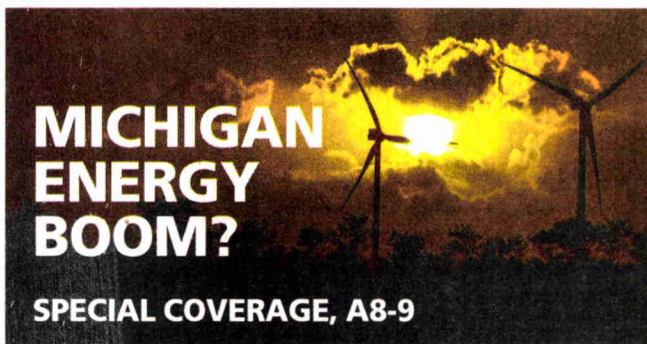


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## Prosecutor: Teen plotted to kill family

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Laurene and Jeffrey Sikorski, parents of Roksana Sikorski, leave the courtroom after their daughter was arraigned in 35th District Court.



Parents of a teenager want to support a daughter accused of plotting to kill them

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The parents of a 15-year-old Plymouth Township girl accused of plotting to kill them and their two other children and run away with her 23-year-old boyfriend say they want to support their adopted daughter at a difficult time.

"We have a very strong bond with our daughter," Laurene Sikorski said Thursday in 35th



Rivera

District Court. "We'd like to be supportive at this time and I think it's important that we do have contact with her." She and husband Jeffrey were in court for the arraignment of their daughter Roksana on an attempted murder charge and six other felonies.

Police and prosecutors say Roksana stabbed her 12-year-old brother in the throat and tried to stab her younger sister before fleeing the Sikorski house at around 2 a.m. Oct. 17. The boy underwent surgery and is expected to recover, police said.

Roksana is charged as an adult with one count of assault with intent to murder, four

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## PARENTS PUZZLED



The PTO meeting at Allen Elementary School drew a huge crowd of parents wanting to understand the district's decision to close their school.

### Allen Elementary School families confounded by district's boundary recommendations

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When Maureen Molloy stood before the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education on Sept. 23, she was there at the invitation of Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen, who was using Molloy's school, Allen Elementary, as one of the "Points of Pride" he has begun introducing at board meetings this year.

Molloy, the principal at Allen, was there to talk about academic achievements, particularly in the area of sci-

ence, her students and teachers have made this year.

As part of the presentation, Meissen said "tremendous results have been achieved for our kids" at Allen. And when Molloy was done, various board members lauded the performance of Allen's students. Board Treasurer Mark Horvath, a big fan of statistical evidence, said student performance can generally be predicted using established indicators.

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## Splits deepen as recall widens

Reaume files petitions against township trustees

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

With the filing of three new recall petitions, the entire Plymouth Township Board of Trustees faces the possibility of being ousted in a special election next spring.

But Supervisor Richard Reaume, who filed petitions earlier this month against Trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Chuck Curmi and Mike Kelly, said his action was mainly intended to raise awareness about what he called shortcomings in Michigan's recall law, which allows a recall attempt for any factual reason.

"The recall laws really need to be changed," Reaume said Friday. "You could recall somebody because they wore a red tie to a meeting - or a blue tie, or somebody didn't like their purse."

Ironically, Reaume also faces a recall attempt, along with Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold.

In petitions filed with Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett's office, Reaume proposed a recall of Curmi because Curmi voted in January against a motion to not enter any authority agreements with the city of Plymouth until Nov. 20, 2016. The petition against Kelly proposes a recall because Kelly voted for that same motion. (The motion passed on a 4-3 vote.)

### Test case?

Reaume, who sided with Curmi in that January vote, said that illustrates how flawed the recall process is.

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## School district releases middle school boundary plan

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

If you haven't heard the term "cohorts of kids" before, you might want to look it up.

It's a term parents of elementary and middle school-aged children are going to hear a lot the next few weeks as

administrators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district roll out their recommendations for boundary changes for the 2015-16 school year.

Though it obviously wasn't the only consideration, cohorts of kids - the grouping of students from the same neigh-

borhoods moving together from elementary school to middle school - was one of the largest factors as the district's boundary steering committee considered setting the new boundaries for its five middle schools next year.

Members of the district's Board of Education were given

the recommendations Friday and are expected to consider them at Tuesday's meeting. The board saw a presentation on the committee's elementary school recommendations last week.

The board is expected to vote on the entire package Nov. 11.

### Futures undecided

The changes were prompted by the building of a new middle school in Canton, where some 76 percent of the student population resides, and the recommended closing of

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# TEEN

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counts of conspiracy to commit murder, one count of felonious assault and one count of using a computer to commit a crime.

Not-guilty pleas were entered for her and Judge James Plakas set bond at \$1 million. She was represented Thursday by attorney Leslie Posner.

### Case 'haunting'

The Sikorskis had reportedly tried to end Roksana's relationship with Michael Rivera, 23, who is also charged in the case. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Rivera allegedly was texting instructions to Roksana from outside the Sikorski house during the attack.

In a press release, Worthy called the allegations "truly haunting."

"Bluntly, it is rare for this office to charge a 15-year-old as an adult. However, the alleged facts in this case strongly warrant this decision,"



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Roksana Sikorski, 15, of Plymouth Township, stands with her attorney, Leslie Posner, in 35th District Court on Thursday.

she said.

Roksana is being held in the county's juvenile detention facility.

Plakas agreed Thursday to let Roksana's parents have contact with her, but forbade contact between the girl and her younger siblings.

Roksana and her siblings were adopted from Poland about 10 years ago and had come from an abusive and neglectful household, the parents said.

The girl and Rivera are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 31, preliminary

examinations in district court. Rivera is charged with four counts of conspiracy to murder, one count of assault with intent to murder and one count of felonious assault. Arraigned Oct. 19 in weekend court in Romulus, not-guilty pleas were entered for him and bond was set at \$1 million. He was being held Friday in the Wayne County Jail.

The Oct. 17 stabbing brought police to the Sikorski house in the area of Beck and North Territorial and the West-

ern Wayne County Criminal Response Team was mobilized. The team, in which the Plymouth Township Police Department participates, is a multi-agency group of officers that handles investigations and arrests in felony cases.

### Arrests in Detroit

Officers located the suspects at a house on Detroit's southwest side and arrested them around 8 a.m. Oct. 17, Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Antal said.

"We knew who we were looking for," Antal said.

Police also recovered a knife that was believed to have been used.

Rivera also faces three charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one of accosting a minor for immoral purposes over his relationship with Roksana. Maria Miller, spokeswoman for Worthy's office, said those charges will be dismissed pending further investigation.

Robert Allen of Gannett Michigan contributed to this report.

# MIDDLE

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Allen and Gallimore elementaries and the Tanger Center. Gallimore will be re-purposed to house the district's elementary TAG program, currently housed at Miller and Dodson elementaries, and the Infant, Pre-school and Toddler program currently at Tanger.

The futures of the Tanger Center and Allen haven't yet been decided.

Moving the kids together cuts way back on the fragmented nature of some school populations that currently exist, according to Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director for staffing, student services and policy who chaired the boundary steering committee.

"There's a continuous flow of where kids are (under the new plan)," Tyszkiewicz said. "It's more uniform. We're not just pulling from all over. We tried not to split neighborhoods up and we even brought a couple of neighborhoods back together."

Administrators are focusing on an average size of some 750 students for each middle school. Under the new recommendation, all of the middle schools will basically meet that goal, with the exception of Discovery Middle School, which was built for a capacity of 1,000 students and has operated at or above capacity since it opened. Under the new plan, Discovery is projected to have some 900 students.

### Where they live

Boundary changes are being driven by the building of the new, as-yet-unnamed middle school near Cherry Hill and Canton Center, and the looming closure of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Even with the new school, three of the district's five middle schools will be located

north of Joy Road. That complicates the boundary issue, since so many students live in Canton.

Still, the committee came up with its boundary recommendations:

» Discovery Middle School - The school on Hanford near Canton Center will get all of Hoben and Miller elementaries and portions of Eriksson and Tonda elementaries.

» Pioneer Middle School - located on Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon, it will house all of Workman Elementary and parts of Dodson, Tonda and Isbister elementaries.

» West Middle School - located at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, it will house all of Bird Elementary and parts of Farrand, Smith and Isbister.

» East Middle School - located on Mill north of Ann Arbor Road, it will house all of Hulsing and portions of Farrand and Smith elementaries. The middle-school TAG program will continue to be housed at East.

» The new middle school - located on Cherry Hill just west of Canton Center, it will house all of Bentley and Fields elementaries and parts of Dodson and Eriksson elementaries.

### Keep them close

The attendance patterns aren't as fragmented under the new plan as they are currently. For instance, as it stands now, only five of the district's 15 elementaries send all of its students to one middle school.

Eight of the elementaries feed to at least two middle schools, while two others - Dodson and Gallimore, both in Canton - feed to three different middle schools.

Under the new plan, eight of the remaining 14 elementary schools would feed entirely to one middle school, while six would feed to two middle schools. No elementary school would feed to three middle schools.

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# ALLEN

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"But every time I try to do that at Allen, the prediction is too low," Horvath said. "Whatever we use to predict student performance, Allen comes out so far above the norms."

### Caught by surprise

Two weeks later, the district's boundary study steering committee recommended closing Allen as part of the right-sizing project upon which the district is embarking as it redistricts its schools in advance of opening a new middle school next year.

The juxtaposition caught unwary Allen Elementary School families completely by surprise.

"I don't agree with the plan," said Valerie Ramsey, co-president of Allen's PTO. "It mainly has

to do with academic performance. We're well above average. If they're looking for the quality of education, it's here (at Allen). It just doesn't make any sense to me."

Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director for staffing, student services and policy who chaired the boundary steering committee, said Allen was chosen - along with Tanger Center and Gallimore Elementary - based on a variety of factors (the committee's full report is available at www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

### Factors involved

Among them were building utilization, student population (much of Allen's population is bused in from Canton, with very few walkers), size (Allen is in the bottom third in square footage) and average cost per pupil.

Another factor is the ability of adjacent schools - Allen students

will be spread between Farrand, Hulsing and Eriksson elementaries - to handle the relocation.

Tyszkiewicz said the numbers for all the schools were "put into a matrix" and Allen kept coming up as the prime candidate for closure.

In addition to hosting a couple of community forums at Discovery Middle School in recent weeks, Meissen and Tyszkiewicz sat Tuesday with the Allen PTO to answer as many questions as possible.

### Population shift

Through moderator Michelle McAvoy, a PTO officer, parents peppered Meissen with questions about the decision. While sympathizing with parents, Meissen pointed out there's been a population shift in the last few years.

"Roughly two-thirds of school-age children live (in Canton), while two-thirds of our schools

are in Plymouth," Meissen said. "You've had a shift of where the kids live."

McAvoy pointed out Allen is one of the district's highest-performing buildings, a point Meissen conceded. McAvoy, like all Allen parents, thinks closing Allen is a mistake.

"Allen is an anomaly," McAvoy said to applause from the crowd. "You don't destroy an anomaly like Allen. You build on it."

### Needs of the many

Meissen told the gathered parents the district has to be concerned with academic achievement around the district, not at any one school.

"Kids love this school, I understand that," Meissen said. "But we cannot be all things to all people. We have to make some tough decisions."

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# RECALL

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"At this point, a 'yes' vote or a 'no' vote on any issue currently can be grounds for a recall," Reaume said. Recalls, he said, should be limited to cases of illegal or unethical conduct in office or breach of duty.

The recall petitions against Arnold, Edwards and Conzelman, by a group of township residents, cite their yes votes on the same motion. (The recall petition against Reaume cites an alleged falsehood on a report to the state.)

Curmi, however, wasn't buying Reaume's explanation.

"I think this is a malicious attempt to confuse and frustrate the citizenry," Curmi said Friday. He said he has "the moral and political courage to do the right thing," and that's what

he'll keep doing.

Curmi said he was notified of the recall try by a letter from the county that he received Thursday, and that he thought it could have been a hoax until he spoke briefly with Reaume about it at an event Thursday evening.

### 'Very strange'

"The logic is very confused - he said he's trying to change the law?" Curmi said. "It's all very strange."

Kelly said he agreed with Reaume that the recall law needs to be tightened, but also that he doesn't entirely believe Reaume's explanation for filing the petition against him.

"I may be doing politics, but there's always another reason - eventually," Kelly said.

Kelly said he doesn't like "being thrown under the bus to prove somebody else's point," and that the recall actions

make the board look foolish.

Reaume said his recall petition against Doroshewitz is somewhat different. He said Doroshewitz should be recalled over a statement made during a board meeting in May that he was going to file a lawsuit against the township.

"To me and to the taxpayers, that action is a breach of his fiduciary duties to the citizens of the township and a clear violation of his oath of office," Reaume said. "That action should be considered grounds for as recall."

But, Reaume added, he is not planning to personally attempt to collect signatures on recall petitions against Doroshewitz nor enlist anybody else "at this time" to do so.

Doroshewitz said Friday that he was "shocked" to learn recall petitions were filed by another board member

and that the action "kind of disgraces our whole township." He said the move shows a lack of leadership on Reaume's part.

"I can't think of any time I've ever heard of a sitting board member filing a recall against another sitting board member," he said earlier. "It's bizarre."

### Hearing set

A Wayne County Elections Commission hearing on the petition language against Doroshewitz, Curmi and Kelly is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

Nearly 4,200 township voters' signatures would be needed on a petition in order to force a recall election against any of the seven board members. Any special election would likely be held in May.

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# Man accused of stabbing cop pleads guilty to assault

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of assaulting his girlfriend and stabbing a police officer who intervened in the domestic dispute has pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder. Nicholas Gregory Schumann, 24, could face

penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison for an incident that occurred about 4 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at College Park Estates, a mobile home community on Mott east of Ridge. Schumann, jailed with



Schumann

a \$100,000 cash bond, is expected to face sentencing Nov. 6 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Deborah Thomas. His decision to plead guilty to one charge came Oct. 6 after attorneys reached a plea deal to dismiss additional criminal counts of assault with a dangerous weapon; assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer causing injury; and

aggravated domestic violence. Schumann's legal troubles arose after police received a call for help amid allegations he was assaulting his girlfriend. A police officer who forced his way inside the home was "stabbed in the face near his eye" by a piece of wood Schumann allegedly picked up from a broken door jamb, Detective

Sgt. Chad Baugh has said. The girlfriend received medical treatment after the assault left her eyes and face swollen. The officer, described as a 22-year member of the Canton Police Department, sustained only minor injuries, Baugh said. A 2-year-old boy and a 3-month-old girl were in the house at the time,

Baugh said, but they were not injured. Schumann pleaded guilty to the most serious charge against him, one that carries a potential 10-year prison sentence. Thomas has referred the case to probation officials for a pre-sentence report. dclcm@hometownlife.com Twitter: @CantonObserver 734-972-0919

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WALK IN THE WOODS

**Dates/Times:** Sunday, Oct. 26, 2-4 p.m.  
**Location:** Miller Woods (meet at entrance to woods on Powell Road, between Beck and Ridge), Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Join the Friends of Miller Woods for a fall tour of Miller Woods nature preserve. The walks are with tour guides, last about an hour, and are free. No dogs or strollers allowed in the woods.  
**Contact:** For directions also at www.millerwoods.org or call 734-459-7666.

### JAZZ @ THE ELKS

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7-10 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Jazz @ The Elks features the Cliff Monear Trio, with Barbara on vocals (in her first appearance at the Elks), Cliff Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Jim Ryan on drums. Cost is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.  
**Contact:** For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com

### ART RECEPTION

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 8, 7-9 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.  
**Details:** The PCAC hosts an opening Art Reception for Charles Stout's solo show, "Levels." The exhibit runs through the month of November, with gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., during public events and by appointment. Stout is an exhibit designer for the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum.  
**Contact:** Call 734-416-4278 for details.

### HOLIDAY ART SALE

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its Holiday Art Sale, featuring original art pieces for sale, including hand-illustrated ornaments, pottery from Western Michigan University Ceramics Guild, original jewelry designs and fused glass, photographs and boxed art cards, handmade wool mittens and much more from local artists.  
**Contact:** For more information, visit www.plymoutharts.com or call 734-416-4278.

### BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

**Date/Time:** Oct. 27-28, 7-9 p.m.  
**Location:** Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Barefoot Productions is holding auditions for an improv event. It's an open audition call for actors, writers and improvisers. Bring head shot and resume, if available. The event takes place in January.  
**Contact:** Contact Timothy for more information by calling 734-718-7570 or emailing Tim\_Majik@yahoo.com

### FALL HARVEST PARTY

**Date/Time:** Friday, Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** All are welcome, in non-scary costumes, for a family-oriented, fun-filled evening to celebrate life. Enjoy a kid-friendly dinner, trick-or-treating throughout the church, games, bounce houses, contests (costume and pumpkin carving) and prizes. Captive Free, a young energetic Christian group, will be performing skits, music and puppet shows throughout the

night.  
**Contact:** Call the church office at 734-459-3333 or office@connectingwithGod.org.

### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** First and third Thursday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.  
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**Contact:** For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cch.net.

### CRAFT BAZAAR

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 6.  
**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select 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. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft\_show.pdf.

## Open house marks reopening of Canton Historical Museum

The Canton Historical Society announced the grand reopening of the Canton Historical Museum and will mark this special occasion with an open house celebration 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. A special ribbon-cutting ceremony is also scheduled to take place promptly at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be available during the event.

The Canton Historical Museum will reopen to the public with a newly installed exhibition of "Life Unplugged: Connecting Canton in the Past," featuring communication tools through the ages. Organizers are encouraging the public to stop in and learn how people communicated in Canton's rural past any time during regular museum hours: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Highlights from the restoration project included renovations to the existing floors, foundation and foundation walls. In addition, all incandescent lighting was converted to energy-saving LED lights. Celebrating its 130th anniversary, the Canton Historical Museum is



CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
The Canton Historical Museum, which celebrates its grand reopening with a Nov. 12 open house, was previously used as a one-room school house.

located at 1022 S. Canton Center Road on the corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Park Drive. Still in its original location, the Canton Historical Museum was previously used as a one-room school house. Formerly known as the Canton Center School, this historical site started out in 1840 as a log

cabin school house, but burned down in 1883 and was rebuilt with bricks the following year. Admission to the Canton Historical Museum is by donation. For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call 734-397-0088 for group tour details.

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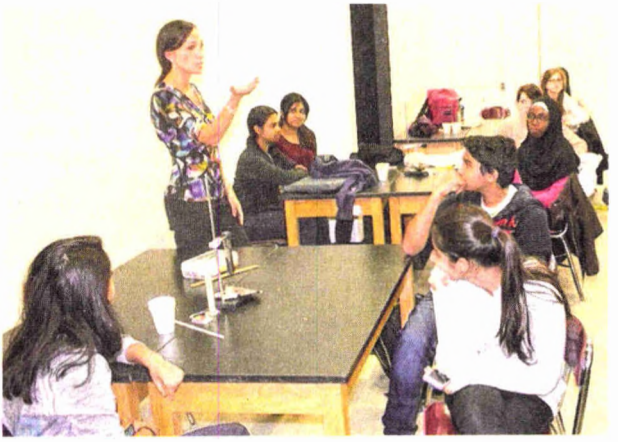
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STEM faculty adviser Danielle Ramos talks about community service ideas with the STEM advisory council. BOBB VERGIELS

## STEM council looking for fundraising suggestions

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Two years ago, the STEM advisory council raised money for Goldi Blox, toys designed to tap into girls' strong verbal skills and bolster confi-

dence while giving young inventors the tools they need to build and create. Last year, the council raised nearly \$5,000 in an effort to raise awareness of childhood cancer. The money was donated to C.S. Mott Children's Hos-



STEM Advisory Council co-presidents Maha Zahit (left) and Senna Al-Ado discuss ideas for the council's fundraising project. BOBB VERGIELS

pital. This year, the STEM advisory council is looking for its annual project and is soliciting suggestions from the general public.

And while the original idea was to alternate between engineering-style ideas and projects with a biomedical focus, this year's project doesn't necessarily have

to be one or the other. "This year, hopefully we can combine them," said Senna Al-Ado, co-president of the council with Maha Zahit. "Anyone with a story to tell or

something to advocate should send us an entry." The council is looking for help from the public after being unable to narrow down its own ideas to a single one. "This year, we've thrown it out there (to the council) and no one came up with anything, so the (council) decided to throw it out to the community," said Danielle Ramos, the faculty adviser to the STEM council. "We want people to give us what their needs are." The 41-member advisory council will look at the proposals and narrow them down to three finalists. Al-Ado said the sponsor of the winning idea will be invited to speak to the group. Having the object of the project talk to the kids gives the idea substance, according to Ramos.

"That brings more awareness to the kids," she said. "They have someone in front of them talking about it. It brings it home for them." Anyone with a suggestion for the STEM fundraiser can email Ramos at [danielle.ramos@pccsk12.com](mailto:danielle.ramos@pccsk12.com). Suggestions can also be mailed to the STEM Advisory Council, c/o Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Deadline is Nov. 1.

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## Moody's renews Plymouth-Canton's credit rating

Moody's Investor Services has renewed the credit rating of Aa2 for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. Moody's review noted that Michigan's school districts have faced substantial financial challenges in recent years due to stagnant to declining state foundation

funding, coupled with mounting pressures brought on, in part, by increased pension costs. In renewing the credit rating, Moody's report said the service "expects the district's financial operations to remain satisfactory in the near term despite narrow reserves," according to a release from the district

this week. "This is a tribute to our Board of Education's efforts to seek balanced budgets, eliminate borrowing and doing what was needed to protect our cash reserves to maintain our bond rating in this tight financial time," said Dr. Michael Meissen, district superintendent.

Had the rating decreased, it could have negatively affected the district's ability to pay back debt. Another significant factor in maintaining the credit rating, district officials said, was the organization's ability to adjust its spending. For

instance, all departments in the district successfully held the line on their spending in the fiscal year ended in June, postponing spending on non-urgent needs to help the district improve its budget performance in the final months of the 2013-14 fiscal year.

"We're very happy with this rating, especially given the financial pressures that have faced our district for several years," said Judy Mardigian, president of the district's Board of Education. "We all have worked hard to maintain our financial strength."

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# Board hopefuls face questions in forum

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The Beloved Community, a group made up of local citizens working together to eliminate racial unrest and bridge racial and cultural divides within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, wanted to give voters a chance to meet the candidates for the district's Board of Education.

On Wednesday, they did just that.

Six of the eight candidates in the Nov. 4 general election spent 90 minutes answer a variety of questions – not all of

them centered around the group's quest for racial equity – for the audience at Tonda Elementary School.

And, for a fledgling group hosting its first event, organizers thought it went well.

"We had a great experience ... with six of eight candidates in the house," said Steve Spreitzer, one of the organizers of Beloved Community. "I was a bit proud of our fledgling group who not only forced people to think of things they don't normally think of, but to have to articulate those thoughts."

Six candidates – Don



BELOVED COMMUNITY  
Plymouth-Canton Board of Education candidates (from left) Michael Siegrist, Drex Morton, Kate Borninski, Amy Fava, Don Turner and Kim Crouch answer questions at the Beloved Community forum.

Turner, Michael Siegrist, Kim Crouch, Amy Fava, Kate Borninski and Drex

Morton – were on hand for the forum. The other two, Estelle Oliansky and

Tom Kelly, declined to participate, citing previous commitments.

Oliansky did send a message that was read into the record.

Mike Pare and Denise Zander, both familiar faces to the school community from their work with various committees, moderated the candidate forum.

Questions were as simple as what committee candidates thought would suit them best and as complicated as the responsibility of the school board to parents and students of color, LGBT students and students of non-Christian faiths.

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# Auditors: Wayne-Westland hangs on to modest fund balance

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has continued to hang on to a modest fund balance after using just over \$1.4 million to cover expenditures in the 2013-14 budget year.

Plante Moran, the district's auditing firm, gave the district an unmodified or "clean" audit, the highest assurance the firm can give.

In a report presented to the school board last week, auditors found that the district finished the budget year with a \$3.2 million fund balance. It received \$99.9 million in actual revenue and spent \$101.7 million, with the \$1.47 million difference coming from its fund balance.

The difference is almost \$1 million better than had been anticipated. When compared to actual expenditures, it

gives the district a less than 1-percent variance. The state requires a positive variance and auditors recommend that it be in the 2-percent range.

"Wayne-Westland was well within that range," said auditor Nathan Troyer of Plante Moran.

### Lowest point

As a result, the fund balance – sometimes called the rainy day fund because it is used to "deal with unforeseen challenges" – dipped to its lowest point in more than a decade, but is better than what was projected when the budget was prepared in June 2013.

"Eighty-six percent of district's revenue is determined by the state," Troyer said. "The biggest piece is the foundation allowance and the district has very little ability to significantly impact that on a yearly basis because a big part

of the revenue is based on that formula."

Of the money the district took in, 88 percent went for salaries and fringe benefits. Purchased services and such things as supplies made up the remaining 12 percent.

"The district's revenue is determined by the state, not at the local level, and that creates challenges to deal with," auditor Jeffrey Higgins said.

Among the challenges facing the district are its dependence on the state economy, the cost of health care, the elongated school aid payments that have 18 percent of the money coming in after the end of the budget year, student enrollment and contributions to the state retirement system.

### More with less

Wayne-Westland had been receiving \$7,957 per

student in 2010-11, but that dropped to \$7,013 in 2012-13 with the phasing out of \$6 million it received to accommodate millage not included in creating its foundation amount in 1994. It has slowly crept back up and is now \$1 more than the \$7,250 it received in 2011-12.

The \$7,251 is still lower than what the district received in 2004-05, "so it's obvious the state is asking the district to do more with less," Higgins said.

He added that the state has lost 100,000 students in the last four years. In Wayne-Westland, the enrollment loss has slowed after being close to 300 students a year for several years. Last year, the district actually increased enrollment by 10 students. This year, it is projecting a 50-student loss.

The district also must pay into the Michigan

Public School Employees Retirement System. According to Higgins, the district has "no ability to influence" the contribution rate, which is at about 25 percent of payroll.

"The state has done some things to keep the rate in check, but there's no guarantee that will be what you're spending in the future," he said.

In looking at the general fund balance as a

percentage of expenditures, Wayne-Westland is at 3.64 percent in 2014, which is still less than the statewide average. It also represents just six days of operations for the district.

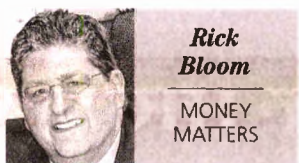
"This is a very different environment for the district," Higgins said.

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# What to do with a maturing CD

**Q: Dear Rick: In a few weeks, a \$60,000 CD that I bought five years ago will mature. What should I do with the money? I am divorced with adult children, retired and consider myself a conservative investor. Between my pension and Social Security, all my expenses are covered. I have no debt. In addition to the CD, I have about \$100,000 in a Vanguard IRA. I have a few thousand dollars in my checking account, about \$10,000 in my savings account and two \$20,000 CDs that mature in 2015 and 2016, respectively. I don't have to begin taking money out of my IRA for another two years.**

**A:** Since income is not a problem and you are not



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old, I recommend investing the \$60,000 in a growth mode. Currently, the only growth funds you have are in your IRA and that represents about a quarter of your overall portfolio. I would invest the money for your future.

You consider yourself a conservative investor, however, that doesn't mean that you avoid the stock market. Considering that you probably won't even need this money for at least 15 years, the stock market is actually a pretty safe and secure investment. Like all stock market invest-

ments, there will be a roller-coaster ride, however, focus on the long-term.

In reviewing your other investments, my recommendation is to take the \$60,000 and divide it equally into the following commission-free funds:

- » Vanguard Index 500
- » Vanguard Wellington
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- » Vanguard Equity Income
- » Vanguard Global Equity

When a CD matures, don't automatically renew it. Review your situation and decide your goals and objectives for the money. Just because you bought a CD a few years ago doesn't mean that you should buy one today. For a long-term

investor, rates are not nearly as favorable as they were five years ago.

If you are going to buy a CD, remember it pays to shop around. Check with your local bank or credit union and do research online. Websites like [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com) are an excellent resource to discover which federally insured institutions are paying the most. After all, if you can make a few extra dollars on your CD, why not? It looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

Good luck.

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# Bova VFW Junior Girls pack plenty into boxes for troops in Afghanistan

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Twenty military personnel serving in Afghanistan are getting a special treat from the Ladies Auxiliary Junior Girls at Bova VFW Post 9885 in Westland

Working in assembly line fashion, the girls recently filled 20 boxes with toiletries, candy, flavored drink packets, playing cards, books and dog treats that are being shipped to the soldiers in time for Christmas.

The girls, who come from Westland, Plymouth, Livonia and Waterford, have been sending packages to the troop for about five years. This year's boxes are going to two different units - 16 come from anysoldier.com, while four were suggested by VFW members.

Ten boxes were going to one unit that included five women. They also included fleece blankets by request. The girls unrolled the blankets and lined the boxes to cushion the contents. Half were in a green camouflage pattern, the others were black.

"It was truly a group effort," said auxiliary member Jill Mikolajczyk of Farmington. "The ladies auxiliary and members donated items and we came in and set it up. Bartender Jessica Durham helped us sort it."

The girls include Isabelle Schrock, Monica Rokita and Marissa Smith of Plymouth, Mackenzie Compton and Ariel Fretter of Livonia, Alaina Sanutelli of Westland and Rachel Napier of Waterford. Working with them was Heather

Napier and Jill Mikolajczyk of Farmington.

## Picking the number

The girls determined how many soldiers they wanted to send boxes to this year. Normally, it's 13, but they decided on an even number this year.

"The group decided, we didn't want to do 13 and some said let's choose an even number," Marissa said. "Someone said 15, but we decided on 20."

Marissa is glad to do the boxes for the troops. It's "thoughtful and nice to do something for them and to honor them," she said.

Last year, Mackenzie got the students in her class to help her collect supplies. Her class responded and brought in "a lot."

"I had this huge bin and it was filled," she said. "It was crazy."

She found out about the Junior Girls through Ariel. It sounded like fun, so she decided to join. With her step-father in the Army, it gave her a way of helping people.

"It makes me feel happy to help someone," she said.

The project is one the girls do every year, normally near Christmas.

"We've always sent a letter, but never a picture of the girls," Mikolajczyk said. "We got the parents' permission to do that this year."

## Thank you letters

The girls have received thank you letters from the soldiers.

"They're real heart-warming letters," said Bev Scott of Westland.

"Some are from the unit leaders; sometimes they're individual ones."



Heather Napier (right) helps Rachel Napier and Ariel Fretter pack a fleece blanket in a box.

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The packages were assembled following the girls' meeting. The girls worked with Heather Napier and Mikolajczyk in taping and marking the boxes with a 'B' or 'W' to make sure they get to the right person.

They also carried them to Mikolajczyk's car.

"Everything just seems to come together for this," auxiliary President Sandy Pinion said.

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Monica Rokita of Plymouth grabs some granola bars to put in box that will be sent to a soldier serving in Afghanistan.

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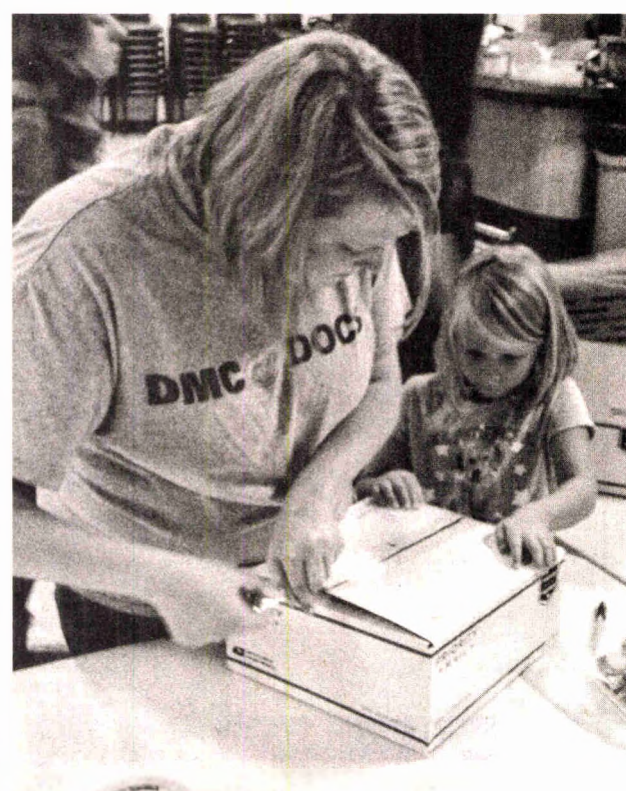
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Marissa Smith of Plymouth checks the finished boxes.

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Heather Napier works with Monica Rokita on sealing up a box.

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# Local clinics, hospital prep in case of Ebola

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

There's no reason to fear an Ebola outbreak in western Wayne County, but Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala knows it's important to be prepared in case it does arrive.

That's why Livonia-based Michigan Urgent Care clinics, located in 10 locations across southeast Michigan, are taking precautions with patients who come into their clinic in communities such as Livonia, Canton, Novi and, soon, Ferndale.

Arsiwala, the founder of Michigan Urgent Care, said employees at the clinics began Monday asking each patient who came in if they had traveled to or from the west African nations that have seen Ebola, such as Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. If the answer is yes, that individual is separated and placed in a room until further assistance can be received.

"Emergency services are called. The (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in Atlanta is called," Arsiwala said. "We have under 200 employees (trained) to do that."

The Ebola virus, which has claimed thousands of lives in Africa in recent months as well as one death in Texas (someone returning from overseas), has had many medical groups on high alert in case it comes to certain areas of the United States.

Arsiwala said while there's no indication to believe an outbreak is imminent, the possibility of the disease is enough for the clinic to take precautions, especially since it does not have the proper equipment to handle such a virus.

"We don't have a vaccine for this disease. We don't have a standard treatment," he said. "Any secretion off that individual could carry the virus."

## St. Mary Mercy proactive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the other St. Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have also prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in one of their emergency rooms, said Garry C. Faja, the system's regional president and CEO.

While there have been no instances of the virus in Michigan, Faja said in a statement that the hospital system would immediately inform state officials and the public if something were to arise.

"Our infection prevention and control teams are continuously engaged in emergency preparedness and, as with



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St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the other St. Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in one of their emergency rooms.

any infectious disease outbreak, we participate with the CDC, local and state public health departments on calls to monitor the current status and risk," he said. "We continue to make updates to our clinical protocols as more information comes in daily so that staff can quickly identify and respond in the event they are faced with a high-risk patient."

Several state officials met last week to discuss the virus and what is being done around the state to prepare.

The state's Department of Community Health has set up protocols that allow for more hospitals to keep in contact regarding the virus.

"It is clear from our assessment that hospitals across the state are working very actively with their staffs over the past several days and weeks to implement the very latest set of recommendations from the CDC and ensure that their health care workers are informed, trained and prepared," said Dr. Matthew Davis, the state's chief medical executive. "MDCH continues to promote and coordinate hospital readiness, along with preparedness of emergency medical services and community-based health care providers."

Arsiwala said a big reason he has had his clinics prepare is because of the proximity of Detroit Metro Airport, a large travel hub that connects passengers from all over the world. Many who come to the area for work stay in the area, including Livonia, with several hotels along I-275. Many of those workers have come to Michigan Urgent Care's clinic on Seven Mile in Livonia for treatment while they are in town, Arsiwala said.

"I have treated them over the years," he said. "Livonia is a center point for a lot of them to stay there."



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The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has put together a guide to help voters prepare to cast their ballots.

## League of Women Voters: Prepare for election day

League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County President Angela Ryan urges voters in to prepare for the upcoming election by visiting VOTE411.org to find their polling place, check voting hours, learn about the candidates and read tips about voting in Michigan.

"Voters in Michigan want simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and election day," Ryan said. "VOTE411.org is the nation's premiere online, non-partisan election resource and the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has provided information on the candidates running for office in our community for this resource. Simply enter your address for your customized information."

Printed copies of the League's non-partisan Voter Guide were delivered to libraries in Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Westland and Wayne earlier this month. Additionally,

voters can find the Voter Guides on the League's website at lwnvww.org, as well as videos of candidate forums held in September and October for the 20th and 21st District state representatives, Plymouth-Canton and Livonia school boards and the 7th District state Senate.

"This year, millions of voters will head to the polls and stand up for what matters most to our

communities and our lives," Ryan said. "The best thing we can all do is urge everyone to prepare by learning about the candidates and issues before they vote. All of our elected officials have incredible influence over the issues an policies that affect our families and communities most. Election day is our chance to weigh in and take control over what is most important to us."

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Wind energy and recycling hold as much promise, if not more, to create new investment and jobs over several decades, as does drilling for fossil fuels.

# Michigan's energy boom more about wind than oil

Michigan sits at the precipice of an energy boom and the future is not just about oil, gas and pipelines.

Wind energy and recycling hold as much promise, if not more, to create new investment and jobs over several decades, as does drilling for fossil fuels. Also, an unprecedented construction boom to upgrade or replace coal-fired power plants means billions of new investment and thousands of construction jobs.

But even ramping up renewable energy production, such as wind and solar, can

pose environmental risks. Some groups and elected officials contend new drilling technologies to extract oil and natural gas reserves, plus newly proposed pipelines, could impact the health of the Great Lakes — and Michigan residents.

They point to the devastating Enbridge pipeline spill in 2010 near Marshall and say infrastructure, including a 61-year-old oil pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac, poses grave risks for massive oil spills that couldn't easily be contained. They worry new

pipelines could destroy private property and put land, water and residents at risk.

But those who promote a Michigan energy boom say more natural gas and oil can safely be extracted from the ground using special drilling and hydraulic fracking technologies, though gas reserves remain harder to tap here than in other states. They contend the state's modest energy industry workforce of 83,000 could expand greatly with more wind and renewable energy investment and a greater focus on recycling

and efficiency programs for homeowners.

Livonia already quietly operates three small oil wells in the city and wind energy investments in the Thumb have paid off for utilities.

A study conducted for Michigan's Energy Innovation and Business Council said local investment in renewable energy projects — advanced energy storage, biomass, solar and wind — could support nearly 21,000 jobs in Michigan by 2015 and contribute more than \$163 million in local and state tax revenues.

## Fortis CEO: State should have its own energy boom

'Either you hit oil — or you don't,' Conway says

Before he became an oilman, Nathan Conway wanted to be a farmer.

"I thought I'd be in agriculture," the CEO of Bloomfield Hills-based Fortis Energy said of his youth in North Dakota. As a child, he raised sheep. But his father and late grandfather were in the oil business so, at 16, he started working in that industry, too. "There's no industry more exciting."

"You spend a lot of money to take big risks," Conway added. "Either you hit oil — or you don't. If you hit a dry well, you're crying. If you hit oil, you're celebrating."

Fortis, which Conway has about 100 employees and has expanded rapidly, doesn't drill, but it provides services to companies that do. The company deploys service rigs, crane-like devices that are used for below-ground repairs to wells, throughout the Midwest and northeast, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois and North Dakota.

Technology such as three-dimensional imaging and horizontal drilling has led to an oil and gas boom where big oil deposits have been extracted. Conway contends there is potential for more of that prosperity in other states, including Michigan.

"If we were allowed to drill more here, I believe Michigan would be in a much better financial situation," he said.

At the same time, industry innovations have also generated energy policy debates as business leaders and environmentalists clash over the benefits and dangers of drilling.

One controversy has been over fracking, a process of extracting oil and natural gas from layers of shale deep underground. Water and chemicals are pumped into the ground to create cracks to release gas. The process, also called hydraulic fracturing, has allowed companies to tap gas deposits that had been unreachable. Critics have raised concerns about the potential to contaminate groundwater.

In Michigan, there are 10 high-volume fracking oil and gas wells and 27 pending active permits, according to the state Department of Environmental Quality. New rules, state officials said, increase the information available to residents about fracking and enhance how water-impact is tracked.

"There's pros and cons to everything in life," Conway said. "But you have to do responsible development. In my opinion, that's oil and gas."

Oil money has been flowing so freely in North Dakota that state's unemployment was the lowest in the nation at 2.8 percent in August.

In Conway's view, the oil and gas industry is environmentally safe — and boosting the economy.

About a year ago, the \$13.5 million company changed its name from Arrow Energy Services to Fortis, which Conway said means strength in Latin. This year, the company

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## Michigan's energy potential

From traditional fossil fuels to renewable energy, Michigan has vast untapped energy resources.

» **Oil and natural gas:** The Antrim Shale formation, a geological band through the northern Lower Peninsula, is Michigan's richest natural gas resource. Almost 7.8 billion cubic feet of gas are produced from the formation each month — and that's down from better economic times a decade or so ago.

A U.S. Geological Survey assessment of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources in the Michigan Basin, which includes the entire state of Michigan and parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, showed 990 million barrels of oil, 11 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 220 million barrels of natural gas liquids.

The natural gas potential is equivalent to a large chunk of the entire natural gas usage of the U.S. in a year, 26 trillion cubic feet.

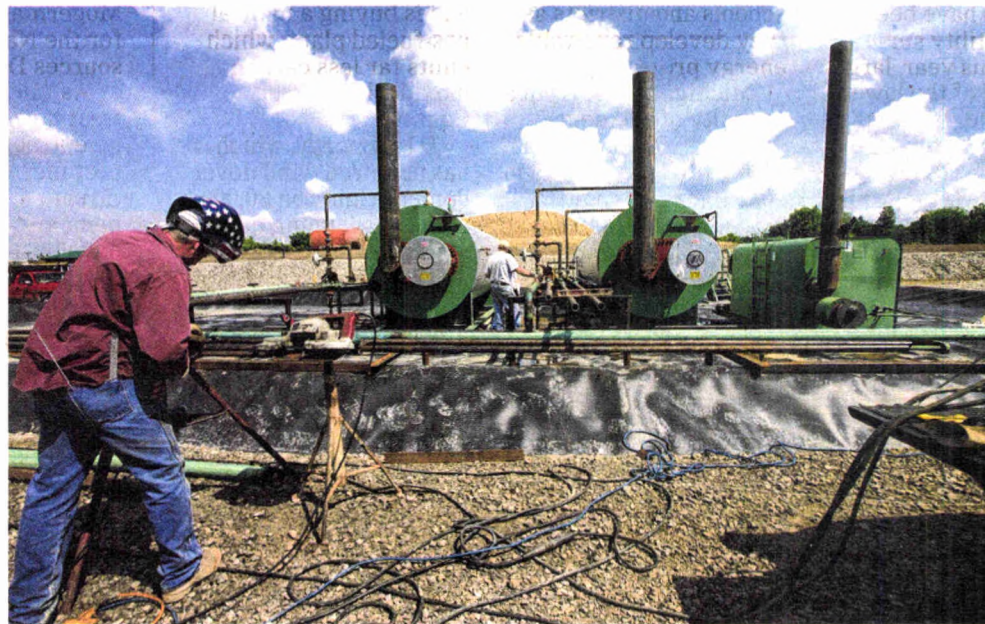
» **Wind:** Michigan ranks 16th among U.S. states with 1,163 megawatts of installed wind power, enough to power more than 300,000 average Michigan homes.

The state has the potential for more than 59,000 megawatts of wind energy

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Electrician Bill Dillionson helps guide into place a solar panel at the DTE solar farm near Old Plank Road on March 3, 2014, in Lyon Township.



The site of two recently drilled oil wells is being readied for production in Livonia in this July 2008 photo.

## Drilling in backyards benefits land owners

By Frank Witsil  
Gannett Michigan

A little-known source of revenue for Livonia, the city's longtime Mayor Jack Kirksey said, is three — and soon, possibly four — active oil wells.

"It's a subtle operation," Kirksey said. "They don't see it, they don't smell it, they don't taste it. Even if I told you where they were, I'd have to give you a map so you can find them."

One of the three wells in Livonia, he said, is on the campus of Schoolcraft College.

New technology in the past decade, such as three-dimensional imaging and horizontal drilling, has led to an oil and gas boom in places like North Dakota and put more wells in urban and suburban areas so some landowners and cities can reap a steady income.

As oil and gas production surges, cities like Youngstown, Ohio, that declined as industry left are trying to revive. Property owners, potentially sitting on rich deposits of fossil fuel, are negotiating lucrative contracts. More oil and gas drilling — combined with more alternative energy development, which has been slow and steady in Michigan as costs have dropped — could lift the state's economy.

But while some are cashing in, others — particularly residents who live near

wells but don't have contracts and environmental groups — are fighting oil and gas exploration and drilling, underscoring a growing tension among competing interests that is playing out nationwide.

Oil and gas drilling in Michigan has gone up and down since the 1950s. In a ranking of total energy production by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Michigan is in the middle of the states at 26th, with 618 trillion BTUs. The top state is Texas and the bottom, Rhode Island. In crude oil production, Michigan is 18th and in natural gas it's 17th.

West Bay Exploration, which has wells throughout the state, is using technology to improve the efficiency of its operations and allow it to drill in more urban and suburban areas, but the company is limited by regulation and geology.

"I don't expect an energy boom in Michigan," said Tim Baker, vice president at West Bay, based in Traverse City. "We think it's going to be a slow, steady situation."

Unlike in other states, where big deposits of oil can be sucked out, much more targeted drilling is required in Michigan. There are more than 4,500 active oil wells and nearly 12,000 active natural gas wells — all in the Lower

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# McKenzie hopes dad's lessons lead to Washington

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When Bobby McKenzie was in high school, people told him he was never going to play basketball.

Remembering the lessons his father taught him – “Don’t let anything stand in your way” – McKenzie was a team captain at Crestwood High School and walked on for Tom Izzo at Michigan State University.

Now embroiled in a race for the U.S. House 11th District seat against Republican multimillionaire David Trott, McKenzie, a Canton Democrat, is hearing the same message: “You can’t do it.”

He’s hoping history repeats itself and he’s counting on the influence of his father, a polio survivor and longtime small-business owner, to get him there.

“He’s one of the pillars of my life,” McKenzie said during a recent interview. “He imbued in me the idea you fight, don’t give up and you don’t let things get in your way.”

## Learning lessons

They were lessons forged as he grew up in Dearborn Heights, after his grandfather brought the family north from Alabama. His father has owned the same small vacuum cleaner sales and repair service in Westland for 50 years.

And his dad thinks, despite the polls and the pundits who say otherwise, his son makes an excellent candidate.

“He’s a unique individual in a very positive sense,” Bobby McKenzie Jr. said. “He knows what it takes to make things happen. In direct sales, you have to make it happen. Everyone wants to make things happen, but not everybody is willing to do what it takes. Bobby is willing.”

McKenzie, who worked part time for his dad’s business as a youngster, had his eyes on bigger prizes growing up. While studying economics at Michigan State, McKenzie, not the tallest player in the world, walked on for Izzo’s Spartans.

## Last guy

He remembers asking Izzo once if there was “any chance” he was ever going to see game action and Izzo’s matter-of-fact



SHIRIN KHAN

Bobby McKenzie, who now lives in Canton, grew up in Dearborn Heights, earned a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State and was a walk-on for the Spartans basketball team.

response: No. “I was the last guy on the bench,” McKenzie said with a smile. “In (Izzo’s) mind, I was probably the last guy on all of his benches.”

Still, McKenzie prepared, and eventually saw 9.6 seconds during mop-up time against Central Michigan in a Thanksgiving tournament in 1997.

“For me, it was the idea of getting in the game,” McKenzie said. “It was something I wanted to do. It was being on the team, being able to compete in practice. Being in that environment was an experience. I was humbled.”

McKenzie went on to earn a master’s degree in security

studies from Georgetown University and eventually earned a graduate fellowship in the CIA. At the tender age of 19, McKenzie was an analyst focused on the politics of the Middle East.

## Dreams realized

McKenzie had fulfilled two dreams.

“Two things I wanted to do as a kid – play basketball at MSU and go into the FBI,” he said. “(The CIA fellowship) was another extraordinary opportunity and I was grateful to get it.”

When the two-year fellowship ended, McKenzie went

into the private sector, though he continued to be a political analyst.

Most recently, McKenzie was a senior adviser in the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State. Before that, he worked on African refugee issues and taught courses at Wayne State University as an adjunct lecturer.

Not surprisingly, his dad thinks that varied experience makes his son a perfect candidate.

## World views

“He’s been all around the world. I think that experience

will have a great impact (on his ability to be effective), particularly with everything happening on the planet Earth at this time,” the elder McKenzie said. “It’s a very unique time, especially in the Middle East. It sure won’t hurt having the kind of experience he has.”

McKenzie notes the influence his family has had. His grandfather, with only an eighth-grade education, brought the family to Dearborn Heights and found work on the docks. His dad has plugged away for five decades as a small-business owner.

And his mother has been behind a lot of the success. To this day, she’s both his biggest fan and biggest critic. McKenzie remembers being interviewed by Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) recently and the phone call he got from his mother afterward.

## Sitting up

“She called to tell me I was slouching,” McKenzie said, laughing. “Here I am on TV, running for Congress and my mom is telling me to sit up straighter. She’s my biggest critic, but she’s a great supporter.”

Ever the optimist – and perhaps fueled by his father’s notion that you don’t let things stand in the way – McKenzie believes he can win, despite the millions Trott can spend and despite the perception the district is too conservative for a Democrat to win.

McKenzie takes issue with that last notion.

“I don’t think it’s as partisan as people think,” McKenzie said. “At the end of the day, people want to know their kids can find a job here. They want to find people who will look beyond the labels.”

While McKenzie said he hasn’t been surprised by much on the campaign trail, he has been struck by the amount of involvement voters are willing to give him.

“It’s far more engaging and interesting than I thought,” McKenzie said. “I like being out talking to people. The part I enjoy the most is being out with the voters and hearing what they think.”

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# Schoolcraft College dedicates new building named in honor of school president Jeffress



**Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway Jeffress speaks at Wednesday's dedication of the school's newest structure named after him.**



**Several hundred guests, including faculty, staff and community leaders, attended Wednesday's dedication of the Jeffress Center.**

Several hundred guests attended Schoolcraft College's dedication Wednesday of its new building named in honor of current President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress.

"During Schoolcraft College's 52-year history, the Board of Trustees only has named four buildings after individuals, so the opportunity to name a building is rare," said Brian Broderick, chair of the Board of Trustees.

He said the decision to name the building after Jeffress, who has served the college for 32 years, was easy. "Nobody has done more for Schoolcraft College than Dr. Jeffress," Broderick said.

Jeffress became president of Schoolcraft College in July 2001 after serving as the college's vice president of instruction and student services. He has led the college into unprecedented physical growth and academic excellence. Under Jeffress' leadership, the VisTaTech Center opened in September 2003. The Bradner Library was

rebuilt in 2005, the Biomedical Technology Center was opened in 2008 and the Public Safety Training Complex was completed in 2013.

Jeffress also has worked hard with the board to bring baccalaureate programs to Schoolcraft College. Pending Higher Learning Commission approval, the college will offer three bachelor's degrees in culinary arts beginning in fall 2015. Jeffress also is responsible for the Schoolcraft to U partnership with the University of Toledo and Wayne State University, which brings the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from these institutions without leaving the Schoolcraft main campus in Livonia.

One of the main purposes for the Jeffress Center, which opened in fall 2014, is to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs through a university partnership with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo. The renovation of the building also has freed space on the rest of

the campus for academic and enrichment program expansion. It also has allowed for enhanced functionality for the Continuing Education

and Professional Development program; significant expansion of the Business Development Center; and amplifies the physical presence of the



**Dr. Conway Jeffress (third from left) Brian Broderick (second from right), chair of the Board of Trustees, and others cut the ribbon at the official dedication Wednesday of the Jeffress Center on the campus of Schoolcraft College.**

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and Professional Development program; significant expansion of the Business Development Center; and amplifies the physical presence of the

Schoolcraft College Foundation on campus. The Jeffress Center is the 12th building on the college's main campus in Livonia.

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office, Kristy Pagan, come to my door. Kristy is the only candidate during this election season that has personally come to my door. She started by asking what issues were important to me rather than telling me what she was going to do that would benefit my family, without even knowing my family! She listened as I explained public education was my top priority. My wife and I are both public school teachers and we have a third-grader and a kindergartner in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools this year.

Kristy heard me describe the struggle I have had with Rick Snyder claiming he has increased public school funding. We now pay 20 percent of our health care deductible, have had several years of pay cuts or freezes and the three districts we are directly connected to have more students in each class now than ever before in our careers. So if there is an increase of \$1 billion over the last four years, it's not coming into any of our classrooms. Charter schools are springing up like Starbucks, with limited oversight and profit-driven policies. I told Kristy that I still do not understand why my own children in P-CCS receive \$1,000 less from the state than the students my wife and I teach in our districts. Are my kids worth less than the kids I teach? So with salaries stagnant, out-of-pocket expenses increasing and students crammed into overcrowded classrooms, I was hoping Kristy was going to offer something tangible.

Kristy's plan is solid. She wants to restore the massive cuts to the classroom we have seen under Snyder; his increased spending for education DOES NOT mean increased dollars to the classroom. Snyder has

cut funds directly out of the classroom. Kristy is determined to bring the dollars back to the classroom that we lost as Snyder gave \$1.8 billion in tax breaks to large corporations. Kristy will work to amend Proposal A to secure the school-aid fund for K-12 schools only as it was intended when put into law. If the Republicans want to continue providing tax breaks for big businesses Kristy isn't going to allow them to be on the backs of our public school children or teachers.

Never before in my career have I been so concerned for the state of public education in Michigan. We moved here when looking for teaching jobs specifically because of the reputation the public schools in Michigan carried. Under the failed policies of our current legislators, Michigan's public education system continues to be underfunded and it remains a target for those supporting the exploitation of our children as something from which they can profit. I believe Kristy Pagan will fight for public education. If you support true public education in Michigan, then Kristy Pagan deserves your vote Nov. 4.

Seth Furlow  
Canton

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In education, she demonstrates respect for public school teachers and parents and has a realistic view of funding and the long term consequences of hobbling districts like Plymouth-Canton with unrestrained charter school devel-

opment.

The incumbent Patrick Colbeck appears sincere, but has stuck me as so ideologically rigid that he doesn't appear able to work with others to actually get ideas past the idea stage.

Many of his positions and claims about teachers unions, public education and health care are unsupported by facts and are so deeply rooted in ideology that they lose credibility.

Though he is an engineer by background, he sees education and health care as businessman. Based on professional and personal experience, this approach ends up being more costly.

Marcia Peterson Buckie  
Canton

Politics out

I am writing to share a concern relating to the election for the Plymouth-Canton school board.

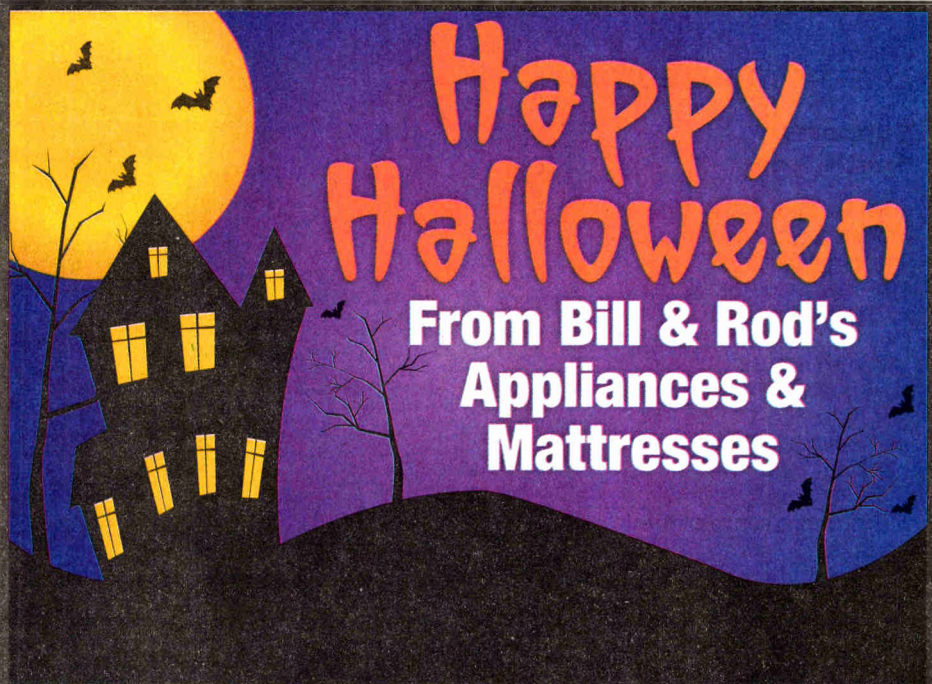
I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat; I am simply someone who cares about our public schools. As I research who I plan to vote for, I was surprised to learn that two candidates are certainly partisan and certainly politically motivated.

Kate Borninski is the current treasurer for the Canton Democratic Club and Michael Siegrist is on the board of directors for the Canton Democratic Club.

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, most would agree that politics do not belong on our school board. I will not be voting for these two people. Let them run for a partisan office so they can be open and honest about their political agenda.

No matter who you choose, make sure to keep politically motivated people out of our schools. We need better and honest leadership, not politics.

Sally Charson  
Canton

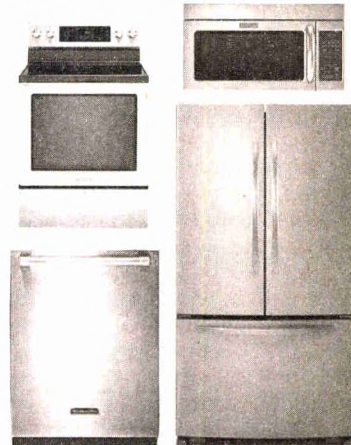


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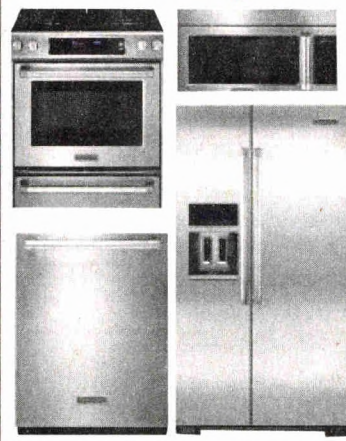
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# Michigan has had hundreds of towns with the same names

By Gene Scott  
Correspondent

Michigan has more than 3,000 incorporated and unincorporated places — cities, towns and hamlets. There used to be 2,000 more.

Official state maps list about half of these. The rest are findable in travel atlases, county and township maps or Google. I learned of this funny feature of Michigan while traveling through all 83 counties looking for ghost towns that are still alive.

During its history, Michigan has had more than 800 populated places which have shared the same name. Of these, at least 93 remain.

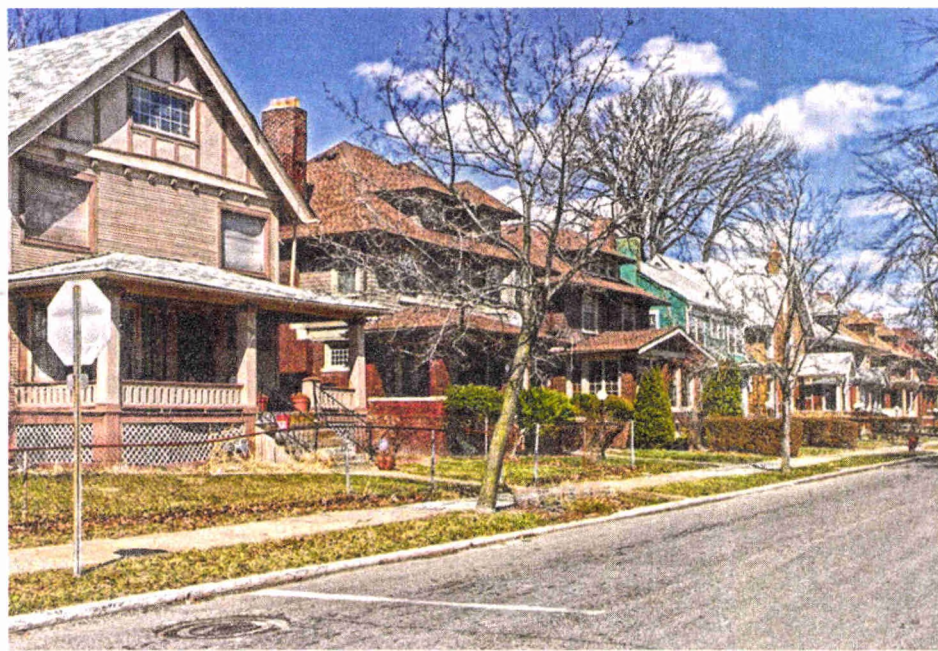
How can this be? Explanations may be found in local histories, but the main reason is that the duplicate town never had a post office, at least not at the same time. Many never incorporated.

Thankfully, Livonia and nearby suburbs like Canton, Farmington and Plymouth have no duplicates in Michigan. Closest of numerous other Cantons, Plymouths and Farmingtons in the U.S. are all in Ohio, 200 miles or more away. Closest of six other Livonias is in Indiana, 400 miles southwest.

## 10 same-name counterparts

Here are 10 Michigan places and their smaller same-name counterparts, where they're located and a smidgen of their histories.

» **Burton** (population 30,000) is a suburb of Flint in Genesee County, off I-69 and I-475. Started 1829, it became part of Burton Township, established 1856 and named after local farmer John



Early 1900 homes on Connecticut Avenue, Highland Park, Wayne County.

Burton. Incorporated as the city of Burton in 1976, it's had a post office since 1861.

The other Burton (pop. 50), on M-21 west of Owosso in Shiawassee County, began with Owosso Township in 1837 and was first called Mungerville, after its postmaster. Renamed Burton in 1878, it developed with the railroad and had a post office until 1936.

» **Dayton** (pop. 150), in Berrien County west of Niles, dates to 1830. Formerly Redding's Mill, it was renamed Dayton for residents from Dayton, Ohio, in 1850. Its post office closed in 1967. The Bankes centennial farm is the major landmark in this commuter town in Bertrand Township. A sign at the end of Depot Street — Detroit: 203 miles — has fallen down.

A second Dayton is in Wells Township, Tuscola County. Established 1856, this farming community of 20 homes never got much bigger than it is

today. Never had a post office. Apparently, nobody came from Ohio, so residents named their Dayton after Free Soil vice presidential candidate William Dayton.

» **Flat Rock** (pop. 8,400), in downriver Wayne County east of U.S. 24, was called Vreelandt after its first white settlers in 1829. Descendants of that first family still live there. Once a Wyandot village, it changed its name for the "smooth, flat rock" in the Huron River. Incorporated as a city in 1965, it's had a post office since 1905. Flat Rock developed with Ford and Mazda factories and has a popular motor speedway.

Up in the Upper Peninsula is another Flat Rock, 10 miles north of Escanaba and U.S. 2 in Delta County. The first town settled in the county (1844), it was named after the Esconobwa River, the Chippewa word for "flat rock." It had a post office until

1864. Labeled a ghost town, Flat Rock still has a church, tavern and about 70 residents.

» Remaining from their heydays are **Fultons** in Kalamazoo and Keweenaw counties. In Wakeshaw Township nine east of Vicksburg is the Kalamazoo Fulton. Dating to 1843, it was named after Fulton, N.Y., in 1867. In the 1880s, this Fulton had a dozen businesses, four schools and three churches. It still has a post office and 400 residents.

The Fulton in Keweenaw in the UP is on U.S. 41, a bedroom community of Houghton. It started in the 1840s as a copper mining camp, taking its name from the nearby mine. Its heyday was around 1900. Twice labeled a ghost town, Fulton still has a community hall, church and 75 homes.

» Yes, there are two **Highland Parks**. The biggest is in Wayne County, an enclave city within Detroit. It was known as Woodwardville in 1818 when Territorial Judge



Company-built 1910 homes in Fulton, Keweenaw County.



This century-old milk plant was restored as the new city hall in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County.

Augustus Woodward attempted to build a city along Woodward Avenue. Renamed Highland Park (1889), the city grew to nearly 50,000 following Henry Ford's opening of the first automobile plant paying workers \$5 a day. Highland Park has had a population decline of 300 percent in the past 50 years, perhaps more than any other Michigan city.

The second Highland Park, on the west shore of Gull Lake in Richland Township, Kalamazoo County, started as a resort community of summer homes. It has several village amenities, but no post office. This smaller Highland Park has approximately 50 year-round residences.

» Largest of two **Mt.**

**Pleasant** (30,000) is in Isabella County, at U.S. 127 and M-20, and partly on Chippewa and Saginaw reservation land. It was chosen as the county seat before it had any white residents. A city by 1889, it boomed in the 1930s with oil drilling and is the home of Central Michigan University with 27,000 students. A century-old milk plant was restored as its new city hall in 2009. The Chippewa-Saginaw Tribal Council's Soaring Eagle Casino is located there.

A second Mt. Pleasant is in Casco Township, Allegan County, west of U.S. 131. Started by Chicago families in the 1920s, it is among a string

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of resort towns near Lake Michigan. It never had a post office, but has more than 100 homes, many year-round.

» There are **New Havens** in at least eight other states. Michigan has two. One (pop. 5,000) is in Macomb County, off M-19 north of Mt. Clemens. Started 1835, it was renamed New Haven when its post office opened 1838. Its restored train depot is the town's historic attraction. New Haven is among Michigan's fastest growing cities – a 50-percent population increase in the last decade.

A smaller New Haven is off M-52, six miles north of Owosso in New Haven Township, Shiawassee County. Started in 1859, it survived without a railroad, post office or much of anything. Today, there are more people in the town cemetery than in the town.

» **Sand Lake** (pop. 500), near U.S. 131 in Nelson Township, Kent County, started in 1869 as a milling center and became a tourist town. It's had a post office since 1879. Named for its sandy lake, its biggest annual event is a Mud Bog in July.

The Sand Lake in Grant Township, Iosco County, gets bigger than its counterpart when hundreds flock to their cottages around their sandy lake every summer. Ten miles northwest of Tawas City, it never had a post office.

» Before 1836, **Springport** (pop. 700) in Jackson County was a Potawatomi village. Like most Springports, it was named for its springs. The town's founder started the *Springport Signal*, a weekly newspaper still in business. Sixteen miles northwest of Jackson on M-99, it also has a motor speedway.

You might miss the Springport on U.S. 23 at Lake Huron in Alcona



The since-restored 1859 Grand Trunk RR Depot in New Haven, Shiawassee County.

County, if you speed past the golf course next to its remaining homes. Once called Sunflower Hill, the town lost its identity to nearby Harrisville long ago. Its first settlers shipwrecked there in 1846 during the birth of their son, Eugene – the first white child born in the county.

» Michigan's 10th largest city (81,000), **Troy** in Oakland County, started as Hastings in 1822. It was renamed Troy Corners because many settlers came from Troy, N.Y. A city since 1955, Troy has 5,000 business, its own airport and a historic village that includes its former township and city hall.

Much smaller is the Troy in Troy Township, Newaygo County. It has been there since 1879. It was called West Troy until Murphy's sawmill burned 70 years ago. Today, it still has a dozen homes, a bar and township hall at 13 Mile and Dickinson roads. Troy's mail has always come from the closest larger town, Bitely.

As to the other 67 places with duplicate names, here's a list and their counties, but you'll have to find them yourself. Note: None of the

towns are in the same county. Many have been prematurely labeled ghost towns.

Four towns are quadruplicates – **Maple Groves** in Barry, Marquette, Muskegon and Saginaw counties. Fifteen are triplicates, which accounts for the total of 87 same name places. They are: **North Lake** in Lapeer, Marquette and Van Buren counties; **Stony Creek** in Monroe, Oakland and Washtenaw; **Twin Lakes** in Cass, Houghton and Muskegon; **Wildwood** in Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Crawford; and **Woodville** in Bay, Jackson and Newaygo.

The other 54 duplicates are: **Allenton**, **Alton**, **Austin**, **Beaver**, **Campbell**, **Charleston**, **Deerfield Center**, **Dover**, **Elmwood**, **Forestville**, **Homestead**, **Indiantown**, **Lakewood**, **Mapleton**, **Maple Valley**, **Millville**, **Newark**, **Not-tawa**, **Oak Grove**, **Oakwood**, **Pine Creek**, **Pleasant Valley**, **Thomas**, **Westwood**, **Whitney**, **Wolf Lake** and **Woodland Beach**. Incidentally, there once was another Garden City (in Keweenaw County) and Oak Park (now called Level Park, a Battle Creek

suburb). Many other Michigan towns, long gone now, once shared same names – more than 700 others. There might have been even more, had no one bothered to check if they



Entrance to Springport Motor Speedway on M-99, Kalamazoo County.

got incorporated or had a post office. Many town names were changed to comply with postal rules. Despite all the duplications, each town has had its own unique history.

To learn more, you might want to check the 196 county history books in major libraries in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Lan-

sing. Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.

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but also how they are taught. The teaching profession has been reduced to following a script rather than allowing teachers to tailor instruction to suit the individual student. Furthermore, we have no objective proof that these new standards will actually improve student performance. I have been and continue to be the most outspoken opponent of Common Core in the Senate."

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## Chiefs' running game leads rout of Cowboys

Canton powers way to 50-13 shellacking of Detroit Western

By Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

Canton was chomping at the bit all week to avenge last week's heart-wrenching conference championship loss to South Lyon.

The Chiefs had to wait 20 minutes longer than they anticipated, but came out victorious in a 50-13 stomping of visiting Detroit Western International, which arrived at the field at 6:28 p.m. for the scheduled 6:30 kick-off.

Canton's running game stole the show with 383 out of the team's 450 total yards. Sophomore Marcus Sanders led the Chiefs' vaunted rushing attack with 212 yards and three touchdowns.

He scored from 16, 37, and 30 yards out, all in the first half, to help propel Canton (7-2) to a 36-7 halftime lead.

"We needed a big win to get our confidence up again coming after last week's loss; it was a tough one," Canton senior quarterback Greg Williams (3-of-3 passing for 67 yards) said.

Seniors Brian Newton (seven carries for 76 yards and two touchdowns) and Jake Pagel (three carries for 48 yards) also scored rushing touchdowns for Canton in the first half.

Newton started the scoring on the opening possession of the game on a 4-yard plunge that capped a 71-yard drive in two minutes.

Pagel found the end zone from 2 yards out to put Canton up 29-7 with 5:45 remaining in the second quarter.

A bright spot for Detroit Western (4-5) came on its first touchdown. On third-and-eight from the Canton 43-yard line, senior quarterback Jalen Ewing threw a strike to junior wide receiver Jaye Patrick (four catches for 51 yards), who was just past the first-down marker in the middle of the field. Without looking, Patrick tossed a picture-perfect pitch to senior running back and Central Michigan verbal commit Romello Ross.

Ross caught the pitch and did the rest to complete the 57-yard Cowboys hook-and-ladder to get to within 8-7 five minutes into the game.

"We were practicing it all week in practice. I honestly didn't know if the coaches were going to run it or not, but when he called it, I knew what I was supposed to do," said Ross (17 carries for 68 yards). "The receiver delivered the ball and it was off to the races."

After Ross' touchdown, the Canton defense stood tall. It forced an interception and then three consecutive punts — in addition to the Cowboys having the ball as the first half ended — before Western scored with nine seconds left in the third quarter as Ewing found Patrick in the end zone all alone. The Patrick touchdown closed a 13-play, 78-yard drive that ate up 8:45 of clock.

"It was all about heart tonight."

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Running past disbelieving Northville players, Canton soccer players take off toward their goalie Andrew Loehnis after he and the rest of the Chiefs stoned the Mustangs on penalty kicks.

## ON TO THE SEMIFINALS

Canton scores late to tie game, then Loehnis robs Northville in PKs to win regional final

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It was almost criminal that one of the teams that played Friday night's outstanding, entertaining Division 1 boys soccer regional final at Westland John Glenn had its season end.

And in a contest with many twists, turns and subplots, the No. 2-ranked team in the state, Canton, emerged victorious 3-2 in penalty kicks over Northville to claim the regional title and move on to the semifinals at Holt.

"My boys all stepped up," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "Hunter Olson stepped up, Matthew Causley stepped up."

"My seniors in the back, Sam (Belcher), Chris (Doo-ley), Nick (Wendel), Kyle (Mettlach) all stepped up and did a great job."

"Northville battled us and played really hard, they should be proud of themselves. It's a tough way to lose."



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Canton senior goalkeeper Andrew Loehnis dives to block this Northville penalty kick Friday night.

Northville head coach Henry Klimes said his team "knew coming in it was going to be a great soccer game. ... It was a great game. There was nothing more I could have asked for."

Indeed, it wasn't easy, other than an own goal credited to Canton with one second to play in the first half to send the teams to halftime 1-1.

The Chiefs (22-0-3) needed a brilliant, clutch goal by junior midfielder Hunter Olson with 4:58 to play in regulation to knot the score at 2-2.

And after that, it was the Andrew Loehnis Show as the senior goalkeeper stoned the Mustangs (14-6-3) in the two 10-minute extra sessions and penalty kicks.

With the first OT winding down, Alec Morgan's free kick from 40 yards flew into a crowd in front of Loehnis. Getting a head on it was Northville's Johnny Rodriguez and the ball caromed toward the top of the cage.

But Loehnis skied as high as he could to snare the ball. Then in PKs, Loehnis dove to deny a bid by Blake Becker and batted away another attempt taken by Kyle Johnson.

**Closing the door**

Canton ultimately won the PK round when junior midfielder Jason Ren's hard shot bounced in off the body of Mustangs goalkeeper Manuel Kansy (who took over from starter Alec Melucci after overtime).

"I was just thinking, 'I got to be on top, I got to get the job done' and coach chose me to do the job done," Loehnis said. "Jay (Krebs, Canton's usual goalie for PKs) is out with a sprained ankle, so

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## Eagles don't flinch, but clinch

Wyman's serving prowess sparks PCA spikers to big victory on senior night

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Abby Wyman gets into a zone — literally — it's usually a thing to behold for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team.

Such definitely was the case Thursday night as the senior middle hitter's proficiency from the serving stripe helped turn the tide in the Eagles' four-set victory over visiting Huron Valley Lutheran.

The 25-21, 23-25, 25-20, 25-13 win enabled PCA to outright clinch the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division championship (24-4, 9-1).

It also was a triumphant finish for PCA's senior night. All five seniors started the match and made strong contributions to the victory. In



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Bumping the ball for Plymouth Christian during Thursday's contest is sophomore Olivia Mady (left), with freshman Grace Kellogg providing encouragement.

addition to Wyman, those players were right-side hitter Kelsey Williamson, defensive

specialist Callie Morby, setter Raina Postma and middle hitter Danielle Witkowski.

"She's one of the most consistent players I've ever coached," Eagles head coach Katie Decker said about Wyman. "She just doesn't mess up. She's consistent, her fundamentals are strong."

"She spot serves and really threw off their serve-serve and caused a lot of problems for them."

Wyman, who chalked up nine kills and five aces, stepped up to the line with the Hawks leading 11-10 in the third set, with the match tied at one set each.

Her first serve led to the tying point when sophomore middle hitter Aliyah Pries drilled one over the net, finishing off a perfect pass from sophomore setter Jessica Paulson.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Young Salem outdistances pack

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer



Salem's outstanding talent pool keeps getting deeper and deeper.

The Rocks prevailed at Thursday's Livonia Franklin Junior Varsity Invitational at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Not only did the Rocks finish first in the junior/senior competition (with 15 points, far ahead of runner-up Franklin's 73) they also triumphed in the freshman/sophomore race with 24 points, bettering Walled Lake Northern (43 points).

"Very impressive performance today by our JV squads," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "The girls competed to their potential and ran terrific on a wet course."

"Our JV showed that we are a complete program today from top to bottom. I was very proud of them as a coach."

Salem runners also earned first-place individual honors in both races. Junior Kayla DeLaCruz (20:57) and freshman Hannah Jeffress (20:34) did the honors.

In the junior/senior race, DeLaCruz was followed by teammates in the next six places. Those were junior Kaya Knake

(second, 21:00), junior Karissa McCarthy (third, 21:13), senior Katy Robeson (fourth, 21:14), junior Brianna Essien (fifth, 21:17), junior Gabby DeLaCruz (sixth, 21:18) and senior Marlo Sharpe (seventh, 21:19).

Salem also dominated the top 10 in the freshman/sophomore race.

Following Jeffress were sophomore Erin McCann (second, 20:36), freshman Shea Wilson (fourth, 21:08), sophomore Leah Stevens (eighth, 21:42) and freshman Jessica Hughes (ninth, 21:45).

As for other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams, Canton and Plymouth finished fifth and sixth in both races, respectively.

Canton's leading runners were junior Mary Galm (17th, 22:31) and sophomore Elaine Brandle (22nd, 22:50).

For Plymouth, junior Allison Morren (21st, 23:10) and freshman Kelly Gryniecicz (24th, 22:52) had the top performances.

# Sonny days: Milano returns as Whalers blank Steelheads

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Sonny Milano is the kind of highly skilled, awe-inspiring offensive player that routinely lifts hockey fans out of their seats.

On Friday night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, approximately 1,600 spectators saw for themselves what all the buzz surrounding the rookie forward was all about as he made his 2014-15 Plymouth Whalers and OHL debut in a 5-0 win over Mississauga.

It only took Milano — a Columbus Blue Jackets draft choice in June who missed a month with an injury — 78 seconds to earn his first point for the Whalers, assisting on Matt Mistelet's power-play goal.

In the middle period, Milano drew two more assists (Mistelet's second goal and one by Mathew Campagna) to help stake the Whalers to a five-goal lead that held up the rest of the way.

Also scoring for the Whalers (6-5-1) was another rookie forward, Will Bitten. He put two shots past Steelheads goalie Cameron Zanussi.

Meanwhile, it was a relatively quiet night for



RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Highly touted rookie forward Sonny Milano (shown in a preseason game) made his 2014-15 regular season debut Friday night for the Whalers in their game against Mississauga and recorded three assists.

Plymouth goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who only needed to make 16 stops for the shutout. Nedeljkovic registered two shutouts in two nights, also blanking Windsor on Thursday night.

Milano is trying to make up for losing the first month of the season after suffering a facial fracture during the NHL Prospects Tournament in Traverse City.

Whatever Milano is able to bring to the team will be a plus for first-year head coach Don Elland and general manager Mark Craig, whose team went 2-2 during a long road trip that was far more costly than how it impacted the West Division standings.

The Whalers will be scrambling to replenish the roster after sustaining a major injury and two suspensions during the course of the trek —

which concluded with Thursday's 1-0 victory over Windsor.

Defenseman and team captain Alex Peters sustained a significant knee injury Oct. 17 at Kingston (a 6-4 loss) and might need season-ending surgery. Team officials are still assessing his situation.

Meanwhile, the Whalers returned home with two other defensemen — Rochester's Mitch Jones and Gianluca Curcuruto — sidelined with suspensions of eight and 12 games, respectively. The suspensions were levied by the OHL for hits to the head of opponents.

In Thursday's triumph over the Spitfires, winger Danny Vanderwiel tallied his fourth goal of the season just 2:24 into the contest. Setting up the goal were Bitten and Victor Crus Rydberg. That proved to

be all the Whalers needed, as Nedeljkovic turned aside all 30 shots he saw.

Vanderwiel also lit the lamp in the Kingston game, scoring twice, along with single goals by Cullen Mercer and Mistelet. But the Frontenacs held on for the victory.

On Oct. 18, Plymouth edged Peterborough 4-3 in a shootout. The Whalers were buoyed by a stellar, 45-save performance by backup goaltender Zack Bowman.

But Sunday at Ottawa, respectively, the Whalers fell 5-3.

Getting on the board for Plymouth were Connor Chatham (his fifth), Yannick Rathgeb and Mathieu Hendersson.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ROUNDUP

# Soccer teams gear up for regionals

Ocelots goalie Hernandez honored by NJCAA following three-shutout week

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

With the postseason looming, both Schoolcraft soccer teams are in pretty good shape to say the least.

Schoolcraft's women soccer team enjoyed a successful weekend trek to Ohio, with a 4-0 win at Cincinnati State and 1-1 tie at Owens CC enabling the Lady Ocelots to clinch the MCCA with a 9-1-1 record.

And thanks to Sunday's 1-1 deadlock in Toledo against Owens, coach Deepak Shivraman's squad clinched the top seed in the Region XII tournament.

Saturday at Cincinnati State, the Lady Ocelots registered a 4-0 victory to set up the clincher. Scoring three goals was Shae van Gassen while Tori Koontz found the mark on a play set up by Sarah Mulcahy (Livonia Stevenson).



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS  
Schoolcraft's Andres Hernandez recently won NJCAA Goalie of the Week honors.

Sharing the shutout in goal were Kaitlyn Dangelmaier and Salem alum Aly Mann, each making three saves.

"We looked really good," said Shivraman about the win. "Our possession and level of play was high."

On the 1-1 tie Saturday at Owens, the Lady Ocelots took a lead in the first half on Remy Houttekier's free-kick goal.

Owens scored before half-time on a scramble, and the teams continued to play the

rest of regulation and two overtimes with no further scoring.

"We had countless opportunities, but couldn't score," Shivraman said. "Overall, I was pleased with our play and determination."

All the Ocelot men's team needs to secure the outright championship of the MCCA is a win or tie Saturday at home against Lake Michigan.

But MCCA information director Tod Hess said the team is still trying to find out where it stands in the Region XII tourney that begins Wednesday. Hess noted that the "men's side is a jumble after the weekend."

Schoolcraft (12-2-0, 11-2-0) looked set up for a top spot, until losing 4-2 Saturday at Cincinnati State.

The Ocelots spotted their opponent four goals in the first half, but did respond with markers by Jon Quintana and Victor Contreras in the 60th and 82nd minutes, respectively.

**NJCAA honors**

Schoolcraft men's soccer freshman Andres Hernandez was recently honored by the NJCAA as its goalie of the

week. Hernandez played all but 14 minutes of three Schoolcraft shutouts, a streak capped off by a 1-0 shutout against Ancilla on Oct. 12 that clinched the Ocelots at least a share of the conference championship.

His biggest save against Ancilla came in the waning seconds of regulation as he acrobatically tipped a shot over the crossbar.

Following that contest, he posted a 7-1-0 record and 0.84 average with four shutouts and a .868 save percentage.

**Golfers compete**

The Schoolcraft College Golf Invitational held Oct. 13 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon went to Mott Community College.

The Bears tallied a 6-over par 294, followed by Oakland Community College (298), St. Clair CC (310) and the host Ocelots (fourth, 326).

Tallying a 5-over 77 for Schoolcraft was Eric Perry. Next on the scorecard for the Ocelots were Jalen Teifin (81), Chad Berger and Austin Harris (tied for 29th with 84s).

Finishing with 86s (tied for 32nd) for Schoolcraft were Sean Hackman and Ray Po-

kerwinski. Schoolcraft also took fourth at the recent MCCA Eastern Conference Tournament with a four-day tally of 1,310. Mott won with 1,186.

Perry (81-85-78-77-321) and Hackman (81-80-81-86-328) came in 15th and 19th overall, respectively.

The tournament took place with 18-hole rounds in Dearborn, Battle Creek, Flint and Roscommon between Sept. 8 and Oct. 10.

**Spikers fall**

On Tuesday in the home finale for Schoolcraft's women's volleyball team, the Lady Ocelots dropped a three-set match to Mott Community College (losing 25-19, 26-24, 25-17).

Top offensive players for Schoolcraft included outside hitters Ajsha Davie (eight kills), Morgan Copperstone of Livonia Stevenson (seven kills) and right-side hitter Sydnee Miller (seven kills).

Contributing 17 and nine assists, respectively, were setters Lindsey Umin and Julene Pummill (Garden City).

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## EAGLES

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**Taking control**

Six Wyman-served points later, the Hawks called timeout trying to figure out a way to stop the bleeding with PCA up 17-11. The Eagles led by three or more points the rest of that set.

In the fourth set, Wyman enjoyed a five-point string to pad PCA's lead to 19-8 and make the clincher a foregone conclusion.

"I think everybody played great. This was a great game to have as our senior night," Wyman said. "I'm really proud of everybody. I think this is a great way to end our conference and go on to districts."

Asked about what makes her tick when she gets rolling in the serving department, she couldn't help but smile.

"I just kind of zone everything out, our coach (assistant D.J. Kellogg) was calling the zones where to serve it," Wyman said. "So I was just focusing on him trying to see where he wanted me to serve it – and just hoping I'd get it in."

Other big performers for PCA included Postma (22 assists), sophomore outside hitter Olivia Mady (13 kills, eight digs, six aces), freshman defensive specialist Grace Kellogg (13 digs, seven kills), sophomore libero Divna Roi (10 digs) and Paulson (14 assists).

For the Hawks (21-14-5, 5-5), hard-hitting senior outside hitter Madison Dest played a strong match with 20 kills and six digs with senior setter Anne St. John (19 assists) and senior outside hitter Nikki Alcini (five kills) chipping in.

"We played in spurts," Huron Valley head coach Mike Dest said. "We played in spurts, we just gave too many free balls away, too many errors. You can't do that against a good team."

**Special night**

Decker said clinching the MIAC Blue on senior night made for a special night all around.

"We had a whole cheering section over there of their friends," Decker said. "This is such a great group of seniors. These guys were sophomores when I came in and started coaching here. I've had three years to bond with them and they're such a great group of girls."

"They will definitely be missed next year, but they played awesome tonight."

But not until Wyman triggered the win in the third set with her dominant serving did the Eagles start to mesh. For much of the first two sets and well into the third, the Hawks gave PCA a lot to handle.

"We struggled on serve-receive a little bit," Decker said. "They (Hawks) have some great servers. They have a couple girls that have a nice, hard serve."



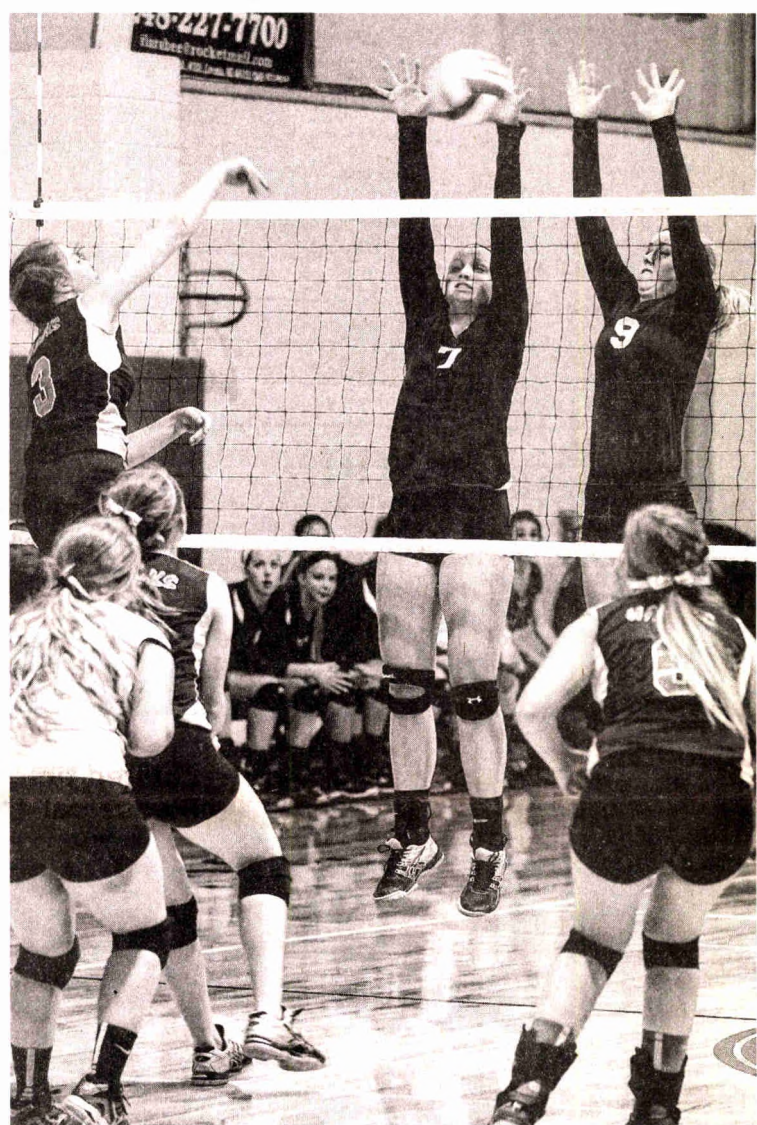
JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
PCA senior Raina Postma (right) sets the ball to senior Abby Wyman during Thursday's senior night contest.

"And we struggled a little bit with our ball control, which means we couldn't really get our hitters going."

And now the Eagles will look to ride the positive momentum into the Class D district (which will be hosted the week beginning Nov. 3 by PCA).

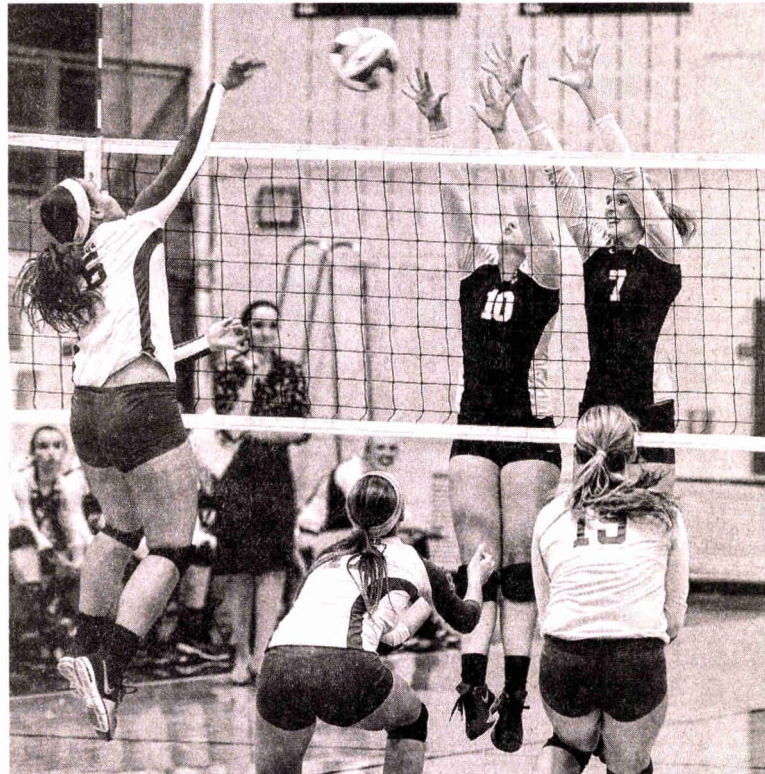
"Especially after this game, our confidence went way up," Wyman said. "Because we now know that we can pull through after any losses or anything we're going through."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Jumping in tandem to block a kill attempt by Huron Valley Lutheran's Madison Dest (left) are Plymouth Christian's Danielle Witkowski (No. 7) and Aliyah Pries (No. 9).

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
At Salem's Senior Night Tuesday, junior Tess Ganich (No. 6) punches the ball over the arms of Plymouth's Lauren Conley (No. 10) and Olivia Beyer (No. 7).



## Lutheran Westland seniors eye strong finish to season

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The end of their high school volleyball careers may be approaching faster than a rocket-propelled hit for Lutheran Westland's group of talented seniors, but all six Warriors are playing like there's no tomorrow.

Following Thursday's 3-0 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills, which came 48 hours after a confidence-boosting win over next-door-neighbor rival Huron Valley Lutheran, the senior-led Warriors appear poised to make some noise in their Class C district tournament set to begin Nov. 3 at Ann Arbor Prep.

"Led by our seniors, we're playing our best volleyball of the season now," said first-year head coach Tom Lange. "We gave Lutheran Northwest all it could handle last week after they beat us easily earlier in the season, and we split with Class A Belleville in a tournament last week, so it looks like we're peaking at the right time."

Lange's daughter, Allie, is one of the six seniors on the roster, which gave the Warriors' new coach an important familiarity-factor advantage prior to his first campaign.

"I've gotten to know all the girls since Allie was a freshman, so that definitely helped me this year, knowing what their skills were," said Lange. "Obviously, it's been fun coaching my daughter, but at the same time it's been fun coaching the entire team because I've gotten to know all of them."

Unlike most of the top teams in the area – and many they face in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference – the Warriors' seniors do not play



ED WRIGHT  
Pictured (from left) are Lutheran Westland senior volleyball players Claire Gordon, Vivian Quitmeyer, Mackenzie York, Sabrina Morrison, Emily Hahn and Allie Lange.

club-level volleyball, but they've offset that obstacle with a nice mix of chemistry and a good dose of hustle. "I like that we all get along so well," said senior defensive standout Emily Hahn, who resides in Northville. "That helps us play together better as a team. It's been a little frustrating this season because we've lost a lot of close matches, but we always play with a lot of intensity. We never give up."

"We're starting to get some momentum going," said senior front-row player Claire Gordon. "Part of that, I think, is because we have good compatibility and the atmosphere around the team is always positive. It's been a great experience playing here. I've learned a lot of team values."

Senior middle hitter Vivian Quitmeyer, whose forte is blocking opponents' would-be kills, said it's hard to get down when you're surrounded by such positive teammates.

"We're good at encouraging one another; we always try to build each other up," Quitmeyer said.

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## Rocks prevail on senior night

Senior night was a good one for Salem's varsity volleyball team.

The Rocks on Tuesday night defeated Plymouth in four games: 25-14, 25-19, 22-25, 25-22.

"Great game the girls played with a lot of passion and fun honoring the seniors on senior night," noted Salem head coach Amanda Nies.

"They played well and our serve receive and serving really helped us win."

Senior libero Kelly Lidzbarski was a major contributor with 30 digs, while senior right-side hitter Hannah Moote helped the cause with four kills, seven

digs and three aces while senior middle hitter Madison Fairchild chipped in with eight kills.

Other seniors honored during the night included right-side hitter Michelle Dierker and middle hitter Audrey Boike.

Also having solid showings for Salem were junior outside hitter Tess Ganich (25 kills, 24 digs), junior setters Lauren Wylie (31 assists, 10 digs) and Sara Soltis (21 assists, five aces), junior defensive specialist Drew Smiley (10 digs with excellent serve receive) and sophomore outside hitter Kendall Gilen (17 kills, five aces).



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Scoring on a header late in the second half to tie the game 2-2 is Canton's Hunter Olson (No. 10).

## SOCCER

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coach told me to step up."

"Andrew Loehnis is very confident," Zemaniski said. "I have three goalies and I can go to any one of them. I'm very confident in every one of them."

"Andrew promised me he'd make a save in the PK shootout and he made two of them."

Loehnis played the first half, giving up the game's first goal to Grant Tyburski, whose spinning boot from 10 yards in front found the inside of the left post.

Canton made it 1-1 in a strange goal. Throwing the ball in from the left side in Northville's end was senior midfielder Jack Zemaniski and the ball was flicked into the

box by senior forward Carter Schenk (who left the game with an injured ankle early in the second half).

The ball then bounced in off a Mustangs defender past Melucci.

### No quit

"The own goal that was a tough one to give up, but we kept going," Klimes said. "But there's nothing to be down about, the boys played their hearts out. They have no regrets and what more can you ask for high school kids?"

Playing the second half for the Chiefs was senior goalkeeper Dylon DaSilva and he was beaten on a pretty shot by Jonathon Mitchell with 27:41 remaining in regulation to put Northville up 2-1.

Taking a corner kick from the right side was Jake Reitzloff and the

ball bounced out of a scrum to the top of the box. That's where Mitchell's left-footed strike sent the ball into the top-left corner.

"It felt good to put the ball in the net," Mitchell said. "At that point, we were winning so it felt good. ... It's heartbreaking (to lose), but we put forth our best effort and that's all you can ask for."

For more than 20 minutes, that goal stood as the winner. The Chiefs, however, started to pick up the pace and stretch the Northville defense.

With about 14 minutes remaining, junior midfielder Jimmy Walkinshaw sent a feed up the right side to sophomore forward Mohamad Miri, who was tripped up without a call.

A few minutes later, junior forward Matthew Causley threw the ball in to Walkinshaw, rushing

up the gut toward Melucci who dove for the clutch snag.

### Drawing even

Finally, the Chiefs scored the equalizer.

Causley sent a pass from the left side of the Northville 18-yard box in front to Olson, who flicked it in with a perfect header.

"At first I didn't think I had a chance to get a piece of it," Olson said. "But at the last second it came toward me and I was able to jump backward for it and get a head on it."

That reprieve helped get Canton into overtime and the Chiefs managed to survive to reach Wednesday's 6 p.m. semifinal against the winner of Saturday's Okemos-Saline contest.

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Canton's Hunter Olson (left) and Northville's Dan Baldwin go head-to-head during Friday's regional final.

## PREP FOOTBALL WEEK 9

# Wildcats top Belleville to wrap up regular season

Plymouth carries 7-2 record into first week of playoffs

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

There wasn't much Plymouth could do wrong in Friday night's 41-14 triumph over visiting Belleville.

The Wildcats dominated on both sides of the ball, breaking out to a 28-0 halftime lead in the lopsided regular-season finale. With the win, Plymouth improved to 7-2 overall entering the first round of the playoffs.

Getting the rout started late in the first quarter was Plymouth quarterback Deji Adebisi (12-of-17 passing, 205 yards, three TDs), who connected on a 15-yard scoring strike to Christian Walls.

Even some good fortune smiled on the Wildcats early in the second.

Adebisi fumbled inside the Belleville 5-yard line, but the ball was recovered for a touchdown by Joe Supernois. Following the second of five extra points by Van Nguyen, Plymouth led 14-0.

Before halftime, Adebisi scored on a 1-yard run and found receiver Connor Theodorakos for an 8-yard touchdown toss to make it a 28-0 contest.

That Adebisi-Theodorakos combo worked again late in the third, this time for an 11-yard TD.

Belleville finally got on the board midway through the fourth when quarterback Askare Crawford scored on a 51-yard gallop.

Closing out the scoring for the Wildcats was running back Matthew Barno, taking it in from 4 yards out with 1:47 to



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth's Shane Raymond (left), shown from last week's win over Northville, had another strong game against Belleville.

play.

Crawford then connected with Dionte Williams for a 20-yard score in the final minute.

Plymouth outgained Belleville 333-185.

Leading the ground attack was Anthony Kenney, with 76 yards in 13 carries, while Daris Timmons chipped in 49 yards in 10 rushes.

In the passing game, Adebisi

completed four passes to Walls for 79 yards and Cameron Stella tallied a 67-yard catch-and-run.

Key defenders included Shane Raymond and Carlton Rose (3.5 tackles, three assists each) along with Timmons and Walls (three tackles and two assists each).

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## Ladywood golfers seventh in Division 4

Chalk one up to experience as the Livonia Ladywood golf team earned a seventh-place finish in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 4 state finals held last weekend at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows in Allendale.

Kalamazoo Hackett captured the team title with a two-day total of 349-341-690, followed by Harbor Springs (723), Macomb Lutheran North (728), Grand Rapids West Catholic (741), Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian (750), Maple City Glen Lake (752) and Ladywood (381-382-763) rounding out the top seven.

Glen Lake's Nichole Cox was individual medalist with 83-76-159.

Ladywood's top four scorers were all underclassmen

led by freshman Gabrielle Scopone, 89-89-178; sophomore Jordan Rioux, 94-96-190; sophomore Lydia Cranmer, 96-96-192; and junior Carly Hall, 102-101-203.

Senior Laura Hureski added 142-125-267.

On Oct. 8, the Blazers earned a spot in the state finals by finishing runner-up in the regional tournament at Stoney Creek G.C.

Katie Humphrey took individual medalist honors with an 88 as Lutheran North won the team title with 374. Ladywood and Adrian Madison finished second and third with 403 and 427.

Rioux and Scopone paced the Blazers with 98 each, while Hall and Cranmer shot 103 and 104, respectively. Hureski added a 132.

## MU boots No. 4 Davenport on PK

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Despite being under siege most of the match, the Madonna University men's soccer team held the fort Friday afternoon to score a stunning 1-0 victory over No. 4-ranked Davenport University.

And the Crusaders, who improved to 12-4 overall and 7-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, were able to limit the NAIA's most dangerous forward, Dzenan Catic, to just one shot in the process.

Catic, a junior from East

Kentwood, came into the match with 27 goals and eight assists. He was originally a Michigan State signee, but lost his NCAA Division I eligibility after trying out for a professional German club.

Meanwhile, MU's 6-4 goalkeeper Marcel Schmid, a sophomore from Germany, did his part by making seven saves to post the team's 10th shutout of the year.



Schmid

## CHIEFS

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It was a team win; everybody played well," junior linebacker Jalen Cochran (two tackles) said.

The Cowboys' stats almost

resembled a traditional Canton team in the offensive category besides Ewing's 167 passing yards on 29 attempts.

Detroit Western ran 53 plays on the night, 19 more than Canton.

The Cowboys' 32:30 of possession more than doubled Canton's 15:30.



## Westland native wins America's Favorite Veterinarian title

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Tim Hunt runs his dogs along a serene frozen landscape. The Westland native recently won the title, America's Favorite Veterinarian.

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

**T**im Hunt, D.V.M., was busy Thursday morning with four spay operations, two mastectomies and a broken foot.

After surgery, he finished his day with 25 appointments. "We've been swamped. I can't believe how busy we've been since this thing went down," Hunt said, in a phone interview on Oct. 23 from his practice in Marquette.

The Westland native and his Bayshore Animal Clinic are drawing interest nationwide after Hunt won the title, America's Favorite Veterinarian, through a second annual contest sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, the charitable division of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

A client nominated Hunt for the honor, citing his willingness to respond "day or night," including on Christmas morning when he performed a Caesarean section on her bulldog.

Hunt said that kind of personal service is the norm for a small-town veterinarian. In large urban and suburban areas, veterinarians are more likely to refer clients to after-hours emergency clinics.

"You're on call all the time. It's just one of those things. Being in a small town, you have to answer your own calls at night.

"Have you ever read any James Herriot? When I read his books they always struck

home with me," Hunt said, referring to *All Creatures Great and Small*, a series of semi-biographical stories about a country veterinarian.

Practicing more personal veterinary care, as opposed to corporate veterinary medicine, helps build a level of trust with the client, Hunt said. "It helps with continuity, being familiar with the animal."

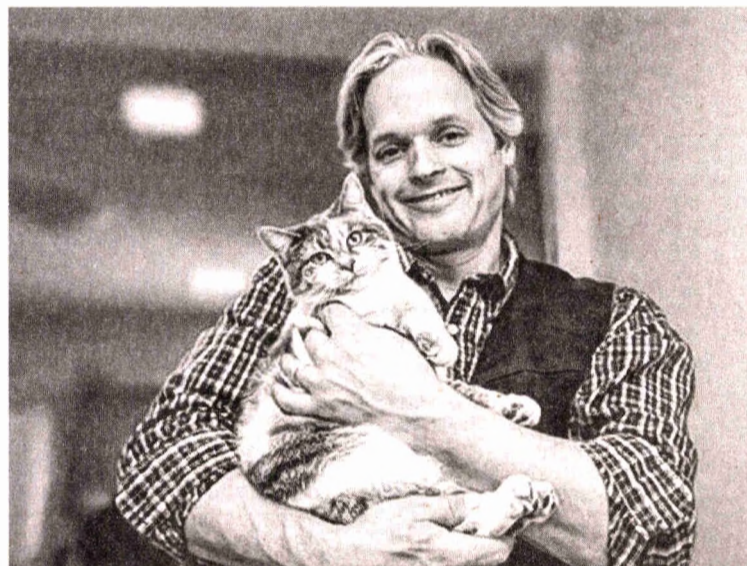
### Other differences

He and the two other veterinarians at Bayshore, which he established in 1993, see less infectious diseases in animals than they would if they were located in a large metro area, like Detroit. He saw more parvo and leukemia in dogs while working in the Lower Peninsula.

"We see more dogs hit by cars than in the city. There are more porcupine incidents up here."

Hunt, who graduated from Livonia Franklin in 1982, had "pocket pets" while growing up in a family with three other siblings. He said he was 11 years old when he decided to become a veterinarian and at 14 he got a job with D'Adamo Veterinary Hospital in Livonia. He worked in the kennel area and eventually handled reception and vet assistant duties. By the time he applied for veterinary school at Michigan State University, he had logged several thousand hours of practical experience.

After graduation, he worked in Grayling and Alpena to gain experience and then moved to Marquette to co-found Baysh-



Tim Hunt, a Westland native, is America's Favorite Veterinarian.

ore with a classmate, who has since left the practice.

### Starting small

"The first year was tough. I cleaned more fish on the surgery table than I did surgery," he said. "Word of mouth helped. We started out on a few bucks and a lot of hours, but one thing led to another."

While building his practice, Hunt also began racing sled dogs. He and his wife own 30 sled dogs, in addition to indoor pets, although his passion for canine winter sports started with the dalmatian he acquired when he was in veterinary school.

"It's a very busy breed. As it turned out, it was a fun dog to

have." He and the dog practiced skijoring, a sport in which a dog pulls a person on skis. He said skijoring is a good way to help keep dogs in shape.

"Obesity is the No. 1 problem with dogs. If your dog likes the cold and likes to pull, it's surprising how many will go forward."

### Iditarod

Hunt has traveled throughout the world with his sled team during the past 20 years. He has served as a volunteer veterinarian for the Iditarod and raced in the event in 2009.

"I finished dead last," he said, adding that he received the "red lantern" award for his



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effort.

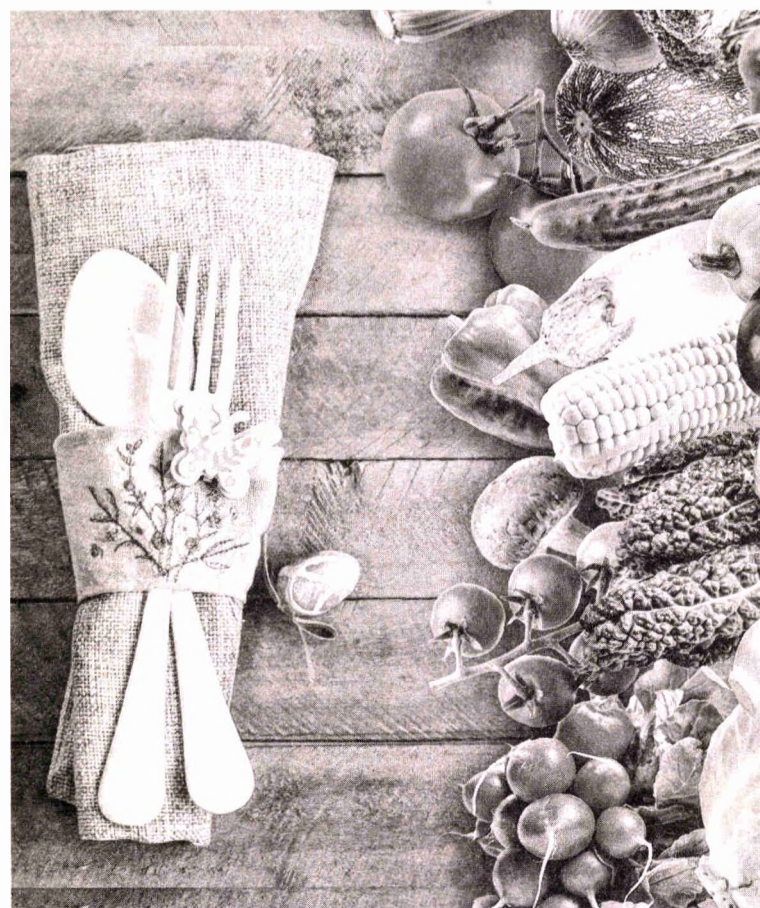
While in Alaska, he established the Alaska Veterinary Rural Program that provides veterinary care, such as spay and neuter clinics, to impoverished villages.

"My main intent is to have a cultural impact." He hopes to teach village youth that dogs are not expendable objects.

His new title as America's Favorite Veterinarian will give him a national platform to talk about pet wellness, cultural attitudes and other animal-related issues. The honor even attracted an invitation from the Detroit Tigers.

"I talked to the Detroit Tigers. I get a first pitch," he said. "I think I'll throw a curve ball."

## Learn vegetarian, vegan meal prep at event



Participants will learn how to cook whole foods, including vegetables, fruits, grains and legumes at the Veggie Holiday Cooking Classic in Plymouth.

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

After a year hiatus, the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza will return next month to Plymouth with a new name, format and mission.

"I want people to come who are interested in changing their diets," said Jeanie Weaver, a personal trainer and exercise instructor who coordinated the event for 25 years. "I want people to come who want to learn to cook differently. They'll walk away with a couple of neat dishes and will say, 'I saw her do that, I can do that, too.'"

Now dubbed the Veggie Holiday Cooking Classic, the event will focus on teaching participants how to cook vegan and vegetarian recipes for the holidays.

"This might be what you'd call the best of the Holiday Extravaganza," Weaver said.

She promises a fast-paced afternoon of cooking demonstrations, food sampling and an informal question-and-answer session with dietitians Ellen Higgins and Laurie Novotny, Arthur Weaver, M.D., and the local chefs that will demonstrate cooking.

The event will run from

2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Jr. Academy gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$50 per couple. Payment will be collected at the door and an additional \$10 will be charged for registration made after noon Oct. 30.

Weaver plans to limit participation to 100 ticket-holders, making the event more manageable for cooks and giving guests a better view of the demonstrations. Previous vegetarian holiday tastings drew 600 individuals for the tasting buffet, which was served at three separate times.

"We had over 60 dishes to taste," Weaver said, adding that attendees took home recipes but received no cooking instruction. She hopes the new format with fewer recipes will be less confusing to their taste buds.

"We'll pick three main entrees, one lacto-ovo, one totally vegan and one with a meat analogue. And we'll show three desserts. Two will be vegan, and probably gluten-free, and one is pumpkin bread pudding.

"We'll show cooking techniques, especially with vegetables that use little to no oil. It's not going to be lecture. It's

going to be performance cooking. I want this to be for a smaller, select group of people who really want to do this and who aren't afraid to present their (vegan and vegetarian) dishes at the holidays. With 50-100 people, we can have good discourse and they can see the process of what we're cooking."

The recipes will stress whole foods rather than processed fare. Participants will receive an information packet and recipes they can follow as cooks demonstrate food preparation. Although it's not a prerequisite for attending the event, Weaver says watching the 2011 documentary *Forks Over Knives*, which advocates a low-fat, whole-food, plant-based diet, is good preparation. The film stresses that a change in diet can help battle disease.

"When I see how much diabetes there is, just that alone, it's so needless. But until we start changing the way we teach our families and our youth how to cook, we can't win the war," Weaver said.

"I'm the daughter of a beef cattle rancher. If I can change, anyone can change."

To register, call 248-446-9176 or email holidaytasting@gmail.com.



## Sound of music can help reduce pain

To be alive is to know pain. There are many, many types of pain with numerous and various causes. Pain can be brief or chronic, mild or disabling. It can have an identifiable cause or the cause may be unknown. Pain can be modified by medical and/or psychological treatments. But, as often is the case, pain can be resistant to attempts to relieve it. One thing common to all types of pain is that it hurts. One thing which all things that hurt have in common is that "hurt" interferes with attitude.

In exploring attitudes toward pain, there seems to be two general categories or positions. One is the attitude of, "I have pain," the other is "the pain has me." Many people become so identified with and defined by their pain, that the prognosis for change is very poor. Some seem able to remain less intimate with their pain and come to terms which allows an attitude such as, "I have pain, but pain does not have me."

As children, we have all probably experienced a pain of a bump or bruise, a scrape or cut. Equally probable is the experience of having the pain go away in response to a mother's (or a mother substitute) kissing or rubbing the sore spot to "make it better."

### Music managing pain

In the spring 2014 issue of the publication *Integrated Therapies*, author Paul Nolan reports how music can disrupt the pain experience. The article tells of the field of music therapy, which was established in the United States in 1950. It attempts to answer the ques-

tion, how can a person with pain develop use of music that can facilitate pain reduction? It also explains that music encourages pain suppression through the intentional focus of music, which initially causes a distraction from pain. Also, the role of positive emotions leads to a neuro-chemical, analgesic effect. The article tells that music involves a robust activation within the brain and that intentional listening can provide a distraction response while surrendering to the emotions that arise from the music. This adds to the positive emotional response that can activate pain suppression.

According to Nolan, research has revealed that music activates a region of the brain known to induce pleasure. When the pleasure center is activated, it sends signals to other brain areas to tune out other stimuli. Reportedly, a powerful neuro-chemical reaction occurs because of positive emotions stimulating the release of chemicals called endorphins and these can close off pain signals.

It seems to me that the research above confirms my belief in the distraction remedy to which most people are introduced to in the childhood scenario when a mother says "let me kiss the hurt and make it better." In view of this, I encourage pain sufferers to give the use of music a place in their personal emotional/behavioral tool bag in dealing with pain. If successful, the use of the involvement of music in pain management can become another ingredient in the development of resiliency.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Upcoming

#### ACA learning session

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

#### Blood donation

» Canton: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Oct. 28, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive  
» Plymouth: 1:30 -7:15 p.m. Oct. 27, VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill St.  
» Wayne: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 31, Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center, 33155 Annapolis  
» Westland: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 30, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road  
Call 800-REDCROSS or visit [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) to make an appointment.

#### Brain injury conference

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan presents a "Quality of Life" conference for survivors of brain injuries, their families and caregivers, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Doors will open at 8 a.m. Session topics will include employment, essentials for a healthy brain, self-care, functional integration of technology with everyday living, and person-centered planning. Cost for survivors and families is \$20 per person. Cost for staff or aides, \$10 per person. Pre-register by calling 810-229-5880 or visit [biami.org/novembre-conference](http://biami.org/novembre-conference).

#### COPD

Learn about managing COPD, asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 5, at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne. A light dinner is included. Register at [oakwood.org](http://oakwood.org) or call Julia Fuller at 313-586-5766.

#### Diabetes Day

Garden City Hospital's 22nd annual Diabetes Day runs 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Includes a panel discussion on Type 1 and 2 diabetes and prediabetes, a panel discussion on meals, snacks and physical activity, and a lunch, along

### Ongoing

#### Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

#### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease 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. Visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://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](http://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, at Wayne Road in 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. 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](http://www.therapychoirs.org) for additional information.



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#### Healthy eating

Upcoming nutrition workshops and cooking demonstrations from Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Market:

» Chef Rebecca Wauldron and Botsford dietician Denise Cykiert will give tips on keeping recipes nutritious, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$15; 248-427-7400.

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert will offer quick, easy recipes for crock pot cookery, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5; 734-779-6100.

#### Hearing loss support

Robert Hong, M.D., Ph.D., will present "Beyond Conventional Hearing Aids," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email [af-erack@comcast.net](mailto:af-erack@comcast.net).

#### Kidney Smart classes

Participants will learn about how kidneys function, the causes of chronic kidney disease, how to manage related health conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, treatment choices and more. The 90-minute sessions are free.

» 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Nov. 19, and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Westland Dialysis, 36533 Ford Road, Westland

» 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, New Hope Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

To register and find more locations, visit [www.kidneysmart.org](http://www.kidneysmart.org) or call Angela Humble, R.D., at 864-525-9599

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Some job seekers are reluctant to use a professional recruiter. Yet using a headhunter can give you a leg up, because he has inside information and the knowledge of jobs before they are advertised. Here is how you can work successfully with a headhunter:

**Use a specialist:**

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**Be careful:**

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- 1 Fishing float
  - 4 Word on a door handle
  - 8 No. crunchers
  - 12 — Thurman of "The Golden Bowl"
  - 13 Hairy twin
  - 14 Kennel noise
  - 15 Highway sign
  - 17 Auto-supplies store
  - 18 Wakes up
  - 19 First in line
  - 21 Pen part
  - 23 Magazine stand
  - 27 All, in combos
  - 30 Pet lovers' grp.
  - 33 Moo goo — pan
  - 34 Beat a retreat
  - 35 Torme or Gibson
  - 36 Sit-down occasion
  - 37 Andy Capp's wife
  - 38 Raison d'—
  - 39 Space preceder
  - 40 Transmits
  - 42 Office machine
  - 44 Heartaches
  - 47 Quilt filler
  - 51 Gift-giving time
  - 54 Comfort
  - 56 Ph.D. exam
  - 57 Cornstarch brand
  - 58 Apron front
  - 59 Barber's call
  - 60 Escape through a crevice
  - 61 Whale domain
- DOWN**
- 1 Mooches
  - 2 Leave unmentioned
  - 3 "— Ha'i"
  - 4 Coke rival
  - 5 GI hangout
  - 6 Mascara target
  - 7 Stringed instrument
  - 8 Ms. Lauper
  - 9 "Snow" veggie
  - 10 Climber's challenge
  - 11 Mineral spring
  - 16 Comedian — Kovacs
  - 20 Alias letters
  - 22 Cellar, briefly
  - 24 Pointed arch
  - 25 German industrial region
  - 26 Metric pound
  - 27 Switch positions
  - 28 Fr. miss
  - 29 Like many Las Vegas signs
  - 31 Apiece
  - 32 Music notation
  - 36 Long skirts
  - 38 Paul Anka's "— Beso"
  - 41 Lived
  - 43 Early moralist
  - 45 Geologic time divisions
  - 46 Extremely parched
  - 48 Works on sound tracks
  - 49 A Great Lake
  - 50 "Fancy" singer
  - 51 Thither and —
  - 52 Suffix for forfeit
  - 53 Far from stringent
  - 55 Census info

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- BEDDING
- BIOSECURITY
- BOVINE
- BREEDER
- CHRONIC
- CHURNING
- COMMODITY
- CROPS
- CULL
- DAIRY
- DEPRESSION
- DRAWBAR
- ENVIRONMENT
- EROSTION
- FALLOWING
- FLOWERING
- GESTATION
- GRAZING
- INTEGRATION
- LACTATE
- MOLTING
- NITRIFICATION
- PADDOCKS
- PASTURE
- PLANTING
- RATION
- RUMINANT
- SANITIZATION
- TILLAGE

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# Town & Country for 2015 loaded with luxury

By Cars.com Staff

The Chrysler Town & Country is related to the Dodge Grand Caravan, but it's the more luxury-oriented of the two minivans. The Town & Country was significantly revised for 2011 with new exterior styling, a substantially revised interior and a new V-6 engine. The seven-seat minivan competes with the Toyota Sienna and Honda Odyssey. Interested customers can find a full inventory of the new vehicles at Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Clarkston.

### New for 2015

Chrysler introduces two new models for the Town & Country for 2015: the LX and Limited Platinum. The LX has leather seats, a backup camera and other special safety features. The Limited Platinum has a sunroof, dual-screen Blu-ray system and other features. A Blu-ray player with HDMI connection is available for all models, however.

Below is a list of highlighted features and not an exhaustive list. Features are standard unless otherwise noted.

### Exterior highlights

- Integrated side-door tracks
- 17-inch aluminum wheels
- Chrome grille
- Power sliding side doors
- Power liftgate

### Interior highlights

- Leather upholstery
- Automatic air conditioning with rear controls
- Second-row seats fold into bins in the floor
- Sliding center console with power outlet
- Rear-seat DVD entertainment system with a 9-inch overhead screen
- Available navigation system
- Available second- and



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third-row retractable window shades  
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 Available dual-screen Blu-ray system

### Under the hood

The 2015 Town & Country features 283-horsepower, 3.6-liter V-6 with 260 pounds-feet of torque and a six-speed automatic transmission. Putting the vehicle in econ mode improves gas mileage by altering shift points and maintaining torque-converter lockup longer. It also features an

available load-leveling suspension.

### Safety features

The new Town & Country has all the safety features required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system. It also has side-impact airbags for the front seats; side curtain airbags for all three rows of seats; and traction control.

Other safety-related items include active front head restraints, a backup camera, power-adjustable pedals, available rear parking sensors and available blind spot warning system with rear cross-path detection.



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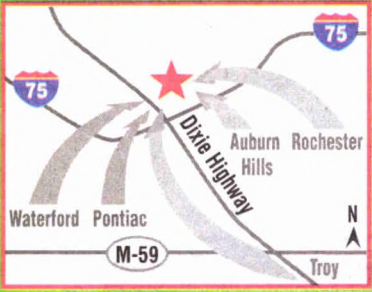
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## Familiar yet fresh luxury: the 2015 Lincoln Navigator

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

With its iconic blend of style, luxury and performance, the 2015 Navigator delivers everything that made it great — and new levels of quality, design and personal service for active families, said Steve Hunsinger, the sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

“The Navigator looks both familiar and utterly fresh with a redesigned exterior and interior for 2015, in addition to client-focused technologies and new luxurious appointments to retain its leadership in the full-size luxury SUV market,” Hunsinger said.

Plus, “the Lincoln Navigator offers more technology than ever before to help assist the driver on the daily commute and on family vacations,” he



FORD MOTOR CO.

said. Available technology includes: Lincoln Drive Control, MyLincoln Touch, a forward-

sensing system, rear-view camera, reverse-sensing system and the Blind Spot Information System.

“It is clear that the 2015 Navigator has set the technology bar to a whole new level,” Hunsinger said.

One of the most exciting differences on the 2015 Navigator is the all-new powertrain, he added.

“The 3.5L EcoBoost powertrain is a turbocharged engine that achieves a balance of power and fuel economy through key technologies,” Hunsinger said. “The twin turbochargers provide power while the direct fuel injection provides better fuel economy and reduces emissions.”

Critics have recognized the Navigator with Best-in-Class honors for its towing, cargo volume and third-row legroom.

Competitors include the Cadillac Escalade, Infiniti QX80 and GMC Yukon Denali.

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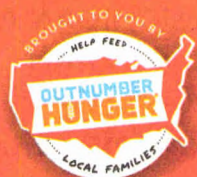
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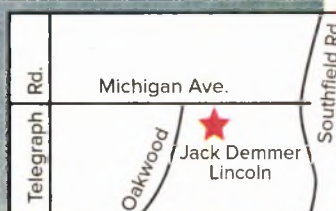
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