout crowd of approximately 60,000 people.

"It's going to be a little scary, playing in front of that many people," admitted Steelers middle linebacker/tight end Aidan "Foot Soldier" Tafelski, "but the coaches told us to just go out and have fun, so we will."

When Tafelski initially found out about the once-in-a-lifetime experience that was planned for him and his teammates, he had a hard time containing his joy.

"I shouted, 'Yessss!'" Tafelski recalled prior to Wednesday's practice,

while throwing in an emphatic fist pump for effect. "I'm very excited. We all are."

The Steelers can thank longtime coach Paul Hult for what promises to be an unforgettable adventure. Hult has been on a seven-year mission to get a Steelers team involved in the Lions' halftime shows.

When he received an affirmative response from the NFL team in August, his reaction was probably similar to Tafelski's.

"I've been submitting our team every year since 2006, and we finally got it this year," said Hult. "When I told them we had a good shot of getting it at 'Meet the Coaches Night' in early-August, they just erupted. It will be an

exciting day."

Hult will arrive at Ford Field around 10:30 a.m. with all the team's equipment. The players and their families will watch the first quarter of the game in a specially-reserved section before heading to the locker room during the second quarter to get padded up.

Once halftime hits, as the Steelers walk out toward the field through the tunnel, they will no doubt cross paths with the Lions, who will be headed toward their locker room, which means Tafelski may get to share a quick high-five with his favorite player: Calvin "Megatron" Johnson.

"That," Tafelski added, "would be very cool."

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The Plymouth-Canton Steelers football team, their coaches and support staff are fired up for Sunday's scrimmage during halftime of the game between the Detroit Lions and Cincinnati Bengals at Ford Field. ED WRIGHT

Salem victorious in OT at Franklin; Lions stymie Plymouth

Salem's Christian Pearson recovered a fumble in the end zone in overtime Friday to give the Rocks a 31-24 KLAA crossover victory at Livonia Franklin.

Franklin lost despite out-gaining Salem, 464-223.

The Patriots (3-5) got TD runs from Caleb Finamore (53 yards) and Brandon Davis (1 yard) while Kyle Riley hit Nathan Rodgers with a touchdown pass.

Alejandro Castillo also added a 25-yard field goal in the third quarter to give Franklin a 24-17 advantage.

Salem's Drake Jordan returned the opening kickoff 99 yards for a score to spark the Rocks, who improved to 2-6 on

the season.

Jordan had an outstanding game, with 210 all-purpose yards.

Rocks quarterback Alex Nicholson threw a pair of TD passes, including a 22-yarder to Chris Cook followed by a 48-yard screen pass to Jordan during the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

Nicholson was 13-of-33 passing for 171 yards while Rodgers led Franklin's rushing attack with 111 yards on 12 carries.

Franklin blocked two Salem field goal attempts in the final period.

Wildcats stopped

Plymouth fell to 5-3 for the season with Friday's 19-6 loss at home against South Lyon.

The Lions (6-2) opened the scoring in the KLAA crossover when Vince Candela connected on a 22-yard field goal in the first quarter.

South Lyon added to that lead before halftime, when Nico Woods (24-107) scored on a 17-yard run.

That lead was padded to 16-0 in the third when quarterback Anton Skupin threw an 8-yard scoring strike to Joe Newman.

Plymouth finally got on the board before the end of the frame when quarterback AJ Convertino scored on a 3-yard

run. He finished with 51 yards in seven rushing attempts and completed nine of 22 passes for 147 yards.

Another Candela field goal completed the night's scoring.

Other Wildcats of note included running back DJ Rossell (15 carries, 45 yards) and receivers Connor Stella (4-79) and Matt Busch (2-46). Stella and Busch each caught a pass for 41 yards.

LUTH. WESTLAND 48, CHAVEZ 20: On Friday, host Lutheran High Westland (2-6) kept the potent aerial game of Detroit Cesar Chavez (3-5) to a manageable number in a non-conference victory.

The Warriors outgained the Aztec Eagles in total offense,

433-345.

Lutheran Westland led 14-0 after one quarter thanks to a 2-yard TD run by Austin Olson followed by another 2-yard run from Jacob Davenport.

Davenport's interception set up the first score, while the second TD came on a 12-play, 54-yard drive.

Chavez scored early in the second quarter on the first of three Omar Salih TD passes, but Olson added two more TD runs before the half ended going 36 and 3 yards.

Leading 27-6 at the half, the Warriors increased their lead to 33-6 on Davenport's 5-yard TD run. He also scored on a 2-yard TD run before the quarter ended.

Teeing off at finals



The Plymouth varsity girls golf team, led by Sydney Murphy (pictured), finished Friday's opening day of the Division 1 state finals at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West course in first place with 358 strokes. Also there after qualifying individually is Canton's Kelsey McDougall. Go to hometownlife.com for details of the finals as they become available. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

CHIEFS

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back, first week back in a few weeks, we really missed him.

"He's one of our top receivers and it's awesome to have him back. He's such a reliable target to throw to."

Canton did gain 400 rushing yards in 15 attempts, led by Price, junior Chuck Turfe (12-64, one TD) and senior Chase Winningham (7-53).

Northville, however totaled 470 yards of offense.

The contest perhaps turned right from the get-go as Canton wasted an opportunity to grab some early momentum.

Hall returned five kickoffs for 74 yards overall, but a penalty nullified his big gainer on the opening boot.

Adding insult to injury, the Chiefs fumbled the ball over to Northville's David Moorman inside the Canton 30.

Northville converted a few plays later when senior Patrick Hannah scored from the 1-yard line with 9:24 remaining in the first.

Quick response

The Chiefs bounced back to even the game at 7-7 with under two minutes to play in the frame



Canton quarterback Greg Williams (No. 7) follows a block from teammate Nathan Michalik (No. 63) during Friday's game. ANN ESPINOZA

when Price drove through the middle of the line for a 17-yard TD.

Winningham helped spark the 87-yard touchdown drive with carries of 17 and 14 yards.

The Mustangs regained the lead early in the second quarter on an 11-yard run by Hewlett and tacked on another TD for good measure with 58 seconds to play in the half for a 21-7 edge.

Hewlett moved his team quickly — the scor-

ing drive took only 30 seconds — with passes of 23, 32 and five yards to Conway.

Undaunted, the Chiefs showed some fight when Price took a handoff from junior quarterback Greg Williams and romped 64 yards for a touchdown.

Williams then completed a 2-point conversion pass to Turfe to make it a 21-15 game at halftime.

Any thoughts the

Chiefs might have had of making a game out of it were dashed when the Mustangs needed just 1:30 to open the third quarter with a touchdown.

Hewlett broke away from tacklers and took it down the right side of the field for a 58-yard score and a 28-15 lead.

After Canton had a three-and-out series, the Mustangs opened up a 35-15 spread with 8:59 remaining in the third.

Following a 42-yard pass from Hewlett to senior Evan Wieland, the quarterback carried it into the end zone from seven yards out.

Hewlett hurdled a Canton defender at the goal line to put an exclamation point on the play.

Late redemption

Before the third ended, Hewlett completed a 10-yard pass to Conway in the back of the end zone and it was 42-15.

Canton scored twice late in the fourth to make the outcome more respectable.

With 2:56 remaining, Turfe tallied a 3-yard TD run to finish an 80-yard drive that took 14 plays.

Then, with just 30 seconds on the clock and Canton stuck at Northville's 15-yard line, Price took the first-down handoff and went the distance.

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Livonia native composes musical tribute to Upper Peninsula towns

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Blake Morgan wants to take you on a musical trip to the Upper Peninsula.

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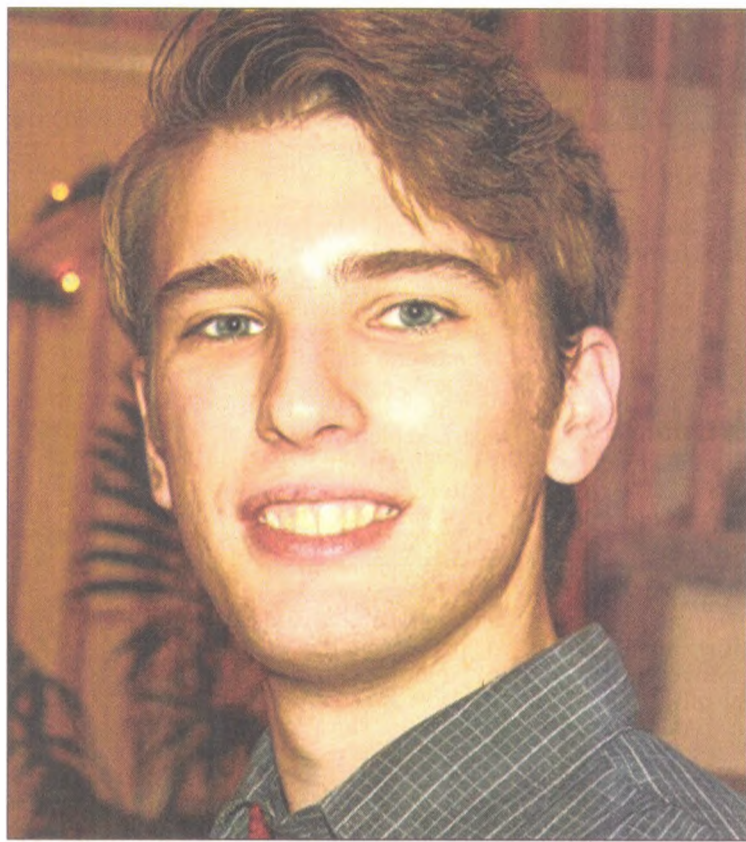
"When I was living in Houghton I was blown away by the experience," said Morgan, 22, a Livonia native who is finishing his undergraduate degree at Western Michigan University. "I worked for a summer youth program at Michigan Tech. I was blown away that in the middle of hundreds of miles of nature that there existed this city with so much spirit and character. It was so appealing to me."

The experience, along with subsequent summer visits to the city located in the Keweenaw Peninsula, inspired Morgan to pen a collection of songs. The 2009 Churchill High School graduate also performed and recorded the vocals tracks, drum, piano, bass and guitar parts for the CD, later adding "the orchestration of strings, horns, and funky sax solos to many of the songs." Musician friends perform the woodwind, string, brass and harp parts.

Fundraising

Morgan plans to release the CD after finishing his semester of student teaching in December. He'll receive a degree in vocal music performance and in music education, along with teaching certification.

In the meantime, he hopes to raise \$3,000 on the crowdfunding website, Kickstarter.com, to pay for professional mixing, mastering, CD manufacturing and duplication, and design and promotion. If he raises more than his funding goal, he will apply it to a CD



Blake Morgan got his 'ear' for music from his dad, Richard.

release concert in Houghton.

If he doesn't raise \$3,000 by Nov. 4, he'll lose all money pledged to the campaign, according to Kickstarter rules.

But Morgan, who records and often performs under the name, "Esto," is well on his way to achieving his goal. As of Friday, visitors to his campaign page had pledged a little more than \$2,700.

Backers also receive incentives for giving. A digital download of the album, hard copy of the CD, T-shirts, private music lessons, a photo book, and a private concert are among some of the gifts.

Musical trip north

Morgan gives viewers a taste of the CD and a tour of

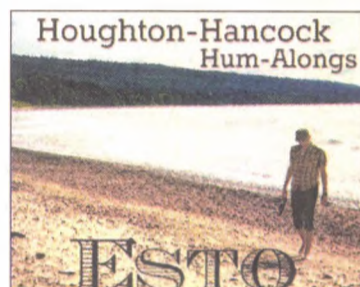
Houghton in a 10-minute video that humorously pitches the project idea and offers a glimpse into his musical experience and motivation.

"I want each song to build upon the other," said Morgan, during a phone interview with the *Observer*. "The record starts out upbeat and full of energy. That tapers out and the middle of the record is a more melancholy approach to Houghton. The record ends with a chorus ... with sunset. I didn't just pick a bunch of random songs. It's more of a listening experience of being in Houghton. The whole record tells a story."

Morgan's own story as a composer started at Coolidge Elementary School when he



Blake Morgan sings and plays guitar at a recital.



Blake Morgan's "Houghton-Hancock Hum-Alongs" CD pays tribute to the two cities in the Keweenaw Peninsula.



"DownBeat" Magazine named Blake Morgan (lower left corner) a top vocal jazz soloist this year.

parents, Rayleen and Richard, for supporting his childhood interest in music.

"My dad was very involved with music. He made an extension kick pedal drum on the drum set because I couldn't reach it as a 3-year-old," Morgan said. "When he was younger he played with Tina Turner. I got my 'ear' from him."

"I love a lot of things, but music takes the cake for me," he added. "Writing songs is the way I breathe. It's a way to connect with what comes out of me naturally."

To view Morgan's Kickstarter campaign page, visit www.kickstarter.com and in the search box, type in *Houghton-Hancock Hum-Alongs*.

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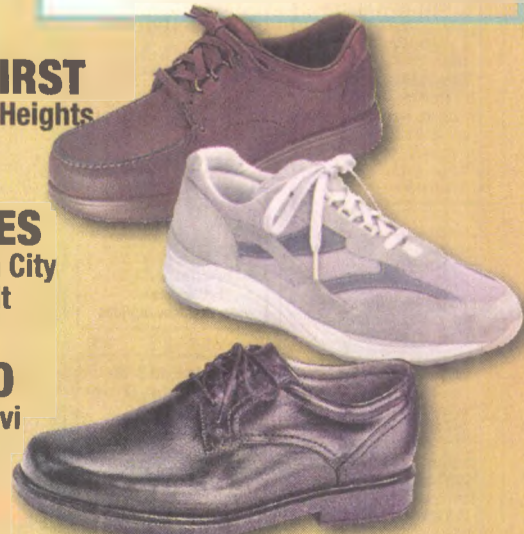
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Get into the Halloween spirit for a good cause

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chicks4Charities' second annual Fright Night Road Rally is more than a scavenger hunt on wheels.

After drawing 500 participants last year for a nighttime cruise through Plymouth, the event has turned into a full-blown festival.

"We had such a great turnout last year for our rally and feedback from people who came to it. We decided it needed to be bigger," said Lisa Swanson, Chicks4Charities president. "We were approached by some individuals in Northville and we found opportunities to make it bigger. It will give us a good stage for our cause."

All proceeds from the Fright Night Festival & Road Rally will fuel the organization's "No Child Goes Hungry" campaign, which funds local food programs.

The rally is the centerpiece of the festival, which will run 3-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in downtown Northville. Teams can register in advance online or at the festival. Cost is \$30 for individuals or \$140 for teams of five. The rally



One requirement of last year's Chicks4Charities Fright Night Road Rally was to find chickens. This team did.

starts at 6 p.m. and will challenge participants to decipher clues, solve puzzles and complete specific actions — sometimes snapping photos as proof — along a route through the Northville area. Correct answers net points that are totaled at the end of the game to decide the rally winners. The first place team will receive \$500.

"We tried to make it hard," Swanson said, referring to the route through Plymouth last year. "We tried to go even harder this year."

Teams last year had to find a chicken and take a photo with it, figure out which items at a local Taco Bell added up to \$6.66 with tax, and photograph a ouija board in a cemetery, among other tasks.

"We found people loved it," she said.

Swanson, a South Lyon resident, and Janice Reissenweber of Plymouth are coordinating the rally. Chicks4Charities also received lots of volunteer help with the festival.

"We added about 50



The Flutter & Wow, a local band, will perform at the Fright Night Festival in Northville. It won second place in the road rally last year.

volunteers since last year and partnered with a lot of groups. Chrysler is sending a lot of people," Swanson said.

Paying it forward

Swanson's mother-in-law, Pat Swanson, founded Chicks4Charities in 2008 as a way of giving back to the community. About a dozen women came together to donate money for charitable causes and form the group's core membership. They've raised nearly \$100,000 for numerous nonprofit organizations, such as Gleaners Food Bank, The Miracle League of Plymouth and the Breast Cancer Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

The group's mission is to "encourage and empower women to step up and pay it forward by helping those in need" in southeastern Michigan. It offers guidance, information and resources to help women make positive changes in their communities.

In addition to the rally proceeds, the entry fees for a wine and beer tasting, canine costume contest, adult costume contest and children's treasure hunt will benefit the No Child Goes Hungry campaign. Participants can sign up for those activities at the event.

Festival activities

The Flutter and Wow, a local band that partici-

pated in the first rally, will return as festival entertainers this year. They will kick off the event at 3 p.m. Other musical acts include The School of Rock House Band at 6 p.m., Bocco from 6:45-11 p.m. on the outdoor stage and The Dale Hicks Band from 6-11 p.m. on the Brick's of Northville stage. The American Dance Academy will perform at 5:45 p.m.

Carnival games will run from 3-6 p.m. and children, 12 and under, can participate in a Haunted Fairy Door Treasure Hunt.

"Northville is known for its fairy doors. We'll use 10 of them," Swanson said. Youngsters will follow maps to find the tiny doorways hidden inside and outside of downtown stores. Everyone will receive a prize.

Food trucks will be on hand during the festival and live music with dancing will continue to 11 p.m. The canine costume contest is set for 4 p.m. and an adult costume contest will end the rally at 9 p.m.

For more information about Chicks4Charities and its Fright Night Festival and Road Rally, visit chicks4charities.net.



One-year breast cancer survivor Karen Anderson (left) of Canton; Bloomfield Hills resident Marlene Rosenberg, founder of "Marlene's Wigs With Love" at Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield and four-year breast cancer survivor Nancy Mannix of Commerce Township support the Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES



Elaine Beneson (left) of Commerce Township enjoys the luncheon with her daughter, Ilene Bez of Farmington Hills.



Farmington Hills resident Lisa Lis (left) is shown with her daughter, Ariella Lis Raviv of Royal Oak at the Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon. Lis co-chaired the event with her mother, Florine Mark of Farmington Hills.

Events benefit Pink Fund, breast care center

Since 1993, Ford Motor Company has been very active in the fight against breast cancer, dedicating more than \$120 million to the cause. In addition, Ford

has partnered with many breast cancer-related charities, including The Pink Fund with its Ford Warriors in Pink clothing line and outreach initiative.



Julie Yolles
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price goes to Saks' Key to the Cure campaign to fight women's cancers.

Benefit luncheon

Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield was the host site on Oct. 2 for the 9th Annual Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon to also benefit the Francee and Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital along with the Josephine Ford Cancer Institute benefited from Saks' Annual Key to the Cure event. It was a fun Girls' Night out of beauty, cocktails, appetizers, psychics, makeup artists, music and more. Saks unveiled the annual 2013 Key to the Cure limited edition T-shirt, designed by Emilio Pucci. For every Key to the Cure shirt purchased through October (\$35), 100 percent of the purchase



Closet NV owner Lisa Rosenberg (left) her husband, Mark, and Florine Mark of Farmington Hills, enjoy the Pink Fund Dancing with Survivors event at Art Van Furniture in Warren. Mark attended the event to support her daughter, Sheri Mark, a six-year breast cancer survivor who participated in the dance showcase.



In keeping with the theme of the Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon, are daughters and mother, Michelle Blum (left) and Karen Blum of Farmington Hills and Melissa Blum of Birmingham.

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PERIODIC SYNDROMES

Periodic syndromes are medical conditions that re-occur with each episode repeating the same pattern.

The best known periodic syndrome is Familial Mediterranean Fever. It starts with intense abdominal pain as if a person had acute appendicitis or an inflamed peptic ulcer. Often the individual undergoes an emergency bowel operation as the condition looks like a medical emergency.

When the pain returns and has the same appearance as the previous episode, physicians are alerted that the patient may be experiencing a periodic syndrome. In the case of Familial Mediterranean Fever physicians can do testing to prove the diagnosis. Since therapy exists in Familial Mediterranean Fever that will stop the abdominal pain from re-occurring, diagnosis is important.

A number of arthritic conditions exhibit the same periodicity. In people with Lupus, a stimulus such as prolonged exposure to sunlight will set off a response of malaise, fevers to 102 F or higher, joint swelling and rash. Several of these episodes and their resolution with steroids allows the physician to make a diagnosis and initiate therapy before prolonged debilitating effects of the Lupus can take effect.

An unusual expression of a periodic syndrome is in Muckle-Wells disease. In this case, a protein meant to restrict inflammation goes awry with the result that inflammation flares throughout the body. The individual becomes deaf and experiences painful joint swelling. In addition, the person develops welts over the body called angioedema. These welts are itchy and painful. Diagnosis is important because medications specific for the condition can stop the flare that is occurring and prevent a future episodes.

luncheon benefit provided 14,000 mammograms at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

Healthy cooking

Congratulations to Pink Fund Founder and CEO, Molly MacDonald, who has been named a 2013 Pink Power Mom by the Pink Power Mom program.

The honor is well-deserved. MacDonald and The Pink Fund have been especially busy this month, including their first-ever, highly successful Dancing with the Survivors event at Art Van Furniture. The Pink Fund will next benefit from special local appearances of the Twice

Baked Twins, Judy Vig and Joy Paoletti, Celebrity Chefs and Food Network Challenge winners. Vig and Paoletti will demonstrate healthy cooking and will sign books at noon, Sunday, Oct. 27 at the Old World Olive Co. store in downtown Plymouth; noon, Monday, Oct. 28 at its downtown Birmingham store and 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Vig is a breast cancer survivor. Ten percent of the book sales through October will be donated to The Pink Fund.

Contact Julie Yolles at jjyolles@comcast.net or (248) 642-9465.

MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT

MALEC-MURPHY

Andrea Malec and David Murphy announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Andrew Frank and Gloria Malec of Dearborn Heights, is a 1991 graduate of Dearborn High School. She is employed by Dr. J.H. Weiss DDS PC Dental Associates in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiancé, son of Brian and Robin Murphy of Livonia, is a 1997 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and is employed by PetSmart in Livonia.

The couple plans to wed in 2014 in Costa Rica.



David Murphy and Andrea Malec

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Robert J. and Susan L. (Conklin) Gress of Livonia marked their 50th anniversary Oct. 11. The couple married in 1963 at Magnolia United Methodist Church, in Southfield.

Their children are William Gress of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Steven Gress of Livonia.

Robert and Susan have lived in the area for 45 years. Both are retired.



Robert and Susan Gress of Livonia on their wedding day in 1963

ENGAGEMENT



Robert Leonard Dixon and Jennifer Ann Rekul

REKUC-DIXON

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Rekul of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Dixon of Northville are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Ann Rekul and Robert Leonard Dixon.

The future bride is a 2005 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, and works as a chiropractic assistant in Novi. The future groom

is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School and a U.S. Army veteran who served with the 25th Infantry Division and 101st Airborne. Robert works as a financial sales consultant for PNC Bank, and is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

The couple currently resides in Wixom. A wedding is planned for November 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle David and Laura Kay (Snyder) Washer

SNYDER-WASHER

Laura Kay Snyder and Kyle David Washer were married April 6, 2013 at Guardian Angels Church in Clawson. A reception followed the ceremony at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Louanne Snyder of Holly. She is a graduate of Holly High School and Central Michigan University, where she received degrees in elementary education, early childhood

and special education. Laura is a special education teacher for Rochester Schools.

The groom is the son of Bob and Debbie Washer of Farmington Hills. Kyle graduated from Farmington High School and Central Michigan University, where he received degrees in entrepreneurship, hospitality and food service administration. Kyle is a sales representative for Vintage Wine Company.

The couple resides in Rochester Hills.

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CAREY, LOIS WYMAN

79, died at her home in Wolfeboro, NH. Born in Newton, MA, daughter of the late Eliot and Grace (Pingree) Wyman, she grew up in Wolfeboro and graduated from Brewster Academy. Lois lived in the Birmingham area for many years after attending Albion College. She was a member of the First Congregational Church, Orchard Lake Country Club, Birmingham Historical Society, The Village Woman's Club, PEO Sisterhood Chapter P. In 1980 Lois and her husband retired to Wolfeboro, NH. Pre-deceased by a daughter Jane W. Carey, she is survived by her husband Rolph D. Carey, sons R. Douglas Carey of Brooksville, ME, Stephen W. Carey of Key West, FL and grandson Nicholas Carey.

MAIR, MARY LOU

Age 81, of South Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, Fenton and Hawks, MI, passed away Oct. 14, 2013. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MEREDITH, STEWART R. "RED"

Of Farmington, age 79, died October 17th, 2013 at his home. Visitation Sunday, October 27, 2-9 pm at The Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Funeral service Monday October 28, 11:00am. For further information, please visit: heeneys-sundquist.com or 248-474-5200.

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OVERHOLT, JANE

October 15, 2013. Dearest wife of Gene. Loving mother of Carole (William) Brooks, Barbara (Michael) Toth and Jodi (Howard) Ring. Proud Grandmother of Jason (Amy) Brooks, Kristin (Scott Schopieray) Brooks and Megan (Peter) Aurora. Also survived by 5 Great-Grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 3-7 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. The family will gather with friends Monday 10 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth (at Beck). Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation (for the Overholt Scholarship Fund). To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



PLESTER, MICHAEL D.

Age 41 of Telluride, Colorado, passed away October 10, 2013. He was born on May 8, 1972 in Farmington Hills, MI; son of David and Karen (nee Bouffard) Plester. Michael graduated from Churchill High School in 1990 and received his Associates Degree from Henry Ford Community College. At 25 years of age Mike's dream of living in Colorado came true when he accepted a job transfer. For many years he worked as an electronics technician for Media Ranch in Telluride. Mike was a true outdoorsman and nature lover. He enjoyed snowboarding, mountain biking, boating, hiking, backpacking, kayaking and camping. Mike was an adventurous thrill seeker, which included snowboarding down the back of a mountain to riding his jeep on dangerous trails. When he was 12 years old his family took a trip out West with the final destination being Disney Land; they stopped along the way to camp in Colorado and he told his parents he would rather stay camping than go to Disney. He was very kind, caring, and loving. Mike loved life and had a great sense of humor. Mike is survived by his parents Dave and Karen Plester; his wife Sara Felton, and his grandparents Marie Plester and Wallace Bouffard. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Laurence Plester, his grandmother Anne Marie Bouffard, and his aunt Carol Tallman. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 20 from 2-4pm with the funeral service beginning at 4pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to National Park Trust, 401 E. Jefferson St., Ste. 203, Rockville, MD 20850

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STETTNER, RICHARD JAMES

Died October 15, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Fannie Mae and Frederick F. Stettler. Richard married Wilmajean Ketchum December 27, 1944. They met while working as cartographers making maps for the Army Map Service. Richard and Wilmajean started their married life in Pecos, Texas at the Pecos Army Air Field where Richard trained to be a Navigator on the B-29 aircraft in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war ended they moved back to Indianapolis where Richard attended Purdue University, graduating with high honors as a Chemical Engineer. His fascination with all types of engines led him to earn two patents for fuel properties in car and aircraft engines along with Allison Engine Company. They later moved to Michigan where he worked as an Engineer with General Motors. In addition, he worked in the U.K. with Rolls Royce on aircraft engines. After a long and successful career, Richard and Wilmajean retired to Naples, Florida to enjoy a warmer climate - PARADISE! The one thing Richard loved more than designing engines was spending time with family and friends. He was a patient and loving man who spent hours teaching his grandchildren to fish and learn about the outdoors at the lake cottage he designed and built in Indiana. He taught them about wildlife, butterflies, bugs and snakes and most importantly about the majic of America's wonderful outdoors. His gentle ways of teaching appealed to children's learning and interest. Richard also loved playing golf with his many dear friends and family. Richard shared his life and faith with family and friends - a life surrounded with peaceful joy! He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Frederick F. and Eugene and their wives, Mildred and Ann. Richard is survived by his loving wife of nearly 68 years, Wilmajean; son, Robert Richard Stettler; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Kay and Gerald Rene Christin; five grandchildren, Jeremy James Stettler and wife Katie, Joel Stettler, Justin Stettler and wife Jennifer, Patricia Stettler Fry and husband Ryan and Gerald R. Christin, III; and two great granddaughters, Coralyn and Adelle Fry. A Celebration of Richards life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory can be made to the Humane Society of Naples, 370 Airport Pulling Rd, Naples, FL 34104; Humane Society of Brazil, 8280 N County Road 125 W Brazil, IN 47834; Avow Hospice, 1095 Whipoorwill Lane, Naples, Florida 34105 or the American Heart Association, 28441 Bonita Crossings Blvd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. For online condolences, please visit www.fullernaples.com



STROEBEL, CLINTON

October 16, 2013, Age 89 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Aileen. Beloved father of Lynne (Douglas) Scherbarth and Mark. Proud Gramps of Bethany Scherbarth, Heidi (Andrew) Tompkins, Kristin Scherbarth (fiance Garth Witmer), Eric Scherbarth and Great-Grandpa of Verity and Marius Tompkins. Dear brother of Dorothy Schultz, Richard and Robert (Leticia), the late Ralph and the late Catherine Tackabury. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Monday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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VanALSTEN, MARY F.

A former resident of Redford, Township and former director of public relations at Madonna College, died on Friday October 18, 2013 at MidMichigan Medical Center. Mary was at Madonna during the period of greatest growth, 1943 to 1986 and worked closely with Sister Lauriana and Sister Francilene on development of the college's fund raising goals. She was born in Greene, New York on April 28, 1926 and educated at Keuka College, Keuka Park, New York, from which she graduated in 1948. Active in her Redford neighborhood, she served four years on the Board of Education of the South Redford School District and in leadership positions of Girl Scouts and PTA. Mary was an active booster of Thurston High School sport and academic activities. In 1955, she was part of a nucleus of Redford citizens who started the Observer Newspapers, writing much of the weekly copy at her kitchen table during its first year. After retiring from Madonna, Mary and her husband Roy, a retiree of the Ford Motor Company Scientific Laboratory, were volunteers at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. They moved to Midland, Michigan in 1995. Surviving is her husband Roy VanAlsten; children, William Roy VanAlsten of Paris, France, Dr. John G. VanAlsten of Niantic, CT, Janet S. VanAlsten of Thousand Oaks, CA; seven grandchildren. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has been arranged through the Wilson MILLER Funeral Home, 4210 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, Michigan where there will be no services. Mary's remains will be buried in the family plot in Valley View Cemetery, Sherrill, NY. Memorial tributes may be made to the Moore Memorial Library, Greene, NY 13778 or to Doctors Without Borders, PO Box 5022, Hagerstown, MD 21741. Personal messages of condolence to the family may be offered at www.wilson-miller.com

WILLIS, VIRGINIA M.

Age 94 October 16, 2013. Beloved wife of the late James S. 'Sam'. Loving mother of Serena (Jack) Oliphant, Lee, Jim (Sherry Johnson) and Sue (Bob) Blanchard. Grandmother of John & Mark Oliphant, Matt (Elizabeth), Manning (Theresa), Victor and Colin (Anna) Blanchard. Great grandmother of Eric, Jennifer and Chris Oliphant and Daphne Willis. Funeral services were held.

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Clinical trial tests new treatment for rare adrenal cancer

One of the most challenging cancers to treat is also one of the rarest, which only adds to the challenge of finding potential new therapies. Now adrenal cancer researchers at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center are ready to apply the results of their laboratory studies to a clinical trial to test a potential new therapy in patients.

Researchers Tom Kerppola, Ph.D., and Gary Hammer, M.D., Ph.D., collaborated to test a new compound, ATR-101, in cell lines and mice. Their studies found that ATR-101 selectively killed the adrenal and adrenal cancer cells with very little effect on other cells in the body.

Less than a year after these findings, ATR-101 is now in a phase I clinical trial at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, testing the safety of the compound in people with advanced adrenocortical carcinoma. The trial, which is the first time this compound is being tested in humans, will enroll 21 participants. The drug is a pill taken orally.

The ATR-101 study is offered by Atterocor Inc., a Michigan-based company that was co-founded by Hammer to develop new adrenal cancer therapies. Hammer serves as a consultant to Atterocor and is chairman of the scientific advisory board. He is not involved in the clinical trial at U-M.

"Many adrenal cancer patients are desperate for new therapeutic options, and ATR-101 is one of the few compounds in the world directed at this ultra-rare disease," said Gary Hammer, M.D., Ph.D., Millie Schem-



Hammer S. SODERBERG

chler Professor of Adrenal Cancer at the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Hammer's endowed professorship is the result of years of fundraising by legendary U-M football coach Bo Schembechler, whose wife Millie died of adrenal cancer. This funding directed specifically at adrenal cancer has allowed U-M to create a level of expertise — both research and patient care — in this extremely rare disease.

Adrenal cancer is one of the most deadly forms of cancer, with few treatment options available. Standard therapy, which causes severe side effects, has been the same for more than 40 years. About 500 people will be diagnosed with adrenal cancer this year in the United States and most will die within five years. The disease is often diagnosed at a late stage and surgery is rarely an option.

Patients interested in learning more about this study, Phase I Study of the Safety and Tolerability of ATR-101 in Adrenocortical Carcinoma, can call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at 800-865-1125.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER DIABETES DAY

Garden City Hospital offers its 21st annual Diabetes Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. Opada Alzohaili, MD, endocrinology, will present "Diabetes and Medications — What You Should Know." Marshall Medley, DO, vascular surgery, will talk about "Diabetes and Peripheral Artery Disease." And Michael Sherman, DO, ophthalmology, will discuss "Diabetes and Your Vision." The event also will include lunch, giveaways, vendor displays and other health care information. Cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. Register by calling 734-458-4330 or email to sgoodsell@gchosp.org.

FOOD CRAVINGS

Sandy Baumann, author of "Control Food Cravings," will teach strategies to decrease cravings for salty snacks, chocolate, carbs, soft drinks, ice cream, and more, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, in Room E-12, at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$32. To register, call Livonia Family YMCA at 734-261-2161 by Oct. 21. A workbook fee of \$12 in correct cash is due in class.

HOARDING

Joanne Cruz of the Tri-County Hoarding Task Force, will talk about the roots of hoarding behavior, how it manifests itself, and how friends or family members can help a person with hoarding issues, 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 9101 Highland Road, White Lake Township. The program is free. RSVP at 586-757-5551.

NOVEMBER ADDICTION & RECOVERY

» Jeff and Debra Jay, intervention specialists, chemical dependency therapists and trainers, and authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction" and other books, will present "Intervention," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. This program will describe how the "Love First" process of intervention can help chemically dependent people find recovery. Admission is free.

» Herbert Malinoff, M.D., president and founder of Pain Recovery Solutions, will present "The Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. This free program will describe a physician's view of alcoholism, as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous and updated with the modern neurobiology of addictive illness.

Both programs are free, sponsored by Dawn Farm, and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725 or visit dawnfarm.org.

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Attorney Sid Kraizman will present "Your Civil Rights and the ADA," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, in classroom 1 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email to aferack@comcast.net.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 734-779-6100. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

TEENS AND DRUGS

Dawn Farm presents a two-part workshop for families and others who are concerned about a young person that may be involved with alcohol or other drug use. "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know" is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 and "Teens Using Drugs: What To Do," will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. Both programs are free and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Call 734-485-8725.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Patricia A. Schmidt will discuss stress and burnout, which can affect emotional and physical health, noon, Thursday, Nov. 21, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine and includes a nature walk. Register at 877-477-Doc1 (3621), option 1. This will be the final walk of the 2013 season. Walks will resume in March 2014.

ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

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

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood

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

CHOIR THERAPY

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

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

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

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

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

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes are also available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Preregistration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call 248-937-3314.

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Westland Shopping Center, Community Room
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DIABETES DAY AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:20 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. Opada Alzohaili, MD, Endocrinology
Diabetes and Medications: How They Help With Diabetes Management
- 10:30 a.m. Marshall Medley, DO, Vascular Surgery
Diabetes and Peripheral Artery Disease (P.A.D.)
- 11:45 a.m. Food Demonstration, Lunch, Vendor Displays
(Plan for 30-45 grams of carbohydrates)
- 1:00 p.m. Michael Sherman, DO, Ophthalmology
Preventing Diabetes-Related Vision Loss
- 2:00 p.m. Diabetes and Other Health Care Information, Door Prizes and Giveaways

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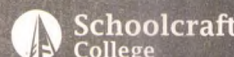
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Biggest Interview Blunders

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The interview is the most critical point in the job search process. While you might look great on paper, the real test starts when you get in front of a hiring manager. You've got the skills, now you need to prove that you'll be a good fit with your future co-workers and company. And it's oh-so-easy to sabotage that much-coveted and highly-valuable face time.

According to a recent CareerBuilder.com survey of 866 hiring managers, almost 70 percent recalled unusual behavior by job candidates. While the usual suspects did come up, some of their experiences were downright jaw-dropping. Here are some examples of how not to behave in an interview:

Hugh Hefner Wants His Pants Back

Clothes make the man (or woman) and what you wear has a direct impression on a hiring manager. Comfortable clothes will curb your nervousness, but that doesn't mean you should wear pajama bottoms like one job seeker did. The company dress policy may be casual, but save the Goth clothes and socks with slippers until you get the job. If you're hitting the beach after your interview,

it doesn't give you license to wear your bathing suit and flip flops. And seriously guys, the flashy medallion on a bed of chest hair will not impress anyone.

I'm With the Band

Unless you're in need of a seeing eye dog, you shouldn't bring an animal or another person with you to an interview. It seems like common sense. Nevertheless, many a job seeker has brought a companion along on the interview including a child, spouse, friend, pet and even the entire family. An invitation to a job interview never includes a guest.

Have You Tried Hypnosis?

They might be normal to you, but to others, some personal quirks are downright frightening. Those things you do in front of someone you are trying to impress. During an interview candidates have chewed gum, lit cigarettes, picked their nails, passed gas, burped, picked their noses, scratched various body parts, laughed erratically and even spit. Make sure to check this behavior at the door.



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Some things are strictly taboo at work, and you should behave in an interview like you would on the job. Alcohol impairs your judgment, as do drugs (not to mention they're against the law). They should be off limits -- but some job seekers don't think so. Job seekers openly admitted drug use and arrived at the interview high, intoxicated or hung over. One thirsty candidate requested whiskey, while another brought his own wine. Another asked if he didn't get the job even if he didn't pass the drug test. And one candidate simply left the interview after finding out about company drug testing.

And then there are the incidents that are just plain bizarre, perhaps provoked by ambition, a desire to impress, or anxiety. One candidate constructed a shoebox diorama of himself on the job. Another did a Ben Stiller imitation. One job seeker offered a sexual favor to the interviewer. Still another knitted during the entire interview. And another barked at the hiring manager.

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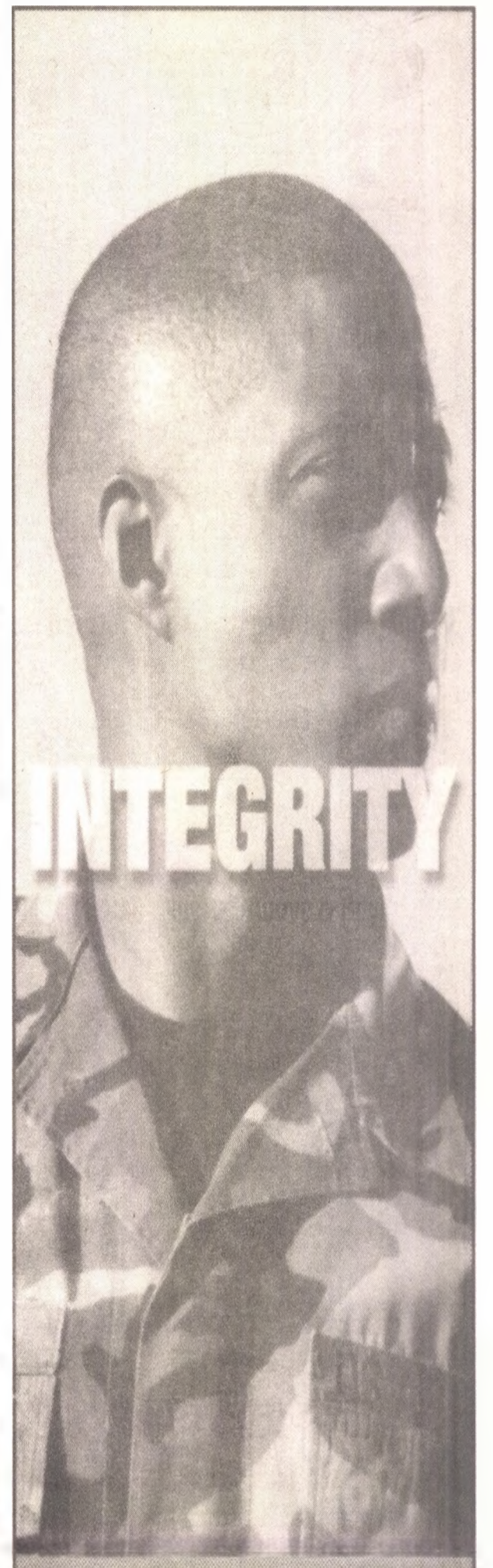
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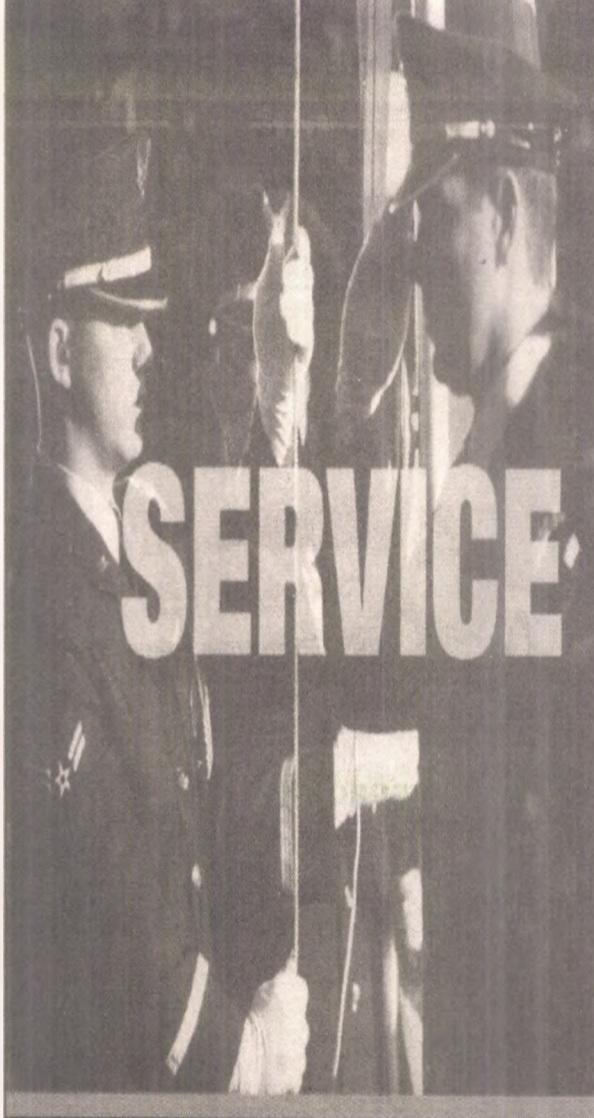
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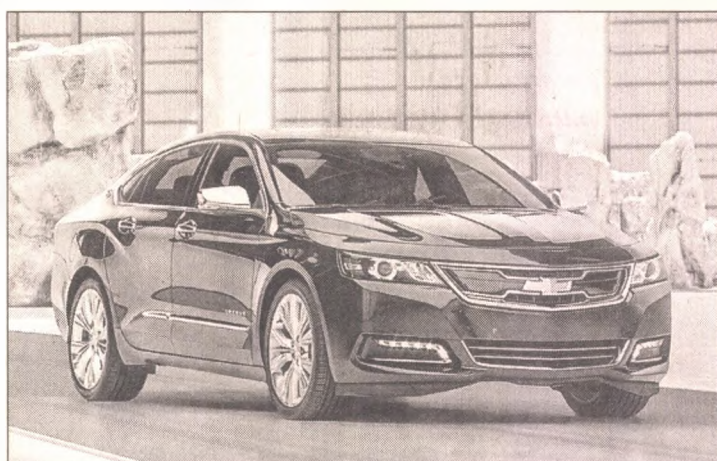
It's time for a new kind of "hybrid" to take to the American roads, one that leverages the realities of the green-power marketplace rather than tries to buck them. That's why General Motors is betting big on a new "bi-fuel," natural-gas-powered Chevrolet Impala that it plans to whisk to market by next summer.

In the meantime, GM executives and dealers are high on the recently introduced, vastly overhauled new 2014 Chevrolet Impala that has aimed the nameplate at the U.S. retail market more effectively than in generations. The new car - sleekly styled on a platform shared with the Buick LaCrosse and Cadillac XTS - gives Chevy dealers the most creditable entry they've had in the full-size sedan segment in quite some time.

And while sales trends for the new Impala versus the old one don't yet show it, because Impala always has been a popular car with fleets, it's clear that the improved fuel economy, composed ride, precise steering and interior appointments of the new Impala are getting notice from full-size sedan shoppers. It's now a worthy competitor to the Chrysler 300, Ford Taurus and Toyota Avalon.

As far as the future of Impala is concerned, GM CEO Dan Akerson himself announced the new bi-fuel version at an energy-security conference in Washington, D.C., that was convened on the 40th anniversary of the start of the OPEC oil embargo.

Akerson cast the 2015 bi-fuel Impala as



The new Chevrolet Impala is turning heads in full-size sedan segment.

a potential game-changer that will help GM, the auto industry, and the American consumer take proper advantage of burgeoning domestic supplies and falling prices of natural gas with a high-mileage, clean-burning fuel that would allow Impala drivers to go up to 500 miles on a single stock-up of fuel.

"We know that U.S. energy security won't come from a one-off moonshot," Akerson said. "It will flow from our systematic investment in technology and innovation, our drive to get more from existing energy sources and renewables, our commitment to conservation -- and it will be assured by fully and safely exploiting our shale gas reserves."

Not only that, but the key innovation behind the high-mileage, cleaner-burning Chevy Impala CNG vehicle promises to make it commercially appealing from the get-go. There already are natural-gas powered Honda Civics, sales of which have been steadily rising. And Ford has begun offering a CNG version of its popular F-150 pickup truck.

But Impala will be the first mainstream vehicle to be a "bi-fuel" hybrid, with the capacity to be powered either by onboard CNG or by gasoline. It will feature a factory-engineered and fully guaranteed powertrain that switches seamlessly between the two

fuels and could carry the car up to 500 miles at a filling. GM expects initial demand to be a few thousand as it promotes the new car not only to rank-and-file Americans but also for commercial fleets -- which long have liked the Impala nameplate.

Significantly, the bi-fuel feature should remove any "range anxiety" of the type that now attends fully electric vehicles, whose drivers must worry about running out of juice before they can recharge their batteries. There are few CNG filling stations yet around the US, but more are popping up all the time. In the meantime, owners of the bi-fuel Impala can depend more heavily on gasoline.

Further, the car likely won't carry any heavier price premium than hybrid or all-electric versions of vehicles do today. Hybrid and EV price premiums can

range up to several thousand dollars. Akerson told reporters, according to Automotive News, that GM's cost premium for the bi-fuel Impala will be "a couple thousand dollars, at least." But however that is manifested in pricing of the car when it debuts next summer will be quickly offset by the fact that CNG prices now are the equivalent of \$1.50 to \$2.50 a gallon.

Some argue that the real revolution being wrought by plentiful American-sourced hydrocarbons will be in keeping the price of gasoline low enough that it will persist as the US fuel of choice for generations, undercutting any kind of long-term significance for CNG.

In any event, Akerson clearly is looking to steal a march on competitors with the bi-fuel Impala. At a green conference a few months ago, where he was discussing GM's overall sustainability strategy, he took pains to note the possibilities presented to the auto industry by cheap and plentiful American natural gas.

"We have this moment," he said, "and it has to be grasped." Perhaps by grasping the steering wheel of a 2015 bi-fuel Chevrolet Impala.



GM CEO Dan Akerson personally announced new CNG-powered Impala.

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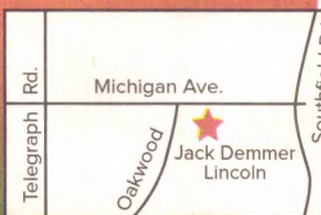
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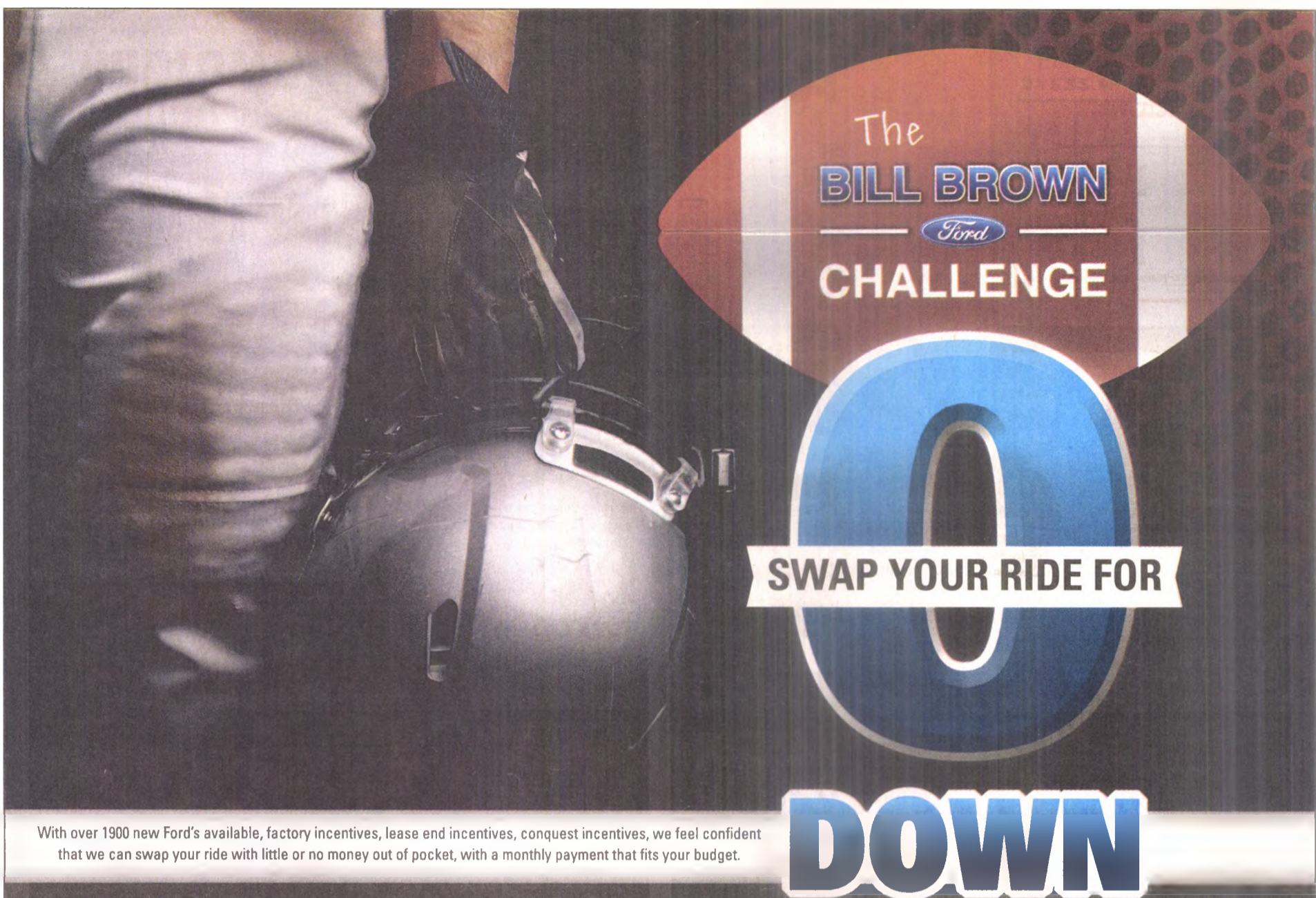
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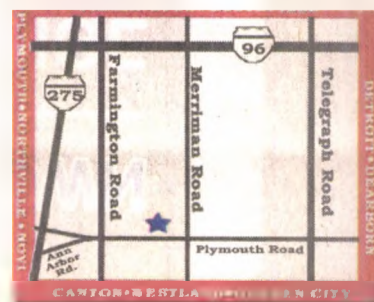


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