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Library upgrade almost in the books

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A \$3 million building upgrade project at the Plymouth District Library is about to enter its third and final phase.

Starting Monday, the handicapped-access ramp and adjacent parts of the porch facing the library's parking lot will be closed while workers replace limestone caps on walls in the area. Library director Carol Souchock said some of the caps are loose and

deteriorating and pose a safety hazard.

While the porch, with areas where construction is taking place blocked off, will remain open during the work, the handicapped ramp will close completely and handicapped access, plus access for people pushing children in strollers, will move temporarily to the employee entrance, behind the fire station. Handicapped parking will be available there as well.

When completed, work will

moved to the opposite side of the porch, parts of which will be closed as limestone wall caps there replaced. But public access will remain. The limestone cap replacement is expected to take two to three weeks.

"We have a really strong commitment to making sure people can get in, especially during this project," Souchock said Thursday.

The library is at 223 S. Main, next to Plymouth City Hall.

The multi-phase repair project began in February and, starting in April, the main entrance, including the handicapped ramp, were closed for several months. The alternative handicapped entrance worked out well during that phase, Souchock said.

"People were very appreciative that it stayed open," she said.

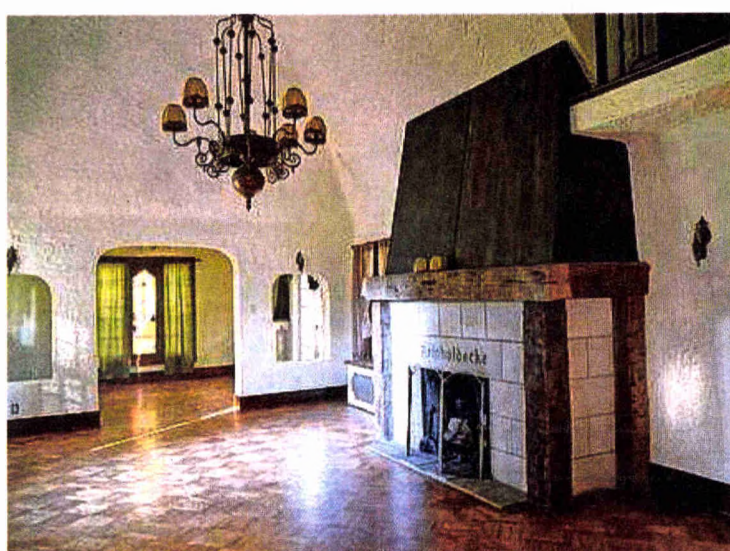
Temporary location

The temporary handicapped door, behind the fire station,

will be monitored during library hours by employees and volunteers, Souchock said, who will open doors for patrons and guide them to the building's public areas.

In addition, work is soon to begin in the vestibule area of the main entrance, where an "air curtain," designed to keep out cold in the winter and heat during the summer, will be installed. The vestibule will also be getting a face-lift, with

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The living room.



The house has a stone facade in many areas and a roof finished with cedar shakes.

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Llama House needs new owner

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A sprawling historic house with good bones and unique details needs the right buyer and a little TLC.

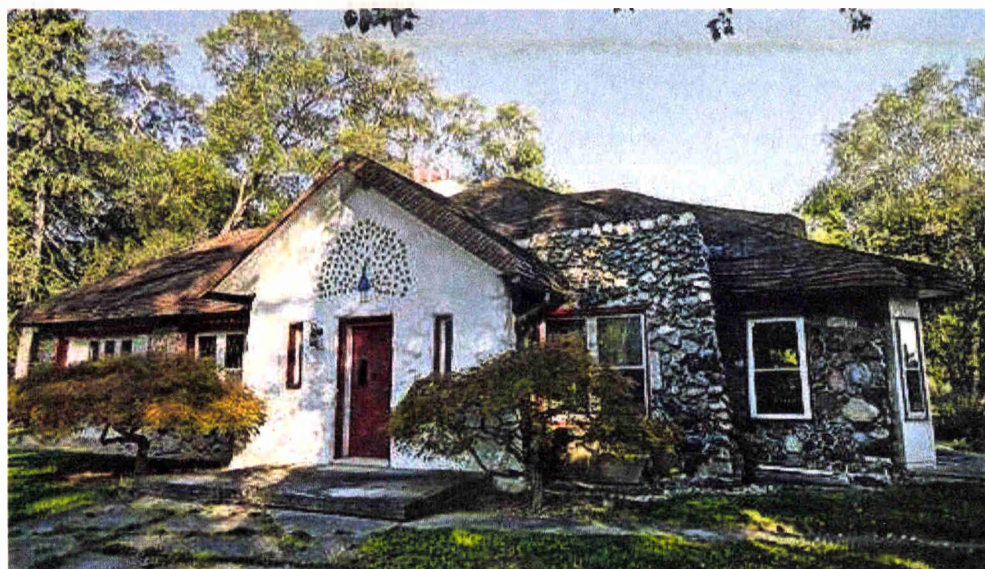
In Ann Arbor or Detroit's Indian Village or Boston Edison neighborhoods? No, in Plymouth Township.

The Llama House, an 87-year-old Cotswold-style house with a cedar-shake roof, is on the market for \$499,000. Owner Mike Ferrantino says he hopes to find a buyer who will embrace the house's history and character — and preserve it for the future.

"We'd love to have somebody purchase it and refurbish it and retain it," said Ferrantino, who has owned the house since 1999.

The two-story Llama House — named for the llamas that used to patrol the grounds to protect the sheep there — is on Ann Arbor Trail, just west of Beck. It was reportedly built in 1928 by Detroit lawyer Hal Wilson, who lost it during the Great Depression.

The house has five bedrooms, two full baths and more than 2,700 square feet and features a stone facade in many parts, hardwood floors, stucco interior walls and an interior "Juliet balcony" attached to an upstairs bedroom. There's also an eight-foot chandelier in the living room that is said to have come from a brothel in Columbus, Ohio. A stone garage that's been converted into a one-bedroom mother-in-law apartment makes



The Llama House, also called the Peacock House, is a five-bedroom 1928 Cotswold-style house with a cedar-shake roof. It is on the market for \$499,000.

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Llamas were once used to protect the sheep on the grounds.

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The Llama House includes a stone garage that was converted into an apartment.

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Join Goodfellows, Observer to Make a Difference Oct. 24

Join the *Observer* & *Eccentric* and local Goodfellows for Make a Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 24, to ensure local children have a Christmas.

The campaign — "Pennies from Heaven" — asks local

residents of all ages to bring their pennies (and other loose change or donations) to one of nine local locations.

In the past three years, O&E area residents have donated more than \$12,000 to

Goodfellows in Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Livonia, Milford, Novi, Plymouth, Redford and Southfield on Make a Difference Day, a National Day of Doing Good.

Last year, money raised in

the event allowed Farmington Goodfellows to help more than 400 people, including some 80 seniors citizens.

This year's Make a Differ-

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Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Chipotle Mexican Grill is expected to open a new restaurant in Canton early next year in an already bustling shopping center on the northwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads.

Chris Arnold, communications director for the Denver-based company, said the Canton Chipotle should open during the first quarter of 2016, though a specific date isn't yet known.

Chipotle's plans follow earlier reports that another Mexican grill, Qdoba, is expected to open early next year just one mile away, inside a new, small strip mall on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty.

Chipotle already has begun renovations of what was formerly a coney island eatery and, before that, Alex's Family Dining.

Kristen Thomas, Canton's economic development manager, said Chipotle had sought a Ford Road location because it is a shopping corridor that draws heavy traffic flow and, with that, customers.

"That was their directive — Ford Road," she said. "They will definitely get the traffic counts there. That's why they wanted that location."

Canton Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said residents have long wanted a Chipotle.

"They're extremely excited so that they don't have to drive to Ann Arbor anymore," she said.

One concern has been limited parking on the northwest corner of Ford and Lilley, where businesses such as Basement Burger Bar already have developed a strong customer base.

"The parking is going to be a challenge," said McLaughlin, who chairs the Canton Downtown Development Authority, which helps nurture and guide Ford Road's economic activity.

McLaughlin said efforts are being made to reconfigure the parking lot to improve capacity.

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for a sixth bedroom on the property.

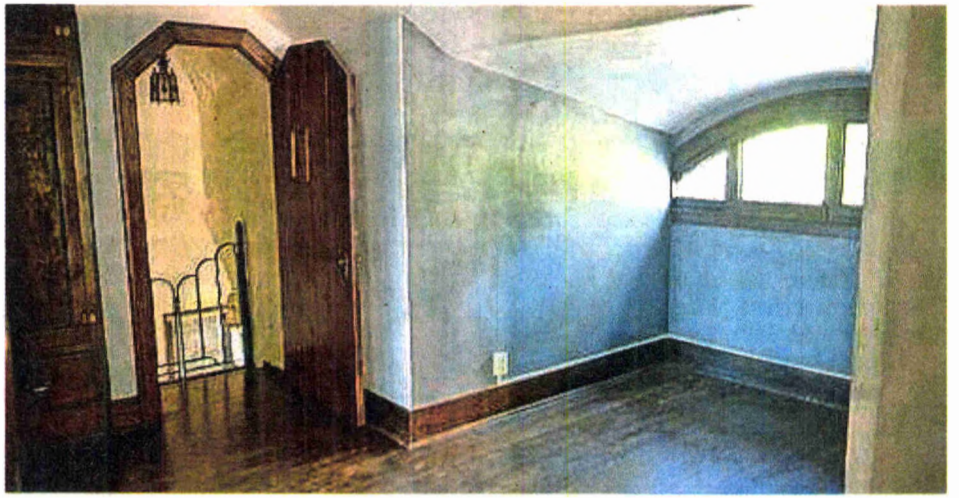
"It's intricate. Very unique," Ferrantino said.

Ferrantino said the house's most immediate needs are a new roof and perhaps an updated kitchen. It's being offered with a 1.25-acre lot; there are two adjacent residential lots, also owned by Ferrantino, that are not part of the offer.

The house was owned for many years by the late Norman Ruehr, former owner of Heide's Flowers and Gifts in downtown Plymouth. Ferrantino purchased it from Ruehr's widow, Emily.

It had caught his eye after he moved in nearby, he said.

"I built my house right down the street and I passed it many times," Ferrantino said. "Basically, like everybody



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The ceiling in this upstairs bedroom follows the roof lines.

else in Plymouth Township, you stop and feed the llamas." The llamas passed away years ago; peacocks that were once on the property are said to still live in the area, Ferrantino said.

Ferrantino's father-in-law, Ed Smyth, lived in the house for years and it was rented out after he died. Ferrantino said the house, however, cannot command in rent what it

costs to maintain.

If it isn't sold, Ferrantino said, it could be torn down to make way for redevelopment. "The dirt is where it is — where the value lies," he said.

Ferrantino said that if it's not sold to someone who'll keep it, he'll make a decision about the future of the house around the beginning of December.

"We've had very little

interest at all," he said. "Obviously, it's going to be a very unique buyer."

Realtor Todd Taliaferro with RE/MAX Classic is the listing agent for the Llama House. His office number is 734-459-1010.

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new flooring, new lighting and a yet-to-be chosen tile display on the wall. The tile work will be funded through a private donation.

Vestibule work will take place during the hours the library is closed and access through those doors will remain, though parts of the area will be buttoned up as a safety precaution, Souchock said.

"It's going to look raw for the first month or so, but everything will be safe and secure," she said.

The major portion of the work on the vestibule remodeling should be completed by late December, Souchock said, with the tile project continuing into January.

The replacement of the limestone caps and



FILE PHOTO

The library's steps and porch will stay open as limestone caps are replaced on nearby walls, but the handicapped entrance will be temporarily moved.

the vestibule work about \$237,600 to the entire project, which should come in at around \$3 million, Souchock said. The money is coming from the library's building fund.

Major systems replaced

Earlier phases of the project included a new

roof; a new ice-melting system on the steps and porch; replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, including two new boilers; upgraded security systems; landscaping; light-emitting diode exterior lighting; and storm drain repairs.

"We will be in good shape for many, many years," Souchock said.

Other, smaller library upgrades are planned for the next few years, including new carpeting, new windows, a new wireless system and improvements to the book security system. Library officials, Souchock said, are also talking about the possibility of adding a family restroom and replacing the interior lighting with more efficient LED lighting.

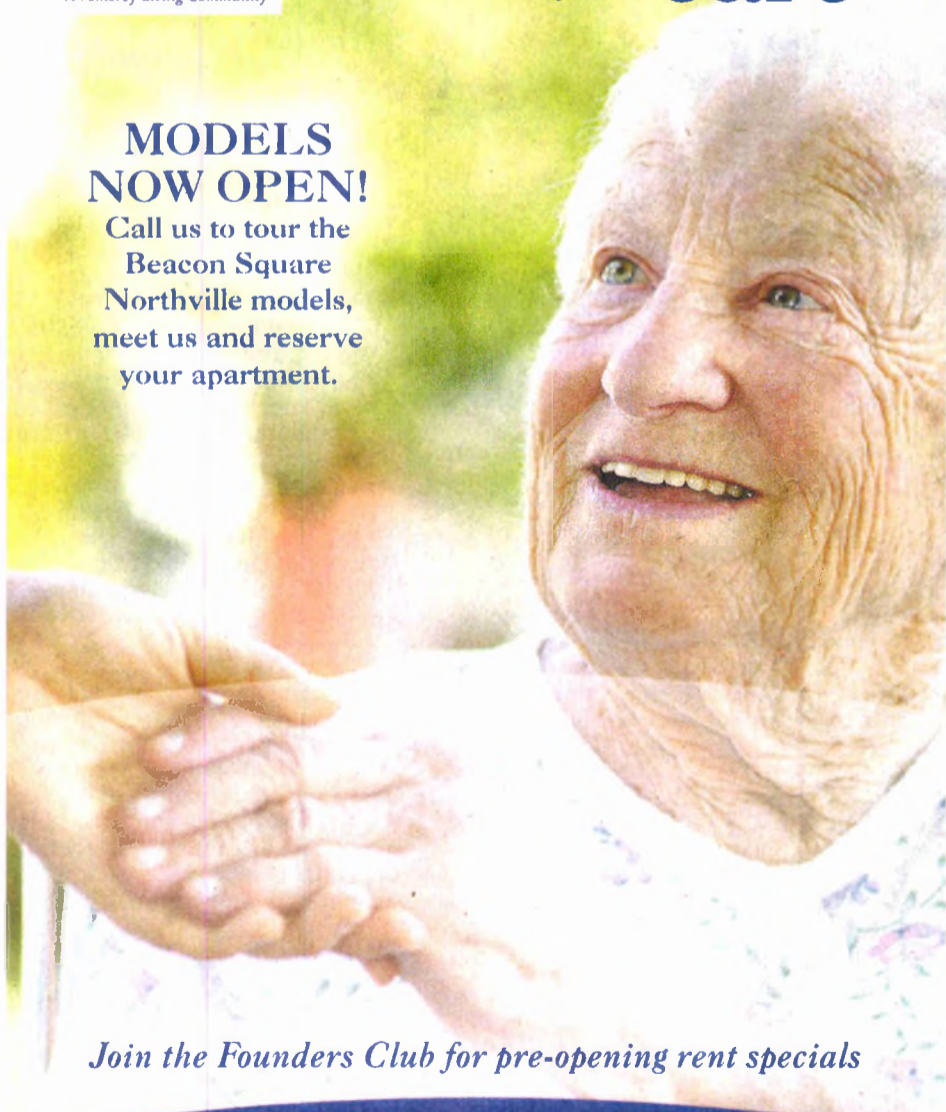
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P-CCS marching band sweeps the field in Troy

Kim Ward
Correspondent

The night was cool and the music was crisp as the 175-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band gave a first-place performance Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Troy Athens High School marching band competition.

The band gave its first in-state performance of its 2015 show titled "E.X.O.," which explores what happens when alien worlds meet for the first time and features music by Aaron Copland.

Plymouth-Canton scored 91.325 to win Flight I competition. The band also captured the awards for Best Music Performance, Best Visual Performance and Best General Effect.

Walled Lake Central took second place with a score of 89.475, followed by L'Anse Creuse North (87.575), Grand Blanc (87.050), Lakeland (86.375) and Clarkston (84.975).

"Our students achieved excellence through performance," marching band director Jon Thomann said. "I did not need to have a wrap-up meeting after they performed, because I could tell on their face that they had just performed their best show of the season. And the icing on the cake is that the judges and audience agreed that the performance was excellent."

Plymouth-Canton's path to success began with practice at 9 a.m. that continued until the afternoon. The band boarded buses at 5 p.m. and made its way to Troy Athens for an 8:30 p.m. performance.

As the band took the field, a wave of proud parents and supporters stood up to cheer on the hard-working marchers. The band entertained the crowd with its intricate moves and music and



KRISTEN RODWELL

Plymouth-Canton clarinetists give it their all during last the competition at Troy Athens.



KRISTEN RODWELL

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performs its show, "E.X.O.," featuring the music of Aaron Copland.



KRISTEN RODWELL

A very happy drum major, Jenny Juterbock, looks to the cheering crowd at the end of the performance.

ended the performance on a high note with music from Copland's *Symphony for Organ and Orchestra*. From the smile on drum major Jenny Juterbock's face to the standing ovation from the crowd, it was apparent Plymouth-Canton did well.

Thinking back to the performance, Mitchell Luttermoser, senior saxophonist, said, "I think we had a great performance. The energy the band had was outstanding. Some aspects we didn't perform to the level we wanted to, but that just leaves us with opportunities for improvement."

Plymouth-Canton competed Saturday, Oct. 17, at Bands Across the Valley, hosted by Lakeland High School in White Lake.

The marching band's competitive season runs from September through November, although preparation begins early

in May. The rehearsal schedule is rigorous, with the band sometimes putting in more than 60 hours a week during the summer.

The marching band can be seen throughout the fall performing at various local competitions and Friday night home football games at P-CEP. It will close the competitive season Nov. 7 at the Michigan Competing Band Association's state championships at Ford Field, where it has been Flight I champion 24 times and is the defending champion.

The band has a decade-long legacy of excellence that has garnered many awards and accolades. It will perform on the global stage Jan. 1 in Pasadena, Calif., at the 127th annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

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New Liberty Middle School described as 'cutting edge'

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Of course it's been open since the first day of school, but a recent dedication ceremony for the new Liberty Middle School made it official.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators, school board members and other leaders – including state Superintendent Brian Whiston – gathered in early October to say a few words about the district's newest facility.

Scissors to the ribbon officially opened the two-story, just under 140,000-square-foot school, for 844 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

"Words cannot describe it. It is phenomenal," Principal James Hunter said. "We are establishing a new identity and culture here."

The building's design allows the youngest students – sixth-graders – to be on the first

floor, while the older students are on the second floor, Hunter said.

The school is considered cutting-edge for 21st century education. Classrooms have interactive projectors that tie into teachers' laptops, as well as document cameras and sound fields so students can better hear.

The district's bond, which paid for Liberty, also allows some of the high-tech devices to be put in other schools' classrooms, said Anthony Ruella, district regional director and former Central Middle School principal.

"I think we have done a great job of building technology around our buildings," said Nick Brandon, district community relations director.

Liberty has also been pre-wired. "We don't know what (in technology) is coming ahead," Ruella said, adding at some point flat-screen TVs will be

added.

Liberty also has flexible furniture that allows students and teachers to configure for learning, as well as to better fit physical needs. "We want to give kids a variety of seating heights and textures," Ruella said.

The seating type also is configured to allow students to exercise core muscles.

Ruella played a big role from start to finish in the design of Liberty. "When we picked a prototype, we bought the blueprint already built so we were able to build it for less money," he said.

Liberty also features a lot of glass for natural lighting. "This is a huge part of the building and saves on energy costs," Brandon said.

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Principal James Hunter speaks to district officials and visitors at the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the new Liberty Middle School.

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The Turtles: 10 years of friendship, tradition at Madonna

They are collectively known as "The Turtles." They met 10 years ago at age 18 on their first day of college at Livonia's Madonna University, where they attended for the Sign Language Studies. Since then, they have been through everything together: breakups, proposals, weddings, funerals, children, even world travel.

Amanda Evanson, 28, now a deaf interventionist and total communication specialist, said, "Sociologists say if you have been friends with someone for seven years you are destined to be lifelong friends. I think we've made it!"

But why turtles? "It was the second week of school and we formed a study group. We wanted to name our group something, but the only sign I knew at the time was 'turtle,'" said Jenna DeMasellis, 28, special education advocate and private instructor.

Thus they became Team Turtles.



The Turtles in 2005, signing the word "turtle" (from left): Amanda Evanson of Lake Orion, Dianna Budner of Warren, Katie Mann of Livonia and Jenna DeMasellis of Waterford.



The Turtles in 2015 (from left): Amanda Evanson of Lake Orion, Dianna Budner of Warren, Katie Mann of Livonia and Jenna DeMasellis of Waterford. This photo was taken almost 10 years to the day of the original.

All agree that learning at Madonna was a formative experience. "Everywhere around campus people knew us as 'The Turtles.' I feel so lucky to have found these ladies," said Dianna Budner, 28, an EIPA-certified educational interpreter.

Katie Mann, 28, co-founder of 4th Wall Theatre Co., added "And the Sign Language Stud-

ies program at Madonna is one of the best in the country. It was such a special and tight-knit place to learn."

So to commemorate their 10-year anniversary Oct. 11, the women went back to the place they met for their first study group. "And oddly enough," Evanson said, "it was on a beautiful day just like this."

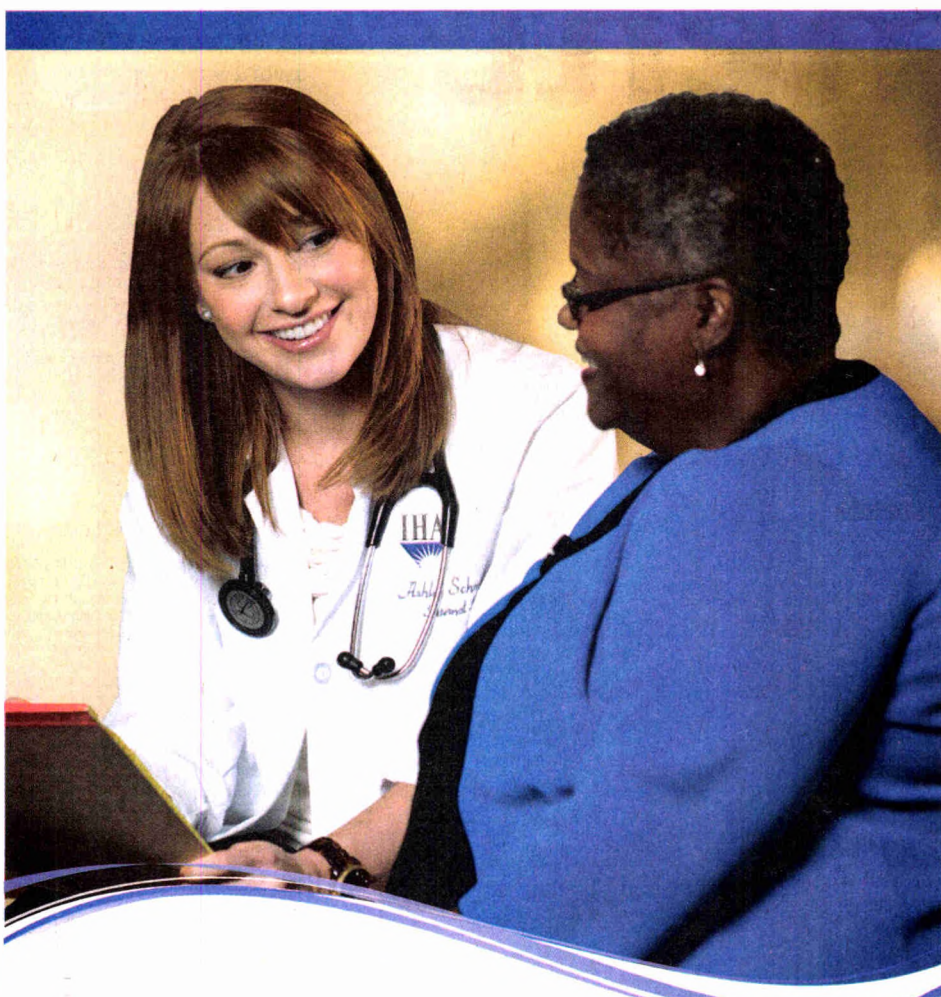
"It's funny, we're in all four

stages of relationships: single, dating, engaged, married," Mann said.

They weren't the only ones to go through a change. Madonna has since added a second building and the Sign Language Program continues to grow and be recognized nationally. The new lab provides double the work stations for students practicing and pre-

paring portfolios. Currently a state interpreter test site, Madonna is poised to become a national test center. Madonna pioneered sign language studies, offering the first bachelor's degree in the country.

As for the Turtles, they hope to continue the tradition for decades to come. "Or that's the plan at least," DeMasellis said, laughing.



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Plawecki introduces bill for automatic voter registration

State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, is among three lawmakers who introduced bills that would make voter registration automatic when a resident receives a driver's license or a Michigan state identification card, if that person meets the necessary qualifications to vote in Michigan.

Plawecki, whose 11th District includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Livonia, Westland and Dearborn

Heights, and state Reps. Derek Miller, D-Warren, and John Chirkun, D-Roseville, introduced the package of bills Oct. 7.

"Our plan would make voter registration simple and secure through an existing process through the Michigan Secretary of State," Miller said. "Too many people don't vote because they haven't registered. Many others find out too late that they aren't registered to vote at their current

address. Our plan makes it simple and knocks down at least one barrier that keeps people from exercising their right to vote."

The bill package does not change who can vote or how a person votes. It simply registers people to vote automatically when they receive a driver's license or state

ID card. If a person does not want to register to vote, they can sign a form opting out.

The bill package also registers people to vote who are updating their address. Automatic registration would only apply to people who already meet voter registration qualifications.

"People need either a driver's license or a state ID, so why not use that application process to take care of voter registration?" Chirkun said. "As citizens of the

great state of Michigan and the United States, voting is one of our most important tasks. Automatic voter registration for qualified residents means that more people will have the chance to exercise their constitutional right to vote."

Oregon enacted automatic voter registration earlier this year. The California Legislature also recently approved the California New Motor Voter Act, and it's expected to be signed

into law by Gov. Jerry Brown.

"Automatic voter registration means people won't miss registration deadlines or make a special trip to an SOS office," Plawecki said. "Legislators talk a lot about representing the people. Our plan to automate voter registration means that we will definitely be representing all of the people who are qualified to vote. This ensures that every voice will be heard."



Plawecki

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OKTOBERFEST

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20

Location: Maple/Oak Room at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Canton Club 55+ will hold its second annual Oktoberfest. Seniors are invited to celebrate the afternoon in true Oktoberfest style. Enjoy grilled bratwursts, pepper/onions, sauerkraut, chips, pickles and delicious apple cider accompanied by wonderful entertainment.

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Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth

NEWS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Details: To help individuals coping with grief, Arbor Hospice & Palliative Care offers a supportive caring environment to work through the loss. This special workshop will give you helpful tips for coping with the upcoming holidays. Support groups and events are open to everyone, regardless of whether their loved one received services from Arbor Hospice & Palliative Care. All programs are limited to 12 participants and registration is required at least one week in advance.

Cost: Free

Contact: Sara Swanson at 734-794-5469 or swanson@arborhospice.org; <http://www.arborhospice.org>

HALLOWEEN DENTISTRY

Time/Date: 2-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30

Location: Plymouth Dentistry, 40400 Ann Arbor Road, one block west of I-275

Details: Dr. Gary Feucht and the

staff at Plymouth Dentistry invite the community to join them for a Halloween Party. There will be food and refreshments, fun Halloween activities and an opportunity to walk the "haunted hallway."

PUCKS FOR PASADENA

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Township

Details: Plymouth Township, Plymouth, Canton Township and Wayne County are joining forces to help raise money to send the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to Pasadena to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in January. The Red Wings Alumni Hockey will play against the USA Hockey's National Development Program in a game, with all proceeds to support the marching band.

Cost: \$10 per person

Contact: Committee chair Jim Harb at 734-502-0645 or jharb@gsfmail.com. For sponsorship, contact Chris Zygmunt at chrissygmunt@wowway.com.

ELKS: JAZZ, BLUES

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27

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

Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month. Oct. 27 will feature the Ron Kischuk Quartet with Ron on trombone, Jeff Halsey on bass, Tad Weed on keyboard, and Dave Taylor on drums. Enjoy some traditional and popular jazz tunes from this seasoned quartet.

Cost: \$10 for Jazz

Contact: 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

FALL WALK IN THE WOODS

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 and 25

Location: Miller Woods, entrance on Powell Road, east of Ridge and west of Beck, in Plymouth Township

Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods for guided tours of the Miller Woods nature preserve. The tours last about 60 minutes. The tour highlights the unique ecosystem and trees, as well as the history of the Miller family. Tours leave from the entrance every half hour. Do not bring dogs or strollers.

Cost: Free

Contact: Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666 or online at millerwoods.com

VISIT THE FAIR

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Fair That Changed America — also known as the Chicago World's Fair — the 1893 Exposition and all the history it made comes back to life at the Plymouth Historical Museum with the newest exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America."

Admission: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6-17. Through Labor Day, active duty service men and women are admitted free to the museum.

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org or 734-455-8940

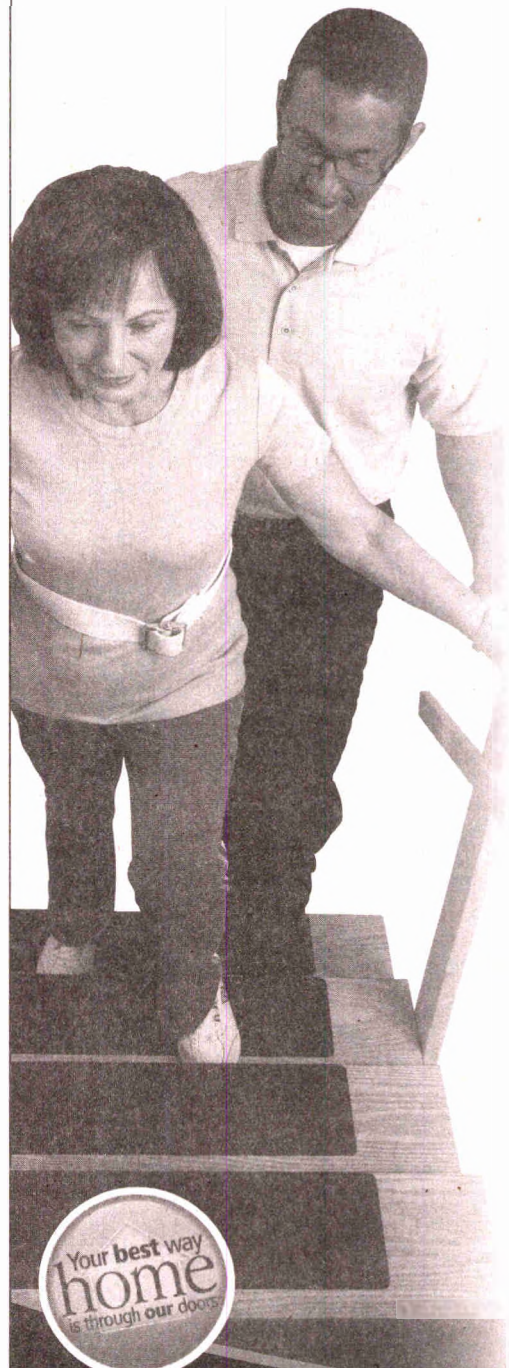


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Canton officials honor Special Olympics World Games medalist

Ben Bednarz, a local power-lifting athlete who recently competed in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, was honored Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Canton celebrated Bednarz's accomplishments with an official resolution acknowledging his participation and achievements in the 2015 games and the 2014 USA Special Olympics Games.

Bednarz's story also was told in the *Canton Observer* after he clinched one gold medal and three silver medals at the World Games in Los Angeles. He won gold in the bench press (160 pounds) and collected silver medals in deadlift (315), squats (200) and combined weight for the three events (675). In each event, the best of three lifts is used for scoring purposes.

As a member of Team Michigan, he previously won four gold medals in power-lifting during last year's USA Games in New Jersey. Bednarz has been a member of Michigan Area 23's Power Lifting Team for more than 10 years. He has also participated in softball and cycling events for almost as long, which keeps him busy year-round.

"We are pleased to honor this local athlete for his outstanding Special Olympics achievements and dedication to his sport," said Phil LaJoy, Canton Township supervisor. "To be a hard-working athlete who qualifies for and competes in an arena with over 6,500 international champions from 165 countries is quite an accomplishment and truly inspirational. We, as a community, could not be more proud to have him call Canton home."



CANTON TOWNSHIP
Ben Bednarz holds the resolution he earned for winning gold and silver medals at the Special Olympics World Games.

Bednarz, who has been working at a Canton grocery store since January as a courtesy clerk, is a longtime Detroit sports

fan who makes fast friends wherever he goes. He enjoys being a member of Michigan Area 23's Power Lifting Team, where he is able to obtain year-round sports training while meeting new people, making friends, traveling and participating in social events with other Special Olympics athletes and volunteers.

On the evening Bednarz received his special resolution from the Canton board, a reception was sponsored by the Canton Leisure Services Therapeutic Recreation Program, which offers a wide array of inclusive programming opportunities for individuals with a broad range of disabilities. This leisure-based programming focuses on the development of a variety of skills and helps build independence in the community. For more information call 734-394-5367 or browse therapeutic recreation programs online at www.cantonfun.org.

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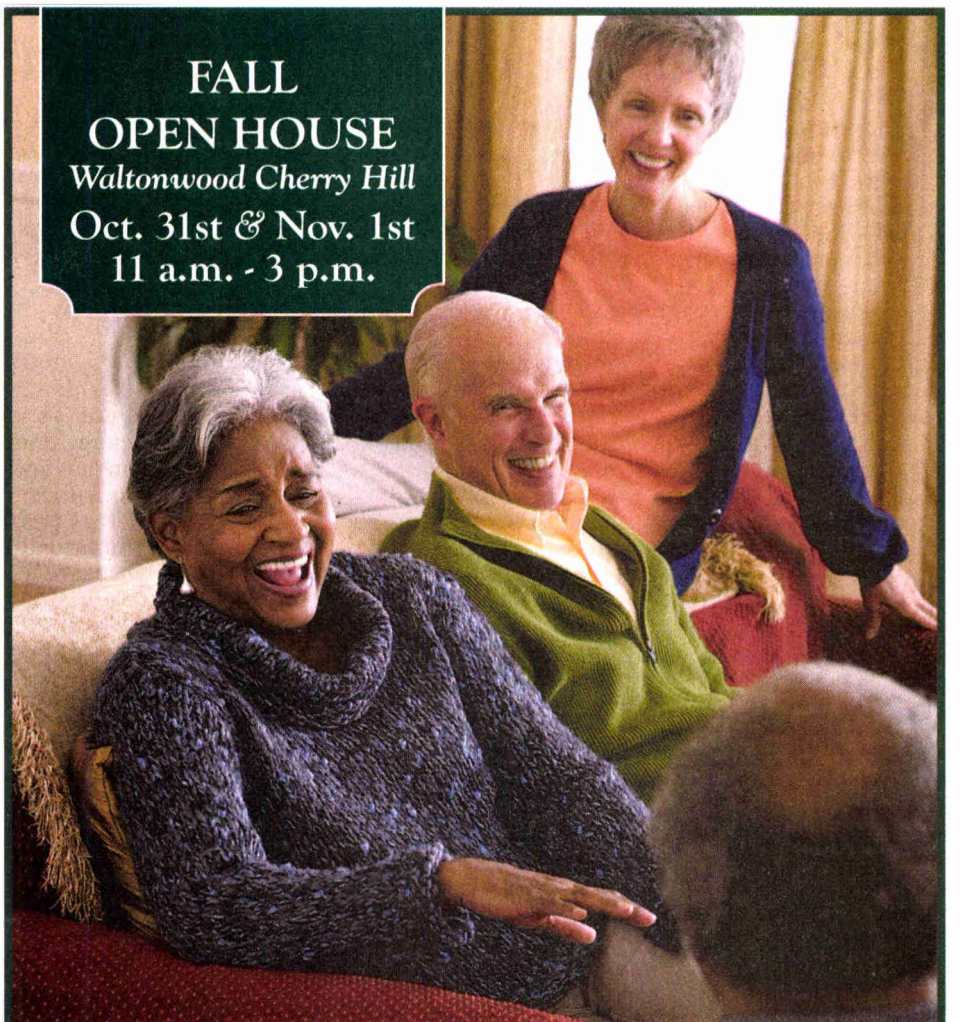
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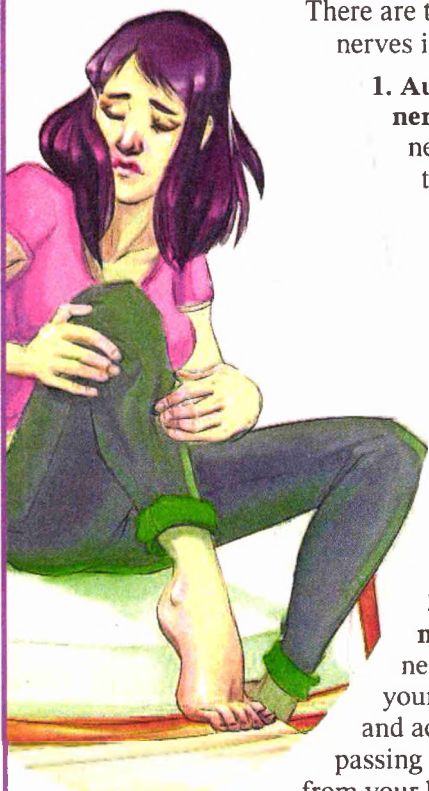
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There are three types of nerves in the body:

1. Autonomic nerves. These nerves control the involuntary or partially voluntary activities of your body, including heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature regulation.

2. Motor nerves. These nerves control your movements and actions by passing information from your brain and spinal cord to your muscles.

3. Sensory nerves. These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations.

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What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and Nerve Damage?

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Too much sweating or too little sweating
- Lightheadedness
- Dry eyes and mouth
- Constipation
- Bladder dysfunction
- Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Muscle atrophy
- Twitching, also known as fasciculation
- Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Pain
- Sensitivity
- Numbness
- Tingling or prickling
- Burning
- Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different unexpected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

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The midsize sedan has an "open and inviting interior with many features that will surprise people," Demmer sales manager Chris Conley said. "From the floating center console with ample storage underneath it and the attention to detail that is noticeable throughout the vehicle."

The 2016 MKZ is available with front- or all-wheel drive. "Three engine choices with three levels of performance and three suspension settings allows the MKZ to be tailored to each driver's personality," Conley said. The hybrid version is rated at up to 41 MPG.

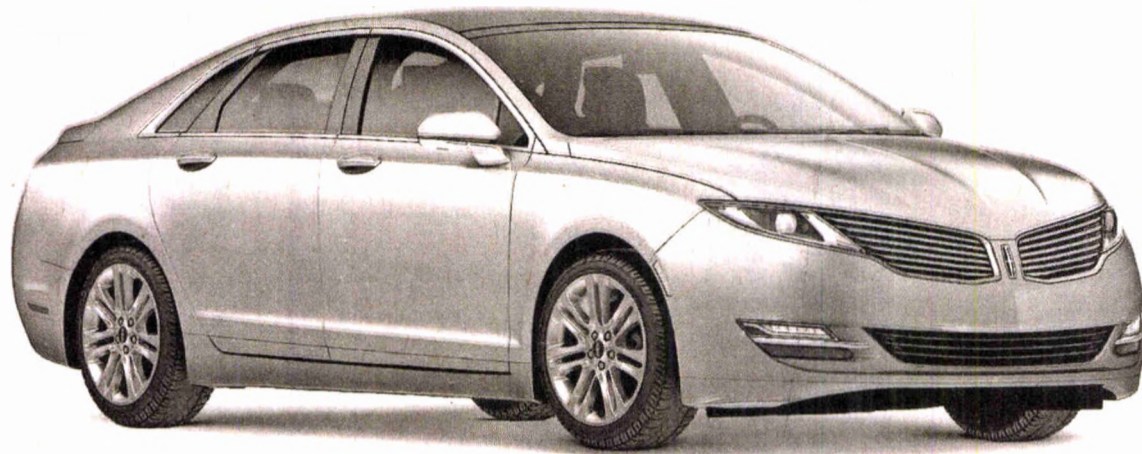
"The available all-wheel drive offers peace-of-mind for all driving conditions," he added.

Standard features for the 2016 MKZ include:

- » 240-horsepower, turbo-charged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine
- » Six-speed automatic transmission with shift paddles
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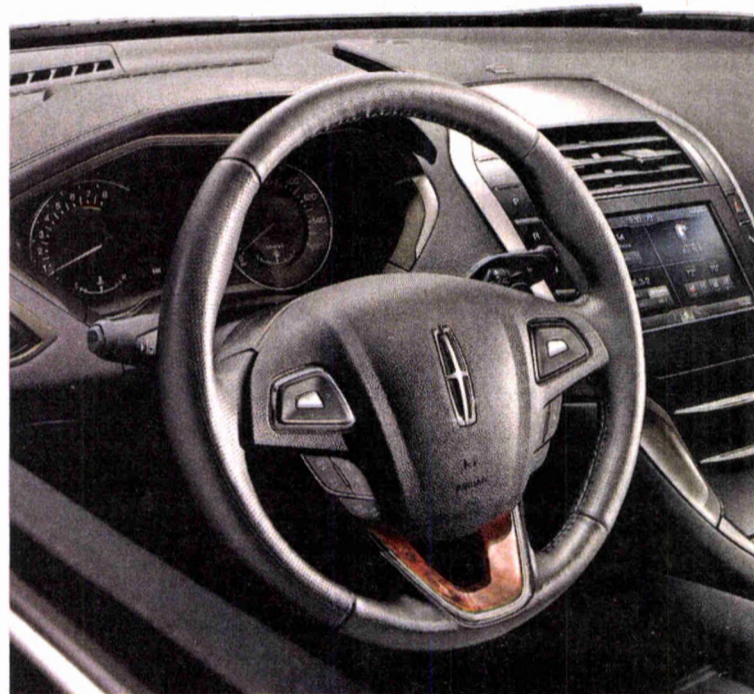
The MKZ features easy-to-use technology including an available Embedded Modem to connect to your vehicle through a smartphone App Conley said. Other available features include:

- » 300-hp, 3.7-liter V-6
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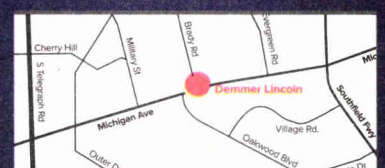
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P-CCS board OKs contracts with two employee groups

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district has reached a two-year contract with two of its employee bargaining units.

The agreements with the Plymouth-Canton Paraprofessional Association and the Plymouth-Canton Maintenance Association were approved Tuesday by the Board of Education on unanimous voice votes. The pacts had been previously ratified by members of the two bargaining units, which are affiliated with the Michigan Education Association.

Maintenance employees will get a one-half percent pay increase in January and another one-half percent increase in January 2017.

Paraprofessionals, or classroom aides, did not get a pay increase, but retained the right to

"Our employees are just amazing and they're doing so much for our children."

SHELIA PATON
P-CCS board treasurer

reopen the contract on the issue of pay for the 2016-17 school year. Paraprofessionals also increased the maximum number of sick days they can accumulate from 150 to 180.

Both units agreed to freeze step increases during the life of the contracts, which expire June 30, 2017.

There are nine pay steps for paraprofessionals, who now earn starting pay of \$9.92 an hour and maximum pay of \$12.40 an hour, according to Monica Merritt, the assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations.

There are five pay

steps for maintenance employees, who are also paid according to their skill levels and duties. A warehouse worker, for example, is paid \$12.58 an hour in the first year and \$16.73 at the top pay step, while a skilled maintenance worker is paid \$17.59 at the first pay step and \$21.63 at the top step, according to Merritt.

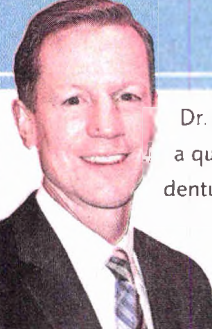
There was no change in health insurance — the union members have Blue Cross/Blue Shield preferred provider coverage with four plan options — but the unions agreed to a "me-too" clause should the teachers union and the district reach an agreement on another insurance provider.

The maintenance employees agreed to two unpaid days off for each year of the contract, while the paraprofessionals agreed that a fourth snow day in a school year would be an unpaid day off.

There are 21 positions in the maintenance unit, 366 in the paraprofessional unit.

Board Treasurer Shelia Paton praised workers in the two bargaining units for the settlements. "Our employees are just amazing and they're doing so much for our children," she said.

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Ask Dr. Stewart

Dr. James Stewart is a general dentist in Livonia, MI. Today he answers a question about the need for regular visits once you receive a set of dentures.

DENTURES


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Countdown is on to record-breaking Rosie Day

With just under three weeks to go before their monumental event, organizers said a new Guinness World Record of people dressed as Rosie the Riveter, in one place, is within reach.

The event is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Co-chaired by U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell and Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo, the gathering is taking place at historic Willow Run Airport in Hangar 1, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti.

"We're seeing an uptick in the advance registrations of girls and women pledging to come dressed in the correct Rosie the Riveter uniform," said Emily Zelmanski, costume committee chairperson. "There's definitely momentum building and a whole lot of buzz about us on social media."

The Michigan Aerospace Foundation, Yankee Air Museum, Wayne County Airport Authority and AVFlight are jointly sponsoring this event and are excited the effort shines a bright light on the effort to save part of the original Willow Run Bomber Plant, a structure adjacent to the world record attempt venue.

Zelmanski explained



Organizers are hoping for more than 1,000 women, teens, children and infants to dress as Rosie the Riveter for another Guinness Book of World Records attempt Oct. 24.

that until Aug. 15, the world record for "Largest gathering of women dressed as Rosie the Riveter" resided in this community. Willow Run's record was broken by 1,084 women Aug. 15 at the National Rosie the Riveter Park in Richmond, Calif. She said Dingell and Stumbo were inspired and quick to take up the challenge.

"World War II was a watershed era in so many ways. But for women and industry, the

revolution that started right here, by the original Rosie the Riveter, has made all the difference," Dingell said. "I'm calling on female leaders, of all ages, to honor women in the workplace now and remember the colossal might women brought to the war effort building B-24 Liberator bombers here. Come and have some fun with us, dressed like Rosie, and we'll make history again."

During World War II,

the Bomber Plant produced 8,685 B-24 Liberator Bombers and employed more than 40,000 men and women. One of these was riveter Rose Will Monroe, more famously remembered as "Rosie the Riveter." In 2014, a total of 776 women dressed like the woman in the iconic "We Can Do It!" poster bringing global attention to the campaign to Save the Bomber Plant.

Doors open at 10 a.m. Saturday. Costume in-

spection will begin immediately. Participants can arrive anytime up to 1 p.m. to get qualified in time. The record-setting photo is at 2 p.m. Early arrival is encouraged due to expected turnout levels. Special guest speakers and entertainment are planned throughout the day.

The event is free and participants may want to pre-register at www.SaveTheBomberPlant.org. Costume instructions and recommendations are

also available online. "This event is going to be a blast," Stumbo said. "Imagine being part of a happening, where you're unified with hundreds of other women in a sea of blue work clothes, moving history forward. This is the stuff of lifetime memories. This is awesome."

Stumbo said there will be lots of musical entertainment, food trucks and activities for children and even for male companions of the participants. The Yankee Air Museum will have its fleet of vintage aircraft on display for photo opportunities. If weather permits, the museum will also be selling rides in its new, bright red biplane.

"We're really encouraging females of all ages to visit www.savethebomberplant.org to pre-register for the event," Zelmanski said. "It's not required, but a little time to complete the registration spent now will really help streamline the event. We want participants spending more time having fun and less time in line."

Zelmanski added that everyone can help Michigan reclaim its Rosie record Oct. 24 at Willow Run, concluding that "Together, we can do it!"

Decoding the slang terminology of today's teenagers

If I told you I was "Robotripping on CCC," what would you think? Do you know what that means? No, I would not be building a robot with batteries. Try this one — what if I called you a "Syrup Head"? No, it's not a rock band. OK, one more — I am going to get some "Kibbles and Bits." Wrong again, it is not a dog treat. These are slang words young people use when talking about drugs.

Slang can be hard to keep up with, as terms change constantly. Slang terms are often used by teenagers and young adults to discuss drugs without getting caught, sometimes right in front of parents. They use it as a way to not attract suspicion about what they are doing. Make yourself aware of the terms that are being used today by young adults. Do not be afraid to see what is being texted by your kids. If your child received a message that said, "Going to get some Special K," do you think they are going to get the healthy breakfast cereal? I doubt it. Likewise if your teenager says, "Are you anywhere?" to one of her friends and receives a "yes" or "no" response without hesitation or confusion, there is clearly something you don't understand. An unusual



Sgt. Michael Sura
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phrase like that doesn't prove your teenager is on drugs, but you may need to look into it further.

Aside from trying to decode terms, the most effective thing you can do is educate yourself about the drugs themselves. If you suspect your teenager is using a specific drug, then you should learn about it and

see if you can confirm your suspicion. Talk to your kids and stay informed about whom they are with and what they are doing. Just like on the computer, stay involved with their lives. Learning about prescription and over-the-counter medicine is just as important. Slang will continually change. Staying up to date with the language is essential.

Here are some are some terms for you to think about: "Robotripping," "Vitamin D," "Red Devil," "Dexing," "Skit-

les," "Tussin," "Velvet" and "Poor Man's X." Those are all terms used to describe the abuse of cough syrup. Cough syrup contains Dextromethorphan. After 900 milligrams, it becomes a hallucinogen.

"Syrup Heads" are abusers of cough syrup. "Triple C" stands for Coricidin, a cough and cold medicine.

"Kibbles and Bits" refer to the attention-

deficit hyperactivity disorder drug known as Ritalin. It is also referred to as "Pineapple."

"Crunk" is a verb which means to get high and drunk at the same time.

There is also "Cheese," "Candy Flipping," "Georgia Home Boy," "Snow," "Anti-freeze," "X," "Special K" and "Crank." All of those terms refer to drugs — either its use or nick-

name. Take time this week to educate yourself and learn what they are. If you have any questions, as always, don't hesitate to ask.

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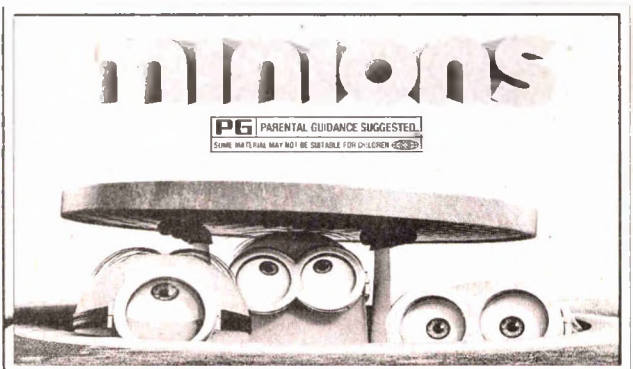
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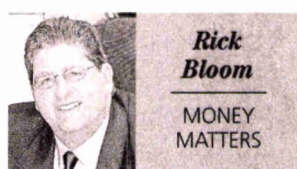
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Current tax laws on minimum distributions and charitable donations

Q: Dear Rick: Last year was the first time I was required to take a distribution from my IRA. As opposed to taking the distribution, I was told that I could donate the amount to charity, which I did. I wanted to do the same thing this year, however my IRA custodian told me that the law that allowed this was not extended for 2015. My custodian said that there is a strong possibility that it will be extended for this year, but he can make no promises. What would happen if I had my distribution paid to the charity and the law is not extended? Would I be penalized? Do you



think it makes sense or should I just write a check to the charity?

A: Your custodian is correct. The provision of the law that allows someone to donate their required minimum distribution to a charity has not yet been authorized for 2015.

What seems to happen year after year is that some time in mid- to late December, the president and Congress reauthorize this provision. You would think that because required minimum dis-

tributions must be completed by the end of the calendar year, they would want to give taxpayers more time to complete the transaction. Unfortunately, the president and Congress don't think that way.

I believe that they will authorize this transaction, but considering how dysfunctional Washington is, I can't be sure.

If you do the transaction and Congress does not authorize the transfer, you would be taxed on your minimum required distribution that went to the charity. At the same time, you would then be able to write your charitable contribution off your tax return.

For example, if your

required minimum distribution was \$10,000 a year and you transferred that to a charity, if the law was authorized for 2015, you would not have to include it as ordinary income. Furthermore, because you're not taxed on the distribution, there would be no charitable contribution for you.

If the law was not authorized, you would be taxed on the \$10,000, but you would be able to write it off as a charitable contribution on your tax return.

For many people, being able to donate their required minimum distribution directly to charity is potentially a great tax saver.

In addition, for people

who itemize their deductions, this can also save money in a number of different ways from a tax standpoint, including such things as how much your Medicare premium is and how much of your Social Security is subject to income tax.

If the tax provision is reauthorized, the key to the transaction is to make sure the money from your IRA goes directly to the charity. If the distribution is paid to you and then you take that money and pay it to the charity, you don't get the benefit.

Most IRA custodians are very familiar with this transaction and it's relatively easy to complete. The downside is

that it must be completed by Dec. 31.

Sometimes, with the delay from Washington in reauthorizing this provision, it may be too late to complete the transaction. That is why many people are doing the transaction ahead of time, hoping that the legislation will be authorized. At the same time, they are willing to accept the consequences if it is not.

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Michigan SOS unveils text-in-line program

In theory, texting or calling to secure your place in line at a Michigan Secretary of State office to avoid a long in-person wait is brilliant. But in practice, the new "Text-In-Line" program offered at 11 metro Detroit locations is just as frustrating as the Michigan SOS has ever been.

After the Michigan SOS sent me my annual birthday present of owing them more than \$100 to renew my tabs (worst birthday present ever), I decided to give its new system a test run.

About three hours before I was done with work, I texted the Southfield location to get in line. The line ended up being an hour and a half long and didn't fit into my work schedule. I left the Southfield line and texted Troy. When I texted Troy, I was told I was already in line in Southfield. That was strike one.

Thinking that I may have made an error, I texted the Southfield line again and asked for more time. I was told I wasn't in that line. So which was it? According to Southfield I was in no lines, but according to Troy I was in too many lines. That was strike two.

I probably spent 30 minutes that day, texting, calling, Tweeting and trying to figure out this new system.

Nothing worked. Users can also call their local branch to get in line, but the services are connected and I repeatedly received error messages and found no resolution by reaching out via social media.

This was no time saver.

The thought behind the program is this: You can go about your day while waiting for your turn to come. I was committed to



making this a reality, but each day I encountered another problem.

Sensing a pattern of two- to three-hour wait times, I once texted at 9 a.m. to get an appointment around lunch time. It almost worked. I was told of a two-hour wait, but moments later received another text indicating I had reached the front of the line.

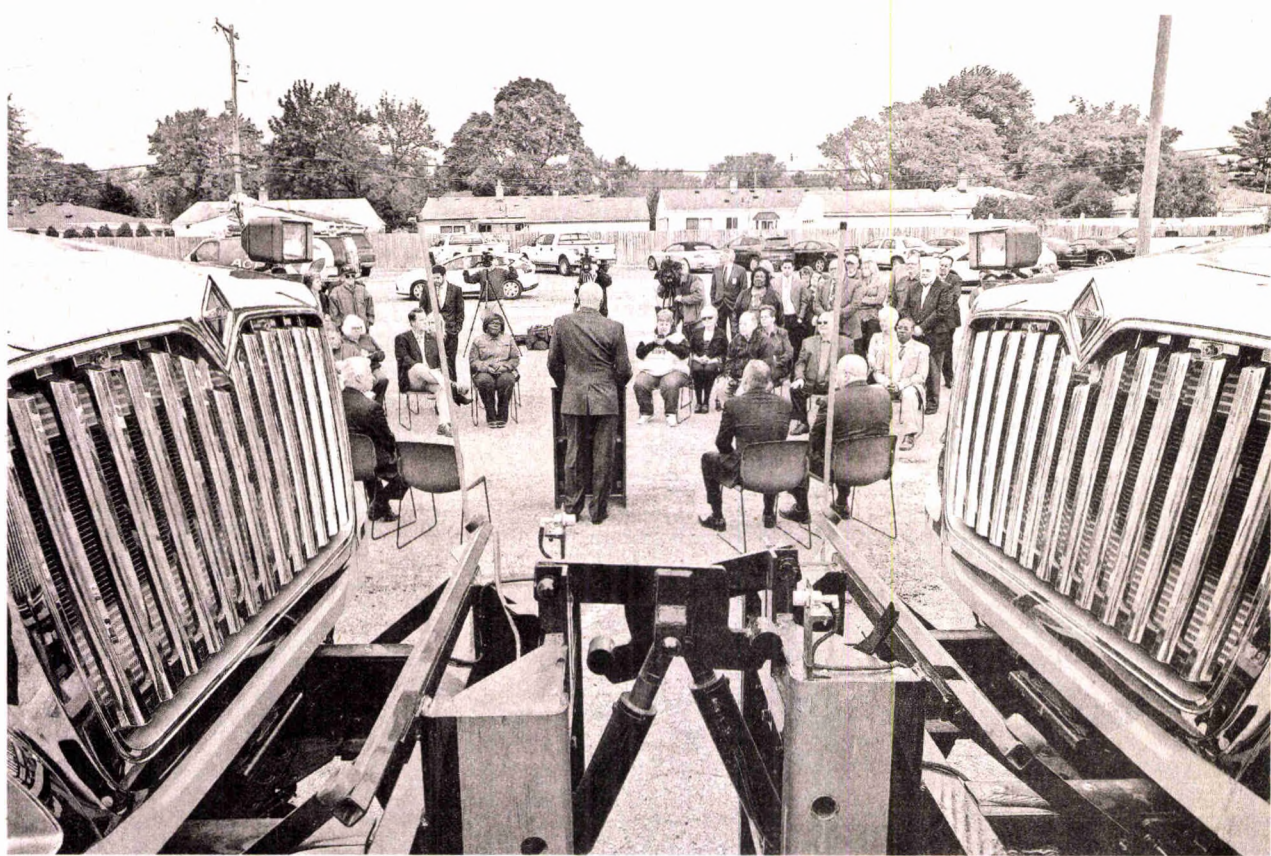
When users near the front of the line, they get a text from the SOS office which, in theory, is also helpful. But seconds later, I reached the front of the line and the series of updates from the SOS office had been useless. Strike three.

A full week after trying to align my visit to the Michigan SOS through its new system, I finally made it work, but barely. My window came sooner than I had anticipated and I had to repeatedly text for additional time.

When I arrived, I had a short wait and renewed my tabs seamlessly. But overall, the experience didn't necessarily save time, relieve frustration or improve my opinion of the SOS.

For others who have more weekday availability, the Text-In-Line program might be helpful. So too may be advanced appointment scheduling, as you can now schedule a visit up to 60 days in advance.

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Wayne County Executive Warren Evans announces the Cherry Hill rebuilding project. The road will be reconstructed from Merriman to Wayne Road beginning in the spring.

Collaboration results in Cherry Hill reconstruction

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Despite cloudy skies and chilly wind, a small crowd of officials and residents turned out Tuesday morning for the announcement that a stretch of Cherry Hill through Westland and Garden City will be resurfaced in the spring.

"If you promise to rebuild it, they will come," Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, said to the crowd gathered in the Roma Hall parking lot on Cherry Hill near Venoy.

Cherry Hill between Merriman and Wayne roads will be resurfaced as part of a \$2.5 million project that will include structural adjustments to manholes, ADA sidewalk ramp repair, permanent lane line markings and signage upgrades and replacement. The resurfacing of the 10.5 lane miles of Cherry Hill is scheduled to begin in spring 2016 and be completed by mid-November.

Along with LeBlanc, whose district includes Garden City, the announcement drew Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Westland Mayor William Wild, Garden City Manager Robert Muery, council members from both cities, an assortment of other officials and residents.



Cherry Hill Road will be rebuilt from Merriman to Wayne Road running through Garden City and Westland.

When he asked the mayors, council members and city manager in Westland and Garden City which county road most needed to be repaired, LeBlanc said they all mentioned Cherry Hill.

Collaboration and partnership were the most frequently mentioned words during the press conference.

"The resurfacing and other improvements made to this stretch of Cherry Hill Road will help local businesses

thrive and make it easier for residents to move about their neighborhood," Evans said. "Projects like this serve as an example of how collaboration and building strong relationships with local communities can lead to a more vibrant Wayne County."

Cherry Hill is one of the most traveled corridors in Westland and Garden City.

"I know without a doubt we're on the right road with Cherry Hill. I know my colleagues in Westland appreciate this, too," Wild said. "It's a collaborative effort."

Garden City residents are very excited about the project, Muery said.

"You drive down the road once, you will realize it needs fixing," he said. "We are a smaller city. We're pleased that when a project comes up, Mayor Wild and Commissioner LeBlanc remember a smaller city."

With the other larger problems facing the county, Muery said it was comforting that the Cherry Hill project would be moving forward.

"Start those trucks," said Garden City resident Sharon Hassett, who attended the press conference.

Garden City resident Mike Lawrence said he just wants to see improvements in Garden City and Westland.

"This is great. Good things for the city are great," said Lawrence, a volunteer at the Garden City Historical Museum.

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Of the 350 tons of unused, expired or unwanted drugs as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Initiative, some 1,060 pounds were turned in from Wayne County.

Thousands of Americans in communities across the country discarded more than 350 tons of unused, expired, or unwanted drugs Sept. 26 as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Initiative.

More than 3,800 federal, state and local counterparts took in

more than 702,365 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted drugs at more than 5,000 collection sites across the United States. In Michigan, 20,369 pounds of the prescription drugs were turned in at 146 sites across the state. This was the 10th event since September 2010; cumulatively, these events have collected 5,525,021 pounds of drugs.

"The numbers are shocking – approximately 46,000 Americans die each year from drug-related deaths. More than half of those are from heroin and prescription opioids," Acting DEA

Administrator Chuck Rosenberg said. "With four out of five new heroin users starting with prescription medications, I know our take-back program makes a real difference."

The NTBI addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.5 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. That same study showed that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

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ence Day for Canton takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. In Plymouth, the event will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the farmers market, 760 Penniman, in front of the Penn Theatre.

In its 24th year, Make A Difference Day is a USA Today initiative, backed by the Gannett Co. and TEGNA Inc. In collaboration with Points

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Anyone – regardless of age, location or resources – can accomplish amazing things.

"Bring your pennies and other change and join us for cider and doughnuts to make a difference in the lives of local children," said Debra Conner, who has orga-

nized the O&E Make a Difference Day project the last three years. "It is an honor help carry on the legacy of Nancy Spencer, a devoted Canton Goodfellow leader. Nancy began the 'Pennies from Heaven' Project in memory of her father.

"I think she'd be happy to see how other communities have embraced this day of giving to our local children," Conner added.



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Homeless veterans have somewhere to go, speaker says

Julie Brown
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Todd

Lisa Todd's work with veterans is challenging, but also rewarding.

"The computer lab has been the best story ever," Westland resident Todd said of the lab at Piquette Square for Veterans in southwest Detroit. Many veterans have tracked down their children on Facebook.

She told of one veteran who cried after tracking down his daughter on social media. He'd been seeking her some 20 years.

"I have story after story of people reconnecting," Todd told members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Piquette Square for Veterans opened in June 2010 and houses 150 formerly homeless veterans, 10 of them women.

Todd oversees support services and case management staff under Southwest Solutions.

"She is passionate about her work and it's making a difference in our world," said Dawn Parker of the AAUW branch.

The agency has a "housing first" philosophy, Todd explained during her Canton appearance. "We care about you as a person. How can you do anything unless you have housing?"

'Riddled with trauma'

A veteran can be a heroin user, she said, and still get housing: "Whatever your journey is, it's your journey. Their stories are completely riddled with trauma."

The agency has contributed to Detroit's comeback, she noted. "Southwest Solutions has

taken the neighborhood back," she said. "The businesses around it started taking pride."

Todd, who began in youth ministry, noted her agency's work with peer support specialists who can function and do case notes. One such man is a 14-year staffer.

"He's doing well," she said of the man, whose wife earlier died. Those staffers need reminders on self-care as they tend to think so much of client needs.

Piquette Square for Veterans offers permanent, subsidized housing in which tenants pay a portion of rent. The agency fund raises constantly, she said, noting such contributors as General Motors and Masco.

Although each veteran gets a case manager, using the services is optional. Relapse into drugs is a common problem, said Todd, who works with many peacetime veterans from the 1980s.

The website lists the agency mission: "Southwest Solutions has pursued its mission to help build a stronger and healthier community since 1972. We provide a broad range of programs in the areas of human development, economic development and community engagement. These three areas together form a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy and effort that impacts more than 25,000 people a year."

Veterans services come under human development. In addition to Piquette Square, there are Homeless Veterans'

Reintegration Program (including vocational training and job opportunities) and Supportive Services for Veterans' Families (to help low-income families with housing stability).

There's also a Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center, described online as "a one-stop" treatment center for homeless veterans in need. The VCRRC is operated by the Detroit VA Medical Center. It provides access to a wide range of services, including health care, housing, employment, benefits and education.

"It's a fabulous facility," Todd said of Piquette Square.

Youth ministry background

She earned her master of arts degree and agency and school counseling from Wayne State University. She also has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in interpersonal communication, with a psychology minor, and is a 1989 Bishop Borgess High School graduate.

Earlier, she worked for a number of area Catholic parishes. "I found a lot of mental illness in the group. I had cutters, female cutters. You don't get that training in youth ministry," she said.

Todd found parents would reach out to her for help, part of the reason she went on for a counseling degree at WSU. She was nine months without a job after WSU graduation with many resumes out, when a Catholic church contact landed her the interview at Southwest Solutions.

Additional information on her agency is at www.swsol.org.

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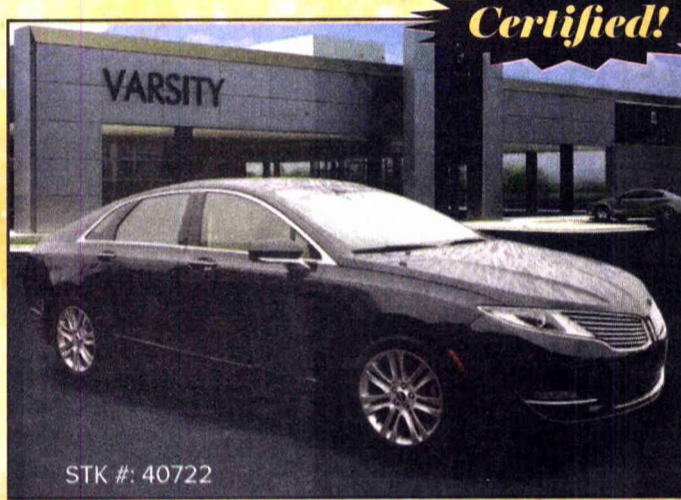
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KENSINGTON CONFERENCE FINAL



Northville quarterback Justin Zimbo (middle), a thorn in Plymouth's side all night, runs through the line. Trying to tackle him are Michael Jordan (left) and C.J. Wieloch.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

KENSINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP

RED 'C' RISING

Canton back on track with rousing win over Stevenson

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Sideline by a lingering headache last week, Canton senior Jared Stephens was a headache for Livonia Stevenson during Friday night's Kensington Conference crossover clash.

And the hard-running speedster wasn't the kind of ailment a couple of capsules of ibuprofen were going to make go away.

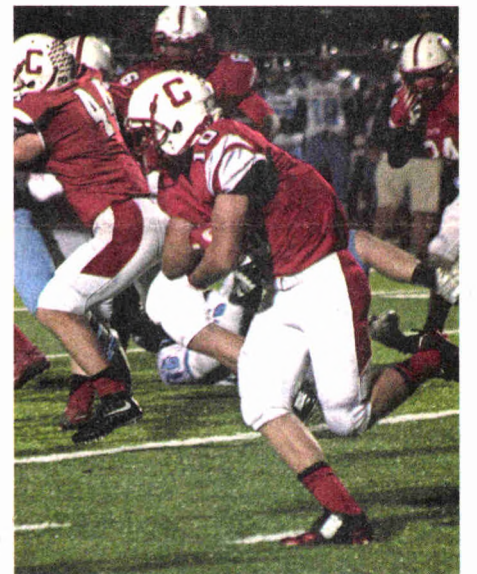
Just moments after Stevenson's Frank Carlin squirted through a hole on a counter play and dashed 28 yards to put the Spartans up 7-0 and momentarily silence Canton's homecoming crowd, Stephens took a handoff from quarterback Jake O'Donnell, followed a kickoff block by Jacob Wickens and exploded over the visitors' sideline for a 62-yard touchdown run that doubled as a lightning bolt for the Chiefs, who eventually steam-rolled the Spartans, 49-7.

On the heels of a rare two-game losing streak, Canton improved to 6-2 and punched its eighth consecutive postseason ticket with next weekend's regular-season finale in Galesburg, Ill. looming.

Stevenson, which clinched a play-off berth on the same P-CEP field during last Saturday's 38-19 win over Salem, will take a 6-2 mark into Friday's homecoming game against Churchill.

Stephens looked like a picture of health on Canton's second drive, too,

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Carrying the football for key yardage Friday is Canton's Jake O'Donnell.

ED WRIGHT

'CATS STOPPED COLD

Northville puts clamps on Plymouth's bid for a conference title, 23-20

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The ice water in Northville quarterback Justin Zimbo's veins pretty much matched the cold conditions Friday night as the Mustangs rallied to snatch a victory — and the Kensington Conference football title — away from host Plymouth.

Zimbo plowed through the left side of the line with 1:11 to play to give the Mustangs a 23-20 victory on the junior varsity field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Great field position set up the winning touchdown. A 22-yard punt return by Zachary Prystash gave Northville a first down at the Wildcats' 23

with 2:31 remaining and Plymouth clinging to a 20-16 lead. On the next snap, Zimbo connected with Prystash on a 16-yard screen pass to set up a first-and-goal situation.

Three plays later, Zimbo ripped through the line and ripped apart the Wildcats' hopes for a conference championship.

"The punt return at the end of the game was huge," said Zimbo, who completed 14-of-29 passes for 186 yards and ran for another 84. "The screen to Prystash, two big plays by Prystash were huge and I just followed my line" on the winning TD.

On the punt return, Prystash fielded the ball near midfield after the Wildcats were mired deep in their

own zone and unable to move the chains.

The reason for Plymouth's tough sledding was getting possession just outside its own goal line, after Northville's Ian Rachelson made a great play on special teams. Rachelson dove toward the goal line to prevent a Christian Field punt from bouncing into the end zone for a touchback.

"You tell me how tough that kid is; he is the man," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said about Zimbo. "He showed some real resiliency tonight, just tough as nails."

Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said the Mustangs (8-0 overall)

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Plymouth Christian junior libero Divna Roi saves the ball before it can hit the floor Thursday.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

PREP VOLLEYBALL

PCA spikers riding hot streak

Second-ranked Eagles sweep Parkway Christian

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every once in a while Thursday, one of Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball players would sneak a glance in the direction of their former coach.

Katie Decker, who in 2013 and 2014 led the Eagles to back-to-back trips to the Class D regional finals, watched from the Sterling Heights Parkway Christian bench as her new team tried to slow down Olivia Mady and the rest

of the 2015 PCA squad.

"It is a little surreal," Decker said, smiling, after No. 2-ranked Plymouth Christian won all three sets Thursday night. "There were a couple times that one of the girls caught my eye after they did something."

And the host Eagles did a bit more than the visiting Eagles in the MIAC Blue Division contest — prevailing 25-16, 26-24 and 25-21 to improve to 24-3 and 10-0 in the division.

"It was just kind of strange to have to play our old coach," said Mady, a junior outside hitter who contributed seven kills and five digs to the triumph. "But it was a good game and it was a lot of fun."

"In the second set, we got off to a very slow start, but we

worked our way back up and finally got the lead and then just finished it."

Decker's successor in Canton, D.J. Kellogg (who was an assistant coach for Decker), said it was "fun" to go up against his predecessor, adding that PCA previously faced Parkway in a tournament "so it wasn't the first time."

Eye on the prize

Kellogg's team is more interested in looking ahead than in the rear-view mirror, of course, with Class D districts and regionals (to be hosted by PCA) just around the corner.

"We're a reflection of the little things, the little details," Kellogg said. "If we're doing

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MIKE IACOPELLI
Plymouth senior co-captain Mike Blake (middle) looks to maneuver the ball away from Walled Lake Central players Wednesday night.

BOYS SOCCER

Young Wildcats step up in 2-0 win over W.L. Central

Coming off two losses and with a number of seniors and starters still sidelined with injuries and illness, the underclassmen stepped up Wednesday to score both of Plymouth's goals in a 2-0 varsity boys soccer win over Walled Lake Central.

Junior Ryan Dickerson scored the first goal by heading the ball into the back of the net in the first half.

In the second half, sophomore Sawyer Eggen sent the ball across to sophomore Tommy Sullivan who finished it, which put

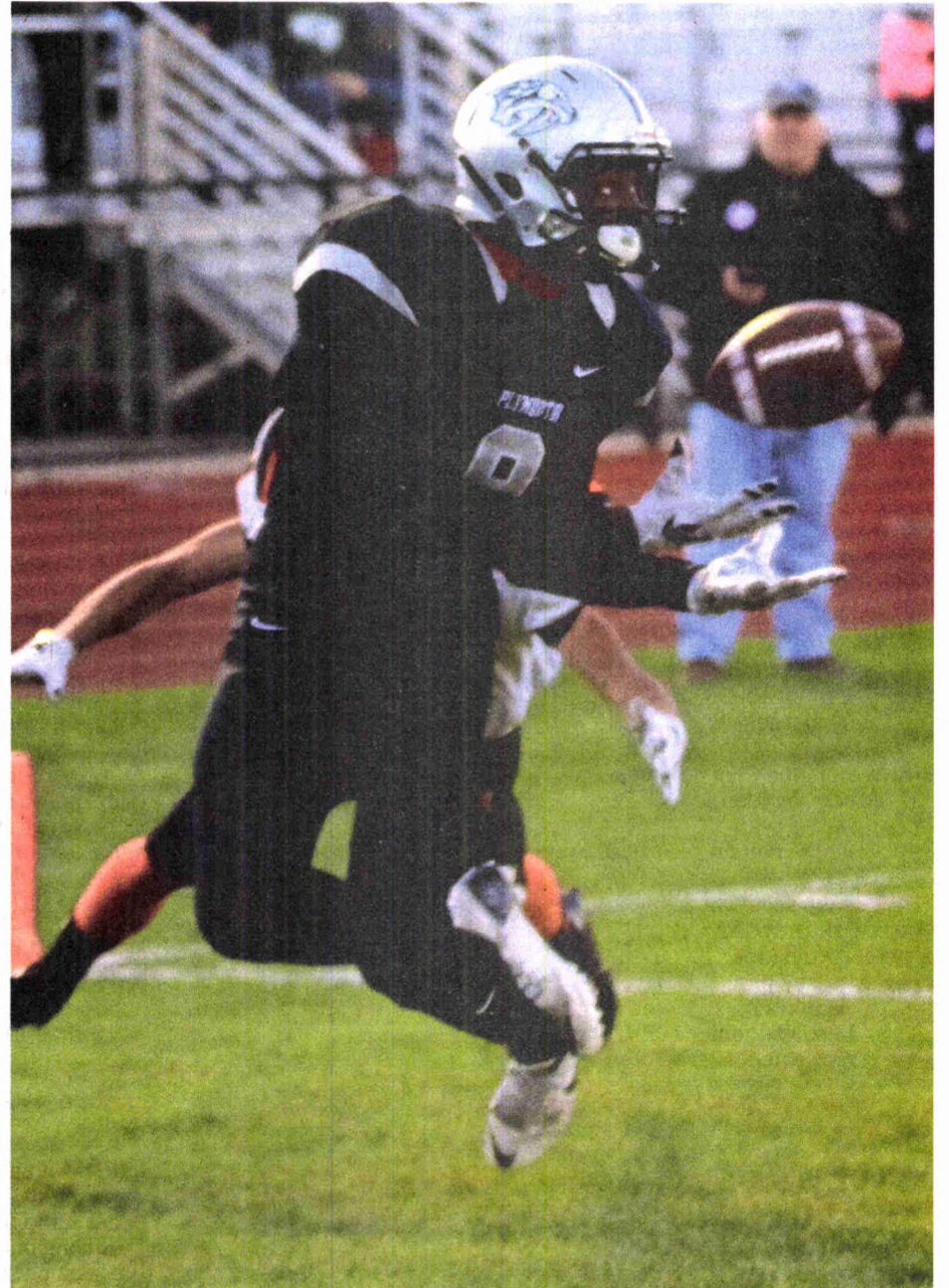
the Wildcats up 2-0. Strong performances were put in by Walled Lake Central's Connor Mason and Armando Luca, but the Wildcats managed to shut down their drives time and again as goalies Damon Favero and J.D. Visnaw shared the shutout.

The Wildcats should be at full strength when they begin the Division 1 district Monday at Livonia Stevenson. Plymouth's depth will be called upon if the team is to advance and face Salem Oct. 21; the Rocks have a bye.

SALEM 5, BRIGHTON 0: Also Wednesday, the Rocks posted a shutout victory over Brighton. Christian Freitag scored two great goals off crosses and caused havoc all night for Salem. Luke Nolte, Jeremy Coleman and Nick Massey also scored for the Rocks. Hunter Gibbons and Robert Calendar made things difficult for the Bulldogs all night.

With chances limited Karson Gregory was only called upon a few times but answered each time. Salem is idle until next Wednesday in the district, against the winner of Monday's Plymouth-Livonia Stevenson contest.

CANTON 4, LAKELAND 0: In a battle for overall third place in KLAAs, Canton scored twice in each half. Scoring for the Chiefs were Josh Posuniak, Avery Olson, Hunter Olson and Sam Deloy, with assists by Jimmy Walkinsaw, Posuniak, Beau Hoffman and Jordan Percy. David McGraph and Patrick Ruhala shared the shutout in goal. Strong defensive play by Trevor Turko, Matt Rockafellow, Matt Tenglin and Caleb Moraw helped preserve the shutout. Canton (14-5-3) will face Westland John Glenn in the district at 6 p.m. Monday.



MICHAEL VASILNEK
Snaring a 22-yard touchdown pass for Plymouth in the first quarter is senior Victor Abraham.

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were "flat-out tougher than we were."

Coming on the heels of an emotional victory over Canton for the KLAAs South title, Sawchuk and his coaches cautioned players "about not turning it down this week because of last week. I guess I... didn't do a good job of coaching them."

The Wildcats, who fell to 6-2 overall, also were without a key player as senior quarterback/defensive back Chris Walls missed the contest due to a suspension. But Sawchuk wasn't using that as an excuse.

In Walls' place, junior quarterback Jonah Peterson had some big moments — including a 22-yard scoring strike to senior wide-out Victor Abraham in the first quarter to open the night's scoring, as well as a 45-yard TD run in the third to put Plymouth up 20-13.

"Jonah did exactly what he was coached to do," Sawchuk said. "We just, up front, didn't get it done. The defense was on the field too much, O-line didn't step up."

"Bottom line is we didn't coach them up

during the week. I'm not going to blame it on the kids."

Bottled up

The Mustangs were tough on the Plymouth offense all night, holding the Wildcats to 91 yards in the first half.

Plymouth senior running back Cameron Stella, who ran wild for more than 200 yards against the Chiefs, managed just 52 yards in 18 carries against Northville.

"They were doing schemes we couldn't block," Peterson said. "It wasn't Stella's fault, they were just playing smart football."

Northville fell behind with 6:57 to go in the first on Peterson's high pass deep into the right corner of the end zone, where Abraham was waiting to snag it.

An interception by junior Chase Timko stopped the Mustangs' ensuing drive and Plymouth held that 7-0 lead until the final seconds of the opening half.

Zimbo's 2-yard TD pass over the middle to Jack Peterson finally put the Mustangs on the board. A 17-yard completion to Terrell Cunningham (three catches, 91 yards) was a big play in that series.

The Mustangs, who last won the conference

title in 2013, went up 13-7 just 1:33 into the third. A fumble by Plymouth on the second half kickoff set up a 16-yard touchdown pass from Zimbo to Anthony Abbott.

But Plymouth responded when speedy junior Isaac Emminger sprinted down the right sideline for a 51-yard TD to make it 13-13. The two-point conversion try did not connect, however.

Plymouth did go in front on the long TD run by Jonah Peterson and still led 20-16 with 2:51 left in the third despite a 23-yard field goal by Jake Moody.

That merely set the stage for Zimbo's last-minute heroics.

"It means we got a conference championship and in the history of Northville High School, we haven't had a whole lot of those," Ladach said. "We've had two in the last few years and we're just ecstatic over it."

"This is a great football conference. We play in a tough division and a great conference. So to come out here and beat a team like Plymouth means a whole lot to us."

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GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

P-CEP swimmers do well at MISCA meet

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association invitational at Eastern Michigan University again featured some stellar performances from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletes.

Salem, in particular, contributed strong swims to the tournament, sometimes viewed as a competitive stepping stone as the state tournament draws near.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the Rocks' quartet of junior Katie Xu and seniors Linda Zhang, Patricia Freitag and Lisa Zhang placed first with a time of 1:47.95. That same lineup placed fifth in the 400 free relay (3:36.21).

The lone Park swimmer placing first in an individual event was Linda Zhang, who won the 100 breaststroke in

1:05.58.

Linda Zhang also nearly earned first-place honors in the 200 IM, coming in second with a time of 2:06.67. Junior teammate Molly Rowe placed 34th in that event with a mark of 2:20.36.

Also in the top 50 in the 200 IM was Canton freshman Jessica Clark, finishing 44th with a time of 2:21.66.

Earning third place in the 100 butterfly was Lisa Zhang of the Rocks, completing that event in 57.89.

Salem's Xu and Freitag placed 16th and 17th, respectively, in the 100 fly with times of 1:00.25 and 1:00.48. Besting them in that event was Canton senior Emily Osika (10th, 59.80).

Plymouth senior Allison Lennig placed 18th in the 200 freestyle, clocking 1:57.71, ahead of any other P-CEP participant.

Meanwhile, Plymouth junior Kathryn Waters was 41st in the 100 fly,

finishing in 1:01.49.

Salem freshman Sarah Griffiths (34th, 5:28.12) and Plymouth sophomore Grace MacLellan (63rd, 5:47.51) were the lone entries from Park teams in the 500 free.

Salem enjoyed another big event in the 100 backstroke, with three of the top 15 finishers. Those included Lisa Zhang (fourth, 56.92), Xu (11th, 59.15) and Freitag (15th, 59.79).

Also strong in the 100 back were Canton's Osika (32nd, 1:01.46), Salem's Rowe (38th, 1:01.78) and Plymouth's Lennig (39th, 1:01.87).

Joining victorious Linda Zhang in the 100 breast were Plymouth freshman Kelsey Peregor (47th, 1:13.58) and Salem freshman Grace Harding (48th, 1:13.76).

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KLAA VOLLEYBALL

Chiefs all ready for conference showdown

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The tie goes to the Canton Chiefs in the battle for volleyball supremacy in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

Both Canton and Livonia Churchill wrapped up KLAA South play with identical 9-1 records, with the lone defeat on each squad's ledger inflicted by the other division co-champion.

On Sept. 22, the host Chiefs earned a 3-0 victory over Churchill, winning 25-21, 25-19 and 25-22. Two weeks later at Churchill, the script was flipped. That time, the Chargers won in three sets, by identical 25-22 scores.

So due to point differential in the head-to-heads, the Chiefs are the top seed and earn the right to host KLAA Central winner Novi (36-2, 10-0 in the division) at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

In Canton's most-recent contest, Tuesday's senior night, the Chiefs defeated Westland John

Glenn 25-16, 25-16 and 25-20.

"The team played well," Canton head coach Erick Gardner said. "It's late in the season, but we're still working on a set lineup. A few injuries set us back, but I like some of what we're doing."

Honored on senior night were 12th-graders Hailey Hodgson, Hannah Madis, Emma Clark, Kari Klavon, Alyssa Burke, Hannah Stefanek, Liz Perry and Victoria Porter.

Salem senior night

Tuesday also was senior night at Salem, with the Rocks posting a 25-17, 25-19, 25-21 victory over South Lyon East.

The Rocks honored seniors Emma Merlington, Madison Saal, Tess Ganich, Sara Soltis, Lauren Wylie, Cassidy Hewett and Drew Smiley.

Despite an injury, Saal got the evening started with an ace. That led to three "solid sets of competitive volleyball," Salem head coach Rebecca Middleton said.

"We were able to see the

strength of our seniors and the depth of our younger team members tonight," Middleton said.

Ganich had 15 kills, 11 digs and three aces, while Soltis tallied 20 assists. Other senior contributors included Merlington (seven kills) and Smiley (eight digs).

"It may be our seniors' last year, but our future is looking bright," Middleton said. "Junior Kendall Gillen had a stellar performance across the board with three aces, nine kills, 13 digs and four blocks. Sophomore Sam Klozik contributed eight digs and excellent serve receive."

"We are looking forward to a busy month of October. We have a crossover match, a scrimmage and two more tournaments before we play Canton the first round of districts."

PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE 0; Plymouth routed KLAA South opponent Wayne Memorial Tuesday, by a 25-10, 25-10, 25-4 score.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Canton's Emma Clark (center), shown from earlier this season, is one of the seniors powering the Chiefs' success. Canton will face Novi on Tuesday for the conference title.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
PCA's Jessica Paulson (middle) passes the ball to Paige Perkey (right).

PCA

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those, then the results will follow. I haven't told them where we're ranked all season. I'm sure they're finding out now in different ways.

"But for us, it's not about the ranking, it's about improving every game."

To that end, there are regular season matches such as Thursday's to get through.

"Defense was the key," Kellogg said. "They were getting a lot of tips, we were covering the tips. We didn't have much in the way of offense tonight, though, but that's just the story of our season."

The PCA leader in kills was sophomore outside hitter Grace Kellogg, with 10.

In addition to Mady, senior middle blocker Paige Perkey

tallied seven kills, while sophomore right-side hitter Robin Albert chipped in six.

Strong on defense and from the service stripe was junior libero Divna Roi, with 10 digs and three aces.

Other strong defenders were Albert (11 digs), Kellogg (seven digs) and Mady.

PCA got off to a strong start, following a six-point service run by junior setter Jessica Paulson (including an ace) to open up a 20-10 advantage over Parkway (18-12-2).

Hammering home the set clincher was junior right-side hitter Josie Postma, on a perfect set from Paulson.

See-saw set

The second set started out sluggishly for the home team, as Parkway crafted a quick 6-1 lead that kept PCA playing catch-up for most of the set.

It was a see-saw affair down

the stretch, with Parkway going up 22-21 following four service points by senior Sarah Schmidt.

PCA ultimately closed out the win on a defensive side out spike by Mady and a combo block by Albert and Perkey (the latter who was honored following the game for senior night).

The third set started out in similar fashion, with both teams trading points, until the hard-hitting Roi went off on a eight-point string from the stripe (including two aces).

"Divna is very good on spot serving (sending it to a specific zone)," Kellogg said. "So I can always count on those to be in."

That made it a 16-8 PCA lead and Parkway could not catch up the rest of the way, despite getting to within 22-20 at one point.

A defensive spike by Kellogg set up the winning serve by Roi, on yet another ace.

There were many more

effective serves by PCA, such as Roi's clincher, than off-the-mark attempts that were drilled into the net.

Yet Kellogg blamed himself for those giveaways, which kept Parkway hanging around much of the night.

"We were trying to be a little extra aggressive on our serves, so some of those service errors are coach's fault," he said.

Meanwhile, asked about senior night, Kellogg lauded Perkey's continuing leadership and on-court savvy as being among the reasons for PCA's outstanding record.

"The senior leadership she brings is big; the girls all love her," Kellogg said. "When we chose captains, she was a unanimous decision. She always keeps a great attitude and keeps the girls up, no matter what."

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Canton running back Jared Stephens (middle) bursts through the Livonia Stevenson defense Friday night.

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breaking off a 58-yard TD up the home team's sidelines.

"I went to the doctor Monday and got cleared to play tonight - thank God," Stephens said, smiling through his visor. "I felt pretty good all along, but our trainers wanted to be cautious. I was back at practice Tuesday.

"Both of my touchdowns were on off-tackle plays. I followed a great block by Jacob Wickens on the first one and my fullback, Markus Sanders, sacrificed his body - and he reminded me about it after the game - on my second one."

"Jared was hungry after missing last week's game," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said, "and he ran like it. He ran hard tonight."

Baechler said the last thing he wanted for his team was to carry the burden of having to win the last game - which will require an eight-hour bus ride - in order to get win No. 6.

"If we would have had to go down there to qualify, that would have been tough," he said, revealing a relieved smile. "(Galesburg) is a good team; they're huge.

"Three words sum up tonight's win - effort, ac-



Livonia Stevenson's Devin Dunn helps bring down Canton's Markus Sanders during the second quarter of Friday night's game.

ED WRIGHT

countability and responsibility. The kids have been giving the physical effort it takes, but our mental effort was lacking. In our two losses, there were four, five, six plays that killed us and we don't have that much margin for error this year."

Speaking of huge, that is the best word to describe the Chiefs' 35-7 halftime lead, which was constructed by Stephens' two TDs along with 65- and 31- and 5-yard

TDs from Sanders.

The catalyst of the Chiefs' swarming defense was senior captain Thomas Evely.

Stevenson's usually-productive offense suffered a setback in the first quarter, when starting running back Austin Petrie was forced to leave the contest with a lower-leg injury.

Petrie's absence forced the Spartans to shift slot back Frank Carlin to the backfield.

"We got beat by a really, really good football team tonight," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "We knew they'd be fired up with it being homecoming and needing a win to qualify.

"Obviously, losing Austin wasn't ideal for us. We had to move some things around. Once Canton got that momentum going, I think our kids kind of sensed what was going on. The bottom line is that they just kicked our butts."

Canton ran 28 plays to Stevenson's six during the second half, which breezed along like the gusty winds that swept the field due to the running clock that kicked in once Canton pushed its lead to 42-7 on Sanders' fourth TD of the night, a 9-yard run with 8:21 left in the third quarter.

Jacob Thornton found pay dirt on a 9-yard run with 9:02 left to cap the night's scoring.

One of the more entertaining plays of the night was provided by Stevenson's 6-foot-3, 261-pound sophomore offensive lineman Giovanni Agazzi, who scooped up the ball after a teammate fumbled and rumbled 19 yards.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Salem girls cruise to victory

Rocks' depth evident in 15-50 triumph

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Following up a first-place showing Oct. 10 at the Wayne County Championship, Salem's varsity girls cross country team defeated Livonia Stevenson, 15-50, Tuesday.

"The girls did a nice job taking care of business today on a cold, windy day at Cass Benton," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, whose team improved to 4-1 in the KLAAC Central.

Once again, the Rocks excelled as a pack, taking all but one of the first 16 places.

Salem's finishers were as follows: Kayla Hughes (first, 20:26); Sierra Bowden (second, 20:45); Madalyn Simko (third, 20:47); Gabrielle Mancini (fourth, 20:47); Hannah Jeffress (fifth, 20:47); Madison Justice (sixth, 20:47); Erin McCann (seventh, 20:47); Kaya Knake (eighth, 21:08); Kayla DeLaCruz (10th, 21:15); Shea Wilson (11th, 21:17); Charissa Johnson (12th, 21:35); Madison Grant (13th, 21:33); Hallie Younglas (14th, 21:36); Karissa McCarthy (15th, 21:41) and Bridget Nelson (16th, 21:42).

Plymouth stymied

Despite some strong individual performances, Plymouth's varsity girls cross country team dropped a 19-37 decision Tuesday against Livonia Franklin at Nankin Mills.

"Our top runners fell just a bit short but put up a great effort," Wildcats head coach Alice Ahearn said.

In third overall for Plymouth was Annie Bonds (20:10), followed by Madelyn Rush (sixth, 21:01), Arwa Hararwala (eighth, 21:13), Gwen Carey (ninth, 21:18) and Amelia Carey (11th, 21:23). Ana White (12th, 21:24) and Olivia Schafer (13th, 21:28) rounded out the varsity.

"Franklin is a solid team and we knew it was going to be a tough meet," Ahearn said about the KLAAC South opponent.

"There were many terrific performances from our team today.

"A great majority of the girls are still shaving time off every race and improving every time they toe the line and that's what it's all about. We plan to keep setting our goals high and working hard every day."

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Steelers defeated after 'Big' victory

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity youth football team lost for the first time this season with Saturday's 22-14 setback at the hands of the still-unbeaten Macomb Mustangs.

After each team failed to score on their first two possessions, the Steelers broke the deadlock with a sustained 58-yard drive ending with an 8-yard run by Mike Mathias. The left side of the offensive line, Matt Clearhout, Brendan Jankowski and Nick Downs, blocked the play perfectly to open the hole. Cooper Donlin added the 2-point conversion.

But any momentum gained by the Steelers quickly waned as the Mustangs would return the following kickoff back for a touchdown. The Steelers failed to score on their next posses-

sion and Macomb again found the end zone to bring the halftime score to 14-8.

Macomb opened the second half with a sustained drive of their own to take a 22-8 lead, but the Steelers weren't done as they marched 62 yards in seven plays, ending with an 11-yard quarterback keeper by Kameron Arnold. That would be the final score of the contest.

The biggest bright spot in the contest was the much improved "Black Defense," led by Tyler Overiatis, Downs and Arnold who held the high-powered Mustangs offense to only two touchdowns. Next week, the Steelers will visit the Dearborn Thunderbirds.

Big House victory

On Oct. 3, the PC Steelers earned a 54-40 win over the

Lakes Area Hawks at Michigan Stadium.

The Steelers opened the game with a 65-yard scoring drive, capped by Logan Walkley's 42-yard run - made possible by Zach Sweet's timely block.

Cooper Donlin then scored on a 54-yard run and Kameron Arnold connected with Zachary Kubacki for a 12-yard TD pass as the Steelers kept pouring on the offense.

After Lakes tallied their first touchdown of the day, Kubacki took the ensuing kickoff 50 yards for another touchdown to make it 30-6 at halftime.

The Hawks struck first to open the second half, but the Steelers answered with a 57-yard drive which ended with Donlin trotting 40 yards behind beautiful blocks by Drew Poet and Sweet.

But the Hawks were far from done at the Big House, scoring twice to cut deficit to 38-26.

PC responded with a 45-yard drive, with Walkley scoring on a 20-yard run. The left side of the offensive line blocked the play perfectly, led by Nick Downs, Luke Nader, Brendan Jankowski and Nathan Janke.

The Hawks struck again, only for the Steelers to respond. This time, the answer was Arnold's perfect 42-yard touchdown pass to Donlin.

Defensively the Steeler secondary was kept busy all day long, with Aiden Garbarino, Tyler Overiatis, Cole Moyer, Arnold, Janke and Poet working together to stop the Hawks' aerial attack.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Co-ed basketball at Plymouth YMCA

The Plymouth Family YMCA is forming co-ed basketball leagues for children ages 3-12.

Fall session begins the week of Oct. 26, with meetings in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities.

The Y rate is \$96 or \$120 for non-members. YMCA basketball is a great opportunity for children to learn fundamental skills in a fun environment.

Register by going to ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

Canton lacrosse meeting

Canton Chiefs boys lacrosse is holding a meeting about the 2016 season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in Canton High School's Room 127.

For more information or to have any questions answered, email cantonboyslacrossevarsity@pccsk12.com or call 734-679-6126.

Canton girls harriers edged

Livonia Churchill's girls cross country team clinched the KLAAC South Division title Tuesday at Cass Benton Park with a 22-33 victory over Canton.

The Chargers were paced by the one-two finish of Christina Murphy (19 minutes, 56.2 seconds) and Kathleen George (20:09.6).

Canton's Anna Naglehont (21:14.4) and Kaite Coghnam (21:14.4) finished third and

fourth, respectively, before Churchill's Gabrielle Swider (21:20.8) and Alexis Lombardo (21:30.0) placed fifth and sixth.

Churchill's fifth scorer was Caroline George, who placed eighth in 21:54.9.

The Chargers' non-scoring performers were Raquel Zwick (11th in 22:30.8), Madison White (13th in 22:49.1), Cathryn McGowan (17th in 23:38.8) and Emily Halkey (18th in 23:32.6).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Chiefs top Churchill, win division

Clark, Andrews are first, second to spearhead Canton

In a battle of KLAAC South unbeaten, Canton raced to an 18-39 victory Tuesday over Churchill at Cass Benton Park to claim the division championship.

Zac Clark was the Chiefs' main man, winning the race in 16:54.2, edging teammate Shane Andrews by just over a second.

Churchill's Josh Mussen was third in 17:14.06 before the Chiefs placed fourth through sixth thanks to strong efforts from Nick Socha (17:35.4), Javier Diaz (17:40.6) and Zach Carey (17:46.1).

The Chargers' next three scorers were Clint Cowen (17:49.8), Jon Hovermale (17:52.31) and Noah Hagood (17:55.43). Churchill's fifth scorer was Delson Christian, who finished in 18:16.9.

"Despite the score, I was very proud of the effort of our runners," Churchill head coach John McGreevy said. "They ran hard! There is no shame in getting beat by a better team if you give it everything you have."

SALEM 21, STEVENSON 37: Senior Chaz Jeffress was medalist with a time of 16:41 Tuesday against Livonia Stevenson.

Jeffress has not lost a dual meet since his sophomore season.

Finishing third for the Rocks was Jacob Kubinski, followed by junior Alex Kroil, senior Griffin Skaff, sophomore Ryan Exell, freshman Luke Haran and sophomore Andrew Beyer.

The Rocks finished the dual meet portion of their season with a 4-2 record, including 3-2 in the KLAAC Central Division.

2015 Nissan Murano is a roomy five-seat SUV

Gas price instability and the economic downturn got shoppers rethinking how much SUV they really need, with most deciding a compact SUV was enough. Consumers with a few kids, who needed more room, chose a three-row crossover. That left the mid-size, five-seat SUV an unwanted commodity by most.

The redesigned 2015 Nissan Murano — available at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave. — is a quiet, comfortable, roomy five-seat SUV, perfectly executed for empty-nesters or others who prize a spacious cabin and cargo area, but who have no desire for a third row, where kids routinely wind up.

These shoppers want a solid road-trip vehicle, not a rally car.

Exterior and styling

While the Murano delivers on the practicality and electronic wizardry its target buyer may demand, its styling panders to folks who may be more daring than those shopping this segment.

The radical front end has curvaceous fenders and a grille that drops down in a V pattern. It makes the Jeep Grand Cherokee look stately and Ford's upcoming Edge redesign look a bit staid in comparison.

Eighteen-inch wheels are standard and look appropriately sized for the vehicle. The 20-inch wheels on the Platinum model seem a bit too big, visually, but there will likely be plenty of people who opt for them.

How it drives

Nissan's venerable 3.5-liter V-6 remains the workhorse under the hood, producing 260 horsepower and 240 pounds-feet of torque. It's teamed to a continuously variable automatic transmission that uses artificial shift points to make it seem like a traditional automatic. The experience feels more CVT than automatic, but power comes on fast and won't leave drivers wanting much, whether the engine is mated to front- or all-wheel drive.

The brakes are also solidly predictable, and when it's running on its standard 18-



The 2015 Nissan Murano.

inch wheels and tires, the Murano is one of the smoothest non-luxury SUVs out there. Mileage is 21/28/24 mpg city/highway/combined for both front- and all-wheel-drive versions. A V-6 Jeep Grand Cherokee gets identical mileage with all-wheel drive and 22/30/25 mpg with rear-wheel drive.

The Murano cabin is as quiet as can be.

Interior

In the past, Nissan has made a few interiors that felt close to its Infiniti luxury brand, and the Murano follows suit. In its highest, Platinum, trim, which offers a dark brown leather interior, there are few areas that distinguish it from an Infiniti.

Even on the more accessible SV trim, there are still swaths of leather everywhere from above the gauge cluster to on the armrests on the doors. Even if you're sitting in a cloth driver's seat, you're seeing and touching leather.

Space is considerable in the backseat, which Nissan expects to be used for adults on a double date, not preteens being shuttled to soccer practice. The outboard seats are also Zero Gravity types, and on the Platinum trim they're also heated.

Ergonomics and electronics

Nissan should get an award for its center console, a near-perfect mix of physical buttons, four knobs and a touch-screen. Buttons are either piano black with illuminated text and icons, or chrome-covered plastic with the labels above.

The 8-inch touch-screen — standard on SV trims and higher — has terrific resolution and has been completely rethought from the previous generation of Nissan systems. Luckily, everything is still laid out in a straightforward way that should cause few headaches for the tech-averse.

There are separate screens

for music, navigation and various other functions, as well as a home screen that gives brief glimpses of many systems that are active.

The base stereo has good sound, and you can connect two devices via USB — one for front passengers and one for rear. Either can pipe music through the car's stereo.

Cargo and storage

There's a nice covered tray between the cupholders and a cubby in the center console that can do duty as a smart-phone bin; otherwise, the driver will have to rely on the door pocket to stash frequently used items like loose change and other miscellaneous things.

There's also a small tray behind the cubby for rear passengers to put items, namely smartphones, into, because the rear USB ports are directly beneath it.

A generous cargo area is another benefit of moving up to an SUV this size. At 39.6

cubic feet, the Murano doesn't disappoint, providing plenty of room for four good-size pieces of luggage or a mix of luggage and golf bags.

The rear seats fold flat via release handles by the lift gate; this expands cargo room to 69.9 cubic feet.

Safety

A backup camera is standard on the Murano, while Nissan's Around View Monitor is standard on SL and Platinum trims. When activated, it offers a bird's-eye view of the SUV by using cameras in front, back and in the side mirrors.

Blind spot warning is standard on SL and Platinum trims, as is a system to detect objects moving behind the car, called Moving Object Detection, and rear cross-traffic alert. Intelligent cruise control, forward collision warning and forward emergency braking are part of an optional Technology Package on those two trims, as well.

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Cemetery pilgrimage celebrates souls, saints on Halloween

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bring a list of your departed loved ones to the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society's cemetery pilgrimage on Oct. 31 — but leave your Halloween costume at home.

The pilgrimage will start in the mausoleum at 1 p.m. at St. Hedwig Cemetery, 23755 Military Road, east of Telegraph, in Dearborn Heights. Although the eighth annual event coincides with Halloween, it's about souls and saints, not ghosts and ghouls.

"Our event is a prayer service where we remember our departed," said Laurie Gomulka, vice president and executive director of the Society, which is based at St. Colette Church in Livonia. "This is one of our most popular events. We are very excited about this event and we anticipate a large turnout. It will be primarily Polish, but all are welcome. Our organization does have members from all different backgrounds. We don't exclude anybody. I also believe Father Tony's presentation will attract a lot of people."

The Rev. Tony Fox, a Franciscan friar, will talk about "The Francis Effect: St. Francis Then, Pope Francis Now." The Rev. Gary Michalik, Society president and pastor at St. Colette, will lead the prayer service, which will include hymns, a Scripture reading, prayers, a blessing and the Wypominki.

"Wypominki means naming and that is the point where everyone in attendance will be asked to read aloud the names of their departed, who they would like to remember," Gomulka said. "It's calling them to be present with us at that time. It's a way of keeping their memory alive."

After the prayer service, the group will visit several graves and light candles at three of them. The procession will include a stop at the grave of the Society's founder, Stanley Wisniach, as well as the graves of military veterans.

Big event

The Society holds its All Saints Day/All Souls Day pilgrimage at a different cemetery each year, choosing between St. Hedwig, Holy Cross, Woodmere and Mt. Carmel in Wyandotte. All Saints Day is Nov. 1. All Souls Day is Nov. 2.

"All Saints All Souls is actually a national holiday in Poland and the most traveled day there as well. The poor and beggars are fed and prayers are said for them because it is believed that their prayers carry great weight. Candles are lit on all the graves. No grave is left unattended. Strangers' graves are cared for if there is no one to clean them and to light candles at them," Gomulka said. "It is said the smoke rising from the candles creates the appearance of a dense fog in the air."

Although the Society will light just three candles, St. Hedwig Cemetery will glow with candlelight every night through November. The cemetery, generally closed to the public after 5 p.m., will be open for viewing at night one day next month.

"People will be allowed to come into the cemetery and see the thousands of candles that burn, some are blue, some are red. For as far as you can look, which is two miles, are lighted candles," Fox said. "This is the only cemetery I know where every grave has a candle." He said cemetery staff lights candles on the graves of Catholic priests, sisters and brothers. Families take care of the rest.

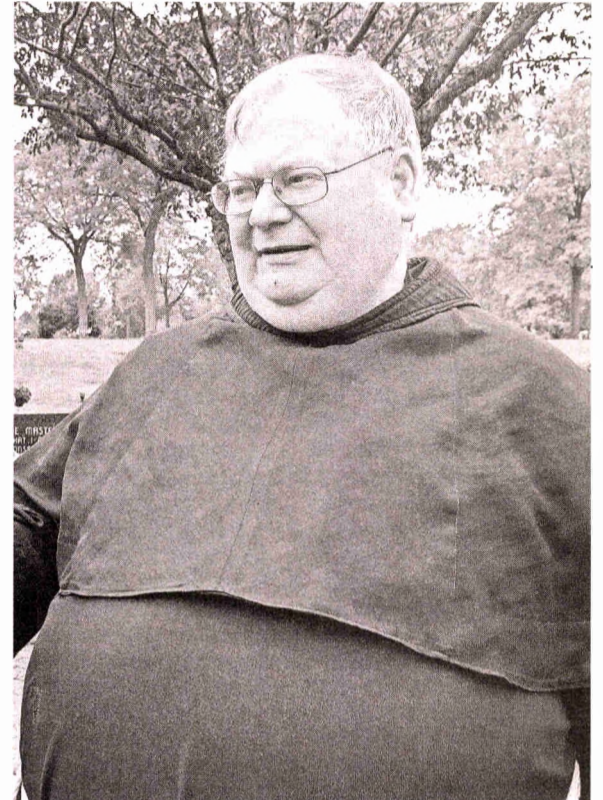
Celebrating the dead

Gomulka sees similarities in the ways that the Polish culture and Mexican culture regard the deceased. While candles glow on Polish graves during November, Mexican "Day of the Dead" altars adorn graves with skulls, pictures and symbols of the departed. Both cultures include food — a "bread of the dead" or "soul cake" — in remembering the deceased.

"The Mexican culture like the Polish culture is very Catholic," she noted. "We do have (Society) members who are of Hispanic heritage."

Fox also sees connections between St. Francis and Pope Francis.

"I think a lot of people think of St. Francis as the hippie bird-loving person, which is nice. But he's much more," Fox said, pointing out that Pope Francis included the saint's Canticle of the Creatures prayer in his encyclical on the environment. He said his presentation will look at the "con-



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The Rev. Tony Fox, a Franciscan friar, will talk about St. Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis at the eighth Annual All Souls All Saints Day Pilgrimage, Prayer Service and Wypominki, Oct. 31 at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

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A Surowiec family monument carries this photo of Leo A. Surowiec.



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Laurie Gomulka places flowers on the grave of Leo Surowiec, a soldier who died during World War II.

trast and comparison of these men of vision, a man from the 13th century and a man from the 21st century and showing that these two figures have a lot to teach us."

An optional banquet will follow the pilgrimage from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Cariera's Italian Restaurant, in Dearborn Heights. Cost for the family-style meal is \$23 for Society members and \$27 for non-members. Send a check or money order payable to WSDPAHS and mail to Laurie A. Gomulka, 32040 Grand River Ave., unit #47, Farmington, MI 48336. Deadline is Monday, Oct. 26.

Gomulka also asks for an RSVP for the prayer service to help the Society estimate the number of seats needed. Call 855-765-6642 by Monday, Oct. 26.

BURIED AT ST. HEDWIG CEMETERY

- » Johnny Sadrack led a west side Detroit polka band and played violin and saxophone in addition to singing.
- » Stanley Adamus, a west side band leader, played saxophone and clarinet.
- » Stanley Wisniach, accordionist and founder of the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society, led the orchestra on WXYZ's *Club Polka Show* in the 1950s and performed on the *Soupy Sales* show and *Our Friend Harry*, a children's show.
- » Ted Gomulka was a trumpeter, polka band leader, and father of Laurie Gomulka, vice president of the West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society.

Livonia grandpa engages grandkids with pumpkins, egg throwing, window smashing

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bill Bencik's seven grandchildren will celebrate Halloween this year with personalized pumpkins grown and carved in their grandpa's front yard.

"I've always been interested in gardening," said Bencik, a Livonia resident and retired high school social studies teacher. "Last year, I put pumpkins in the front yard and nothing. This year, I put them in and they took off. I had 10 pumpkins."

A fellow gardener at Greenmead, where Bencik also grows vegetables, suggested etching names into 4-to-6-inch pumpkins while they are



Bill Bencik readies for a little quality time with his grandchildren, who are armed with raw eggs.

cut off excess vines. It (the carving) expands as the pumpkin grows. I used a variety of knives. You make a small incision into the skin of the pumpkin and more than likely it will start bleeding water. But don't worry about that," he described the process.

"Almost all of our pumpkins did well."

When the grandkids visited recently, they lined up for a photo with their personalized pumpkins, before taking them home to Kalamazoo and Wisconsin. Bencik even carved pumpkins for a baby grandchild in New York and a grandchild-to-be, expected next month in Pennsylvania.

Pumpkin carving is a tradition with Bencik

and his family. He and his wife, Diane, who's also a former teacher, generally visit their daughter, Kristin, and her family every October to celebrate a grandson's birthday.

"My daughter lives in Whitefish Bay, outside Milwaukee. During October, they have hundreds of pumpkins out there. We must have 10 pumpkin carving kits."

Egg toss

Pumpkin carving is among the milder activities that Bencik shares with his family.

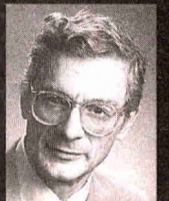
"He is always doing something crazy with the kids," Diane noted.

"I like to do some-

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WORK, DISABILITY AND FIBROMYALGIA

Physicians face difficult decisions when approached by employees who want information on how to fit an employee with Fibromyalgia into the environment of a desk job, assembly line, or on-the-road type of work.

The dilemma facing the physician is that a feature of fibromyalgia is that the condition is subject to repeated, unexpected and prolonged flares of pain, extreme fatigue, possible intense headache and loss of the ability to concentrate and make decisions. Medicine may cut down on these flares, but the price is a loss of mental agility during the working day.

To explain the patient's possible limits without making the person appear like an employee the company would not want on its payroll, becomes a task of diplomacy as much as an exercise of medical evaluation.

The physician's problems worsen when asked to fill out disability forms on a patient with Fibromyalgia. The problem that the physician sees is the friction and disruption the patient causes to others working in the same office, room or line. The degree of disability a patient with Fibromyalgia feels varies day to day; at times the patient can hide pain and fatigue and work with others, exchange remarks and be part of an atmosphere that fosters workmanship.

But other times the patient's mood precludes the company of others, disrupting the cohesion that a good working environment requires. Seeing the patient in the office and assessing how that person acts on the job is the basis for a physician's decision to support or not an application for disability. To emphasize the point: it is not how the patient is mentally and/or physically impaired, but to what extent will the patient disrupt the work of others.

Rescue plans Halloween party for abused cat's vet bills

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sebastian, a cat rescued by Guardian Angels Animal Rescue (GAAR) in Livonia, carries scars of abuse but hasn't let his experience break his spirit.

"Sebastian has a slit in him from eye to throat," said Sandra Mezza, GAAR president. "He is a fighter and has a will to live, that along with all the love, prayers and great vet care from Dr. (Steven) Burns at Walled Lake Veterinary Hospital, is pulling him through this ordeal."

"He loves to cuddle and purrs very loud. He deserves to live a life of a spoiled kitty. GAAR will make sure he will never feel scared, cold, alone, hungry or un-loved again."

The organization plans a Halloween party to raise funds for Sebastian's medical care. Surgery alone could top \$1,000. The event is Oct. 23 at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Doors will open at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and include dinner, dessert, one pop, beer or mixed drink, and one door prize ticket. The party, which is open to all ages, will include a tarot reader, dancing, music, best costume contest, raffle, silent auction, and more. Costumes are optional. For reservations, call 734-788-6857 or email sandra.mezza@hotmail.com. GAAR rescued Sebastian in late August.



SUBMITTED Sebastian is healing after he was cut from eye to throat.

"According to the person who called us Sebastian was born under a porch and he was the only kitten to survive," Mezza said. "He had been a stray in this neighborhood for years."

GAAR is an all-volunteer, non-profit animal rescue. Visit its website at gaarmichigan.org.

Bowling for animals

Tail Waggers 1990 will hold its 26th annual bowling event Saturday, Nov. 7 at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

Bowling times are 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child. The entry fee includes three games of bowling, lunch or dinner with dessert, a commemorative gift and entry into mystery game to win donated prizes from local businesses. A raffle with prizes from the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings, hotels and restaurants, will be held along with 50/50 drawings at all three bowling times.

The event will raise funds for Tail Waggers' 1990 programs that help "people help animals." The organization, based in Livonia, operates a wellness clinic at 28418 Five Mile, Livonia, offers a pet food pantry, low-cost vaccinations and spay and neuter

services.

Sign up for the bowling event at tailwaggers1990.org. For questions, call Laura Zain at 734-855-4077 or email tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com.

On the road

The Humane Society of Huron Valley reminds motorists to be cautious about deer and other animals in the road during the fall. It offers these tips for preventing accidents.

- » Don't drive distracted.
- » Be extra aware during dawn and dusk.
- » Scan the sides of the road while driving.
- » Use high beam lights on dark roads when there is no on-coming traffic.
- » Know that some roads are more risky than others, especially those near parks, nature preserves and wooded areas.
- » Slow down if you see an animal at the side of the road.
- » When you see one animal, prepare to see more.
- » Don't veer if an animal jumps in the middle of the road. Apply the brakes, keep hands on the wheel and come to a controlled stop. Honk your horn to drive the animal out of the road.
- » Don't swerve if an accident is imminent.

Reflecting on motherhood at baby's first birthday

Sarah Davies
Guest Columnist

A mother's letter to her daughter on her first birthday:

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Actually, you probably are having someone else read this to you, while you sit there laughing and pointing at me, like you usually do. I wish for just one moment you would sit there and focus and listen intently, and understand what I am about to tell you. You have changed me! You have made me so much better of a person, and I want to thank you for that.

Thank you for teaching me that a lot can be accomplished on a very little amount of sleep. Thank you for helping me to discover that spiders really aren't that scary and that I really am capable of a lot more than I ever thought. You have shown me so much love, more love than anyone ever has before. You have snuggled me, cuddled me, hugged me and kissed me. You have placed your hands on my cheeks and stared into my eyes, and have fallen asleep beside me or in my arms more times than I can count.

Thank you for giving me courage, and also for reminding me how important it is to have fun and laugh and smile. I am so grateful to have you around, so that I am constantly reminded that there is good in the world, and that we truly can find the good in everything if we try. Thank you for helping to heal my broken heart, and for loving me unconditionally, in every moment of our lives.

I never imagined I would



SUBMITTED Sarah Davies of Livonia with daughter, Grace, who will be 1 year old this month.

find a love like this. I don't even think I was sure of how strong a love between two people could be until I met you. But once I met you, I knew that forever I would be changed. The love was so overpowering that I immediately felt a need to protect you always.

Thank you, my dearest daughter, for giving me a new life. Thank you for waving goodbye when I leave for work in the morning, for smiling and swinging your arms when I come to pick you up after work. Thank you for biting my fingers with your five and a half sharp teeth, and for spitting up on me. Thank you for keeping me up for countless hours at night, pretending it is morning while we dance, sing, or play. Thank you for being the best gift ever! Happy first birthday to my little princess.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the joys and challenges of single motherhood. Her daughter, Grace, was born Oct. 25, 2014. Contact her at sarah-mariadavies@gmail.com

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thing different with the kids each year. I am crazy," he said. "Two years ago, they got to throw eggs at me. Initially I was going to use tomatoes and have them throw

them at me. I said it was a gift from grandpa to all my grandkids. Every year I try to come up with something special."

Another time, in conjunction with a granddaughter's birthday, he let the children break storm windows. He was disposing of his old windows, recycling the metal

frames, and "had to get rid of the glass." He cordoned off an area of his yard, placed a tarp under the windows and the grandkids let rocks fly.

"I had (the windows) propped against an old swing and was able to do it safely. My son and I picked up the glass. I think the kids enjoyed it."

Bencik said he likes dreaming up activities that his grandchildren will remember as they grow older. That also includes simple fun, like collecting bottle caps, gardening or finding rocks.

"When the kids come over I'm always trying to give them something to do," Bencik said.

"We have a close family. We've had eight dogs in the family room at Christmas. They all got along because they see each other several times a year. We want our grandkids to know who their aunts and uncles are. We do everything we can to foster family relationships."

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Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Kuchel

When Canton Community Foundation announced that it would award \$200,000 in scholarships to 200 students in the fall, it was continuing a tradition that dates back to the foundation's first year in 1964. The foundation has awarded more than \$10 million in scholarships to over 10,000 students since then.

The foundation's scholarship program is one of its most successful initiatives. It provides financial assistance to students from Canton and surrounding areas who are pursuing higher education. The program has a long history of supporting students from all backgrounds and interests.

The foundation's scholarship program is a testament to its commitment to the community. It provides a way for students to pursue their education and achieve their dreams. The foundation's scholarship program is a source of pride for the community and a reflection of its values.

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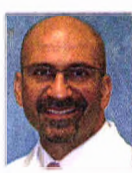
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Genetic testing can identify your risk for developing cancer

Every October we are invaded by a sea of pink bringing attention to breast cancer prevention and detection. During this time, we see stories throughout the news and social media of survivors who beat the odds and the families that supported them through it all. What we don't hear as much is that some of these survivors were born with a genetic predisposition to develop cancer, and other family members may also have increased risk for cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, genetic testing is the process of using medical tests to look for changes (mutations) in a person's genes or chromosomes. Genetic testing can be used to determine if a person has an inherited mutation known to increase the risk for certain cancers, or to confirm a suspected gene mutation in a person or family. Professionals trained in cancer genetics can identify which people should consider testing, and provide counseling to assist them in making an informed decision.



Amit Mohindra
GUEST COLUMNIST

Genetic testing may be recommended for individuals if others in their family have had a certain disease or certain patterns of disease. You should talk to your doctor about genetic testing if:

» You or a close relative was diagnosed with cancer before age 50.

» Relatives in more than one generation of the family have cancer.

» You or a relative have been diagnosed with cancer more than once.

» You or a relative have been diagnosed with a rare type of cancer such as male breast cancer or sarcoma.

» You or a relative have a history of 10 or more non-cancerous colorectal polyps.

» You have relatives with cancer combinations — breast and ovarian; breast, thyroid and endometrial; breast, brain, bone and soft tissue tumors; and pancreatic and melanoma.

Almost all cancers are caused by acquired gene mutations. Acquired mutations happen over the course of a lifetime, and can be caused by multiple environmental and lifestyle factors. These mutations are also called sporadic. Most cancers are sporadic.

Inherited gene mutations are present in the egg or sperm that forms a child. This mutation is present in every cell of the body, so it can be passed on to the next generation. These mutations are called hereditary mutations or germline mutations. Inherited mutations cause approximately 5-10 percent of all cancers.

A genetic counselor can explain the genetic testing process and test results. Genetic counselors have special training and graduate degrees in their field. Some doctors and advanced oncology nurses with special training also may provide genetic counseling. The counselor will help you determine if genetic testing will be useful for you and provide you with all of the pros and cons of the test. You also should

discuss with the counselor or how the test results may affect your relatives. After the test, a genetic counselor will help you understand what the test results mean. If a result is unfavorable, the counselor will give you options appropriate for your situation.

Counseling process

Your first appointment with a genetic counselor will include a risk assessment. The assessment will ask questions about your family's history of genetic diseases, your personal medical history including any abnormal test results you may have had in the past as well as questions about lifestyle risk factors, such as smoking, and your exposure to cancer-causing agents. You may also have a physical exam that focuses on the cancer type that is a concern.

If you are found to be at high risk, the genetic counselor will explain the pros and cons of testing. With your written consent, you'll learn the type of testing you will receive, the accuracy

rate of the test, other testing options, the treatments available if any type were found and a list of counseling and support services. You'll also learn about your right to refuse testing. A sample of blood or cheek cells will be collected for the test.

Test results

A positive result means that you have a genetic mutation and are at risk for developing the type of cancers for which you were tested. There is no way of knowing when or if the disease will develop. Your doctor or counselor will help you understand your options and give you instructions on how to manage your risk.

Negative results mean that the mutations you tested for were not detected, but you could still be at increased risk based on your personal and family history, lifestyle, and environmental factors. There may also be mutations that have not been discovered, or that current technology is unable to detect.

Regardless of whether your genetic testing re-

sults are positive or negative, make sure to discuss your concerns with your physician or genetic counselor. They will assist you in reducing or managing your cancer risk, and guide you through any recommended interventions.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers genetic cancer risk assessment, genetic testing, and genetic counseling services. Call 734-655-1185 for more information. To find a physician at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, call its physician referral line at 888-464-WELL or visit stmary-mercy.org.

Amit Mohindra, M.D., medical director of the oncology clinical trial program and the program coordinator of the Medical Oncology and Hematology Graduate Medical Education Program at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, is board-certified in medical oncology and hematology and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He completed his residency in internal medicine and combined fellowship in oncology and hematology at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Diabetes Day

Garden City Hospital sponsors its 23rd annual Diabetes Day for individuals with diabetes, pre-diabetes, families, friends and caregivers from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road. It includes presentations by an endocrinologist, cardiologist, podiatrist and dietician, plus lunch, displays and giveaways. Register at 734-458-4259.

Seeking volunteers

St. Mary Mercy is recruiting PAL volunteers and will host an informal Coffee Chat for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 28, in St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Center Conference Room, on the hospital campus at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The volunteer program provides patients with daily visits, help with therapeutic activities and companions during walks, meals and exercise. For more information, call 734-655-3497.

Stress

Garden City Hospital sponsors a program on stress from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road. Salah Alenzi, M.D. will talk about the causes and physical symptoms of stress, medical issues involved with stress, and living a healthy life. For more information, call 734-458-4259.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

A 12-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia 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 families and loved ones from 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 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.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Shel-

don, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

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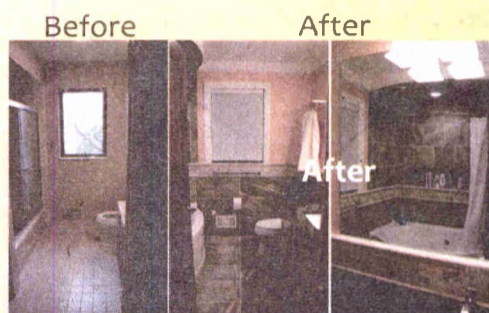
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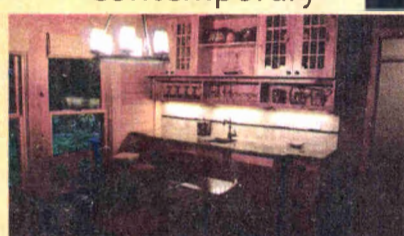


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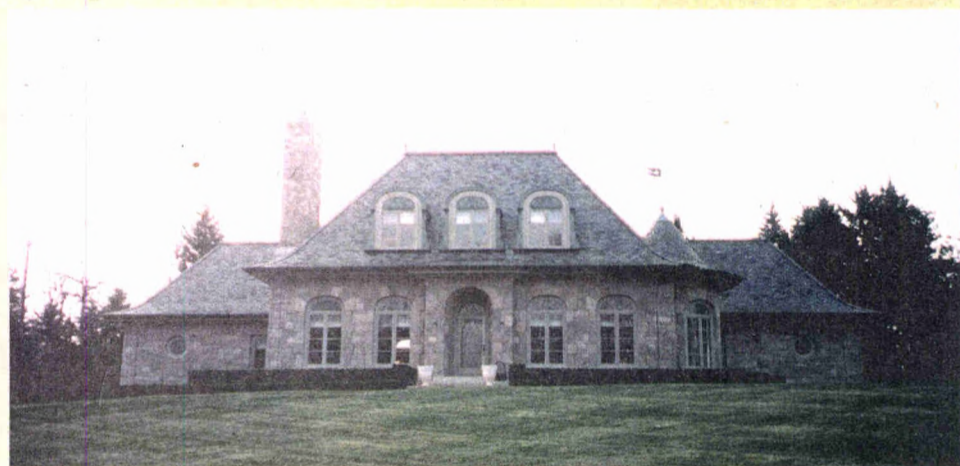


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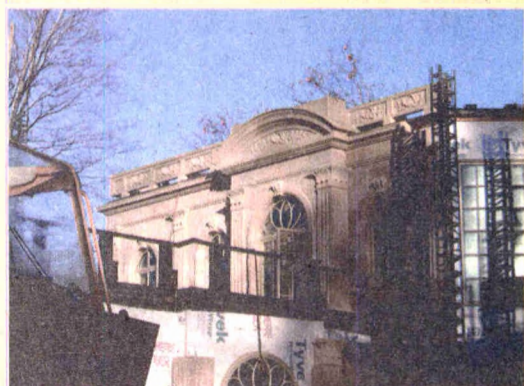


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Make your conference experience work for you

BY SUSAN RICKER
CAREERBUILDER

Work conferences are like double-edged swords: They offer great opportunities to enrich your industry knowledge and expand your professional network, but figuring out the financial and travel logistics and sometimes attending boring sessions with stale information can make the experience less than desirable. To get the most out of your work conference, follow these five tips.

1. Plan your fact-finding mission.

Why are you attending this conference? Are you part of a group or team participating as vendors or sponsors? Do you have goals for sign-ups or potential clients? Are you focusing on education and career resources to do your job better? Will you be expected to present on your conference take-aways once you're back in the office? Meeting with your manager ahead of time to plan out why you're attending the conference and what will be expected of you in addition to your attendance will help you focus your time while there.

2. Discuss the expenses and logistics.

A big headache that can go along with attending work conferences is submitting your travel expenses, only to find out not everything is being covered by your employer.

To avoid any issues, discuss with your manager the budget you'll be allotted while traveling and attend-



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ing the conference, as well as any daily stipend you may be given. Also, if traveling internationally, you may need different forms of ID or verification on your trip. Do your research so you don't encounter a problem while abroad.

3. Prepare a new elevator speech.

An elevator speech is a quick summary — less than 30 seconds — of your profession and responsibilities. It's how you usually introduce yourself at a conference or networking event,

but after meeting a ton of new people, it can be easy to stop hearing people's introductions or making your own sound memorable.

That's why you should upgrade your elevator speech for the conference. Try including a playful joke about your industry or offering a helpful reminder to pronounce your name; you'll be more memorable than if you simply state your name and job title.

4. Schedule must-see events.

The conference's headlining events, most-anticipated speakers and highly

sought-after parties will fill up quickly, so your first priority should be choosing the program highlights that are most important to you, scheduling out your day and registering for those events.

Also leave time in your day for follow-up meetings and one-on-ones with new connections you've made. After attending the must-see events, you'll have plenty to talk about with new acquaintances, so be sure to invite your seatmates and new friends from the seminar out for follow-up coffee or drinks. They may have tickets to events you've been trying to get into, or they may introduce you to their connections. This accomplishes two goals that go along with attending a conference: expanding your network and having a good time.

5. Take a SWAG tour.

Conferences and trade shows usually have vendors that promote their products or services by offering up SWAG, or "stuff we all get," for guests who sign up for demos or mailing lists. You can score free T-shirts, coffee mugs, phone chargers, granola bars, chips or drinks. And, depending on the conference's theme or industry, the giveaways could get fancier than that. In between seminars or panels, take a SWAG tour to break up the day and get some free stuff. It's a small but fun perk.

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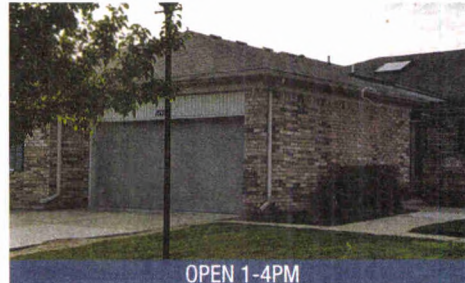
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