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Free flowers

When Wesley Berry Flowers nosts its 10th annual "Good Neighbor Day" event on Wednesday, Sept. 1, the florist will be giving away 12,000 roses in bunches of a dozen, absolutely free to any adult who visits their florist shops between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (or until the supply runs out). Participating locations include the Canton store, located at 42531 Ford Road just west of Lilley. There is one catch to the giveaway, however. Wes Berry, the owner of Wesley Berry Flowers, wants everyone who takes a dozen roses to make a promise to keep one rose for themselves and give the others away to 11 different people. Berry said it's "an opportunity to become acquainted with new people or to renew old friendships." Berry said he hopes that, during this time of economic hardship for many in the community "we will reach out to our neighbors and friends and them know that we care about them. We never know when we are going to need the help of our neighbors or from complete strangers."

Coats for kids

With the Back to School Bitz school supply drive out of the way, the Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is getting started on its annual Coats 4

started on its annual Coats 4
Kids program.
Families in need of coats
for kids in grades K-12 can
call in for an appointment to
register for this program. The
coats, which are new, come
via Operation Warm. Income
guidelines will apply.
Donations are also being
accepted to help offset the
cost of the program. Checks
can be made to The Salvation
Army, with "Coats 4 Kids" on
the memo line.
For more information, call

Project 100 back

Co-op Services Credit
Union announced it will
launch its popular community
intitiative, Project 100, for a
second year. Project 100 was
originally created by Co-op
Services Credit Union in 2009
as a way to encourage giving
in Southeast Michigan during the toughest economic
climate in decades.
"Just like last year, Project
100 will be giving away \$100
bills to 100 random people, all
to encourage people to give in
their local communities," said
Lisa Fawcett, Co-op Services
marketing director, "Project
100's message will still focus
on the belief that giving
changes everything, but this
year, we may even add a few
new twists to the project."
Project 100 plans to give
\$100 to 100 random people
over 100 days, with no strings
attached. All they will ask of
recipients is to think of things
they can do to give in their
local communities.
For more details about
Project 100, visit www.whatisproject100, visit www.whatis-



Plymouth High School graduate Brandon Guyton will teach boys hip-hop at Triple Threat

Steppin' out

Studio helps director reach lifelong dream

What: Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company **Where**: 41170 Joy

Road, Plymouth Township
Offering: A variety of

lessons and voice

When Kristen Quesada was in the sixth grade at Westland's Edison Elementary School, she noted in her yearbook two accomplishments she knew she wanted to achieve.

She would have two children, she wrote, and she wanted to own her own dance studio.

studio.

The first goal came first, with the birth of her daughters, Olivia (now 9) and Mia (now 4). Now she's achieved the second of those long-ago goals, having opened Triple

Threat Dance & Theater
Company, a dance-singingacting studio in Plymouth
Township.
"It's something I've wanted
to do forever," said Quesada,
the former director of the
Park Players at the PlymouthCanton Educational Park.
"Tve been working on this
concept for a couple of years,
knowing I would do it 'sometime in the future."

The future became now
when Jennifer Rickard, the
owner of Encore Dance in
Westland, where Quesada was
a longtime teacher, decided it

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director the Park Players at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, has resigned that post to open her own dance-singing-acting studio, Triple Threat Dance & Theatre Company.

'Living' books take readers on virtual journey

Books don't get more lifelike than this. Imagine going to the Canton Public Library and learning about the Civil War, homeschooling, bipolar disorder, gardening, Christian seminaries and parenting a gay son — all without checking out a traditional book.

The library plans to debut a program of walking, talking, living and breathing "books" by allowing patrons to come in and have one-on-one discussions with a wide array of experts who will take them on a virtual journey.

Dubbed the Living Library, the program starts with an open house 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

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Nine "living" books already have joined the program, and Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, said others who have expertise they can share are encouraged to call (734) 397-0999, ext. 1079.

Already, a doctor of naturopathic medicine, a licensed professional counselor, a Christian seminary student, a gardener and others have signed on, "and we are still getting people who say they would like to participate," Golden said.

Marcia Barker, program. specialist and a Living Library organizer, said the program is intended to celebrate and promote diversity, encourage understanding and respect, challenge stereotypes and prejudices and provide a way to share personal knowledge and have fun while learning.

The program isn't bound by any preconceived notions, librarian Kim Brandow said.

"The experience can be whatever you walke it which is exact for increased fun."

said.
"The experience can be whatever you make it, which is sort of unique and fun," she said. "You can talk to our Civil War living historian about what it is like to do re-enactments or find out information for a Civil War paper you are doing for school

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Prelim delayed for driver in fatal crash

Robert Bojaj will have to wait a couple of more weeks to have his next day in court. The Farmington man accused of killing 25-year-old Shelby Gunn of Westland in a traffic crash on 1-275 saw his preliminary examination in 35th District Court in Plymouth, originally scheduled to have taken place Friday, adjourned until Sept. 14.

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Prosecutors told Judge Ron
Lowe they were still waiting
on blood results from the
Michigan State Police, along
with other pretrial discovery,
and asked to delay the hearine.

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Bojaj is accused of killing
Gunn in an Aug. 15 accident on northbound 1-275
near Koppernick in Canton
Township, Michigan State
Police said they have a witness who reported a vehicle
passed, him at a high rate of
speed before the accident.



The preliminary hearing for Robert Bojaj, the Farmington man charged with second-degree murder in the death of Shelby Gunn of Westland, was adjourned until Sept. 14 in 35th District Court.

District Court.

A blood-alcohol test was administered to Bojaj.
Bojaj was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Gunn; if he's convicted, he faces the possibility of life in prison. He's also charged with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor causing death and driving with a suspended license causing death. Those charges are all 15-year felonies.



Early start

School got started a little early for hundreds of freshmen — and their upper-classman mentors — who took part in 'getting to know you' exercises at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools Friday. The students, who start school Sept. 7, were part of a Link Crew program new this year in Plymouth-Canton. For more on the program, please turn to page A4.





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GOP picnic

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The Wayne 11th Republican
Committee hosts a "Let's
Fix Michigan Together"
summer picnic 5:30-9 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31, in Plymouth
Township Park.
The picnic will feature
state Sen. Bruce Patterson
(R-Canton), state Rep. John
Walsh (R-Livonia) and Wayne
County Commissioner Laura
Cox (R-Livonia).
Primary Republican candidates, November candidates
and Republican elected officials are encouraged to attend,
along with family members,
friends and supporters. A
\$10 donation is suggested per
person. The park includes a
sprayscape, a playscape and
fishing, Hot dogs, chips and
soft drinks will be served.
Plymouth Township Park
is located on Ann Arbor Trail
at McClumpha in Plymouth
Township.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival

Sept. 10-12.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail; 10foot-by-10-foot space will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. The jewelry vendor application deadline has passed. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 or cbrown57@comeast.net.

Mom 2 Mom

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to noo Saturday, Sept. 25, at West Middle School, 4:44-01 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

The event features department-style shopping (grouped by boy or girl, then by size), fall and winter boys and girls clothing (newborn to size 10), sets for twins and triplets and multiples items, clothes, toys, baby gear, strollers, maternity clothes and a bake sale.

Admission is \$1, cash only, all sales final (no strollers before 10 a.m.). For more information e-mail pcmom@hotmail.com.

Chiefettes variety

The Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon teams present "Fame-A Variety Show" 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

Tickets are on sale now for \$6 and are available from Chiefette team members and parents or can be purchased for \$8 at the door on show day. For more information visit our website www.cantonchiefettes.com

Prison effects

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Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a support group for those with incarcerated loved ones, hosts "Incarceration: Who is Affected?", a seminar with Envoy Stephen Johnson, correctional ministries director for the Salvation Army-Eastern Michigan Division, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland.

The talk will center on showing participants who is really affected when someone goes to prison. The public is welcome; the seminar is free, though donations will be gratefully accepted.

For more information, visit www.hope4healinghearts.com

or e-mail Bonnie at bonnie (hope4healinghearts.com or call (734) 646-2237.

Crafters wanted

Officials at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley in Canton, are accepting applications for handmade crafts for their Christmas Craft Show, to be held Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All interested crafters can e-mail craftshow@abecket.org or call St. Thomas a Becket at (734) 981-1333.

Check out Canton

The Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library have teamed up to help the com-munity "check out" Canton businesses.

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"Check Out Canton" works like the library's very popular Museum Adventure Pass program. Local businesses supply special offers that patrons can check out from the library with a library card. Use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton.
Want to know what's being offered? Simply search the library catalog for "Check Out Canton" and you'll find a list of the businesses and their offers. Businesses interested in participating in this program

participating in this program

Wish you were here!

The Bulmer family has an annual 'Canadian Cousins Weekend' at Kincardine, Ontario. That's directly east, across Lake Huron from Port Austin at the tip of Michigan's thumb. One of the cousins has a summer home, (not cottage) there. Kincardine has a weekly pipe band parade for the local community bagpipe and drum bands. Pictured are the cousins and their spouses: Bob and Nancy Bulmer of Canton (with their Canton Observer, of course), Nancy and David Overend of Stoney Creek, Ontario, and Barbara and Dr. Robert Moore of Ottawa, Ontario.

Montessori openings

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Plymouth-Canton

Montessori School is continuing fall enrollment throughout
August. Preschool, kindergarten and extended day
kindergarten programs are
available for children between
the ages of 3-6 years old. The
school is located at 45245
Joy Road in Canton, and fall
classes are scheduled to begin
Wednesday, Sept. 8.

In addition to its preschool and kindergarten
programs, PCMS provides
before and after school day
care, and a summer program
that includes lots of arts and
crafts, in-house presenters,
science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics,
outdoor time, music, stories
and games.

For enrollment information

outdoor time; and games. For enrollment information or to schedule a school tour, call (734) 459-1550 or visit an enmontessori.org.

Taste of Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill showcases his-torical photos from the Canton Historical Society through Aug. 30 in the Gallery @ VT. Experience

a rare and unique glimpse into Canton's past history with a visit to see this special exhibition of photos and artifacts. "A Taste of Canton" presented by the Canton Historical Society, showcases unique and rarely seen images and artifacts of Canton during its early years.

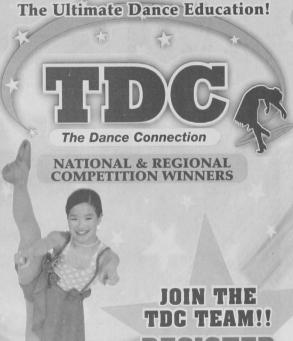
This historic visual display, part of the Canton Historical Society's "Canton Heritage Collection," features black and white photographic reproductions representing various people and places of Canton. In addition to the photographs there are over 100 artifacts on display. Some of the items on exhibit are accessories that were used by men and women, 1910 Silver Plated brass euphonium and trumpet, and a fan block signature quilt made by the woman of Denton Methodist Church.

The Callery @ VT is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during public performancès at the theater, and by appointment.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. For more information about this latest exhibition, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.







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Hearing delayed on sex charges

With law enforcement officials combing through hundreds of thousands of images on his computer, and the prosecutor assigned to the case in court on another matter, Horst Gustav Drost watched as his preliminary examination on a variety of sex charges was adjourned Friday. It was rescheduled for Sept. 10.

Judge Ron Lowe, hearing the case in 35th District Court in Plymouth, reluctantly agreed to the delay after Assistant Prosecutor Eric Sterbis, subbing for colleague Brian Surma, told him the forensic examiner working on the case had not yet finished going through Drost's computer.

According to Det. Andrew Colthurst, the Canton police detective assigned to the case, Drost's computer contains some 300,000 images, including images he classified as "child porno-



graphic" images.
"There are at least 1,000 images we've been able to confirm are likely child pornography," Colthurst said. "There are also images of the victim ... that are pornographic in nature."

Those images, Sterbis told Lowe, could mean additional charges against Drost, who already faces three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, each of which are punishable by up to life in prison; two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, 15-year felonies; one count of using a computer to commit a crime, a 20-year felony; and one count of child sexually abusive activity, a 20-year felony.

Drost's lawyer, Stephen Remski, objected to the delay.

"We have to object on behalf of my client," Remski said. "The (additional) charges would likely result in a second hearing anyway."

However, Sterbis also argued Surma had already established a rapport with the victim in the case, who would have testified Friday had Lowe not grantet the adjournment. That rapport, Sterbis said, would have rendered the victim's testimony less traumatizing. Surma was unavailable Friday because he was in circuit court on another matter.

Performers advance in 'Canton Idol'

BeckRidge Chorale officials announced 17 high school students and 15 middle school students have advanced to the Canton Idol preliminary rounds scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Middle school students will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, and high school students will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets to each event cost \$5.

The final rounds for middle school students have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, and the final round for 7:30 p.m. Students is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4.
Tickets to those rounds are \$8.

The Village Theater at

Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For information or tickets, log on to www. beckridgechorale.org or call (888) 459-4887.

Winners in each division will get \$500. Second-place finishers will get \$500. Second-place finishers will get \$500. And third-place winners will get \$200. In other BeckRidge Chorale announcements, an event honoring Stephen Sondheim's 80th birthday is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Village Theater. Tickets are \$15 and \$12.

The event titled "Side by Side" will include seven performers. For more information call (888) 459-4887.

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Transition program 'links' frosh with mentors

And the freshmen weren't alone.

Joined by some 120 mentors, freshman at Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools rocked out to music, games and exercises as part of the district's first-year participation in a program called Link Crew, a program designed to alleviate some of the nervousness incoming freshmen can feel entering high school.

Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success.

"It gives the kids an

and help factured and help factured in the high school," said Becky Nimmerguth, a special education teacher at Salem High School who serves as one of that school's Link Crew coordinators. "It gives them some-body to turn to if things start to go awry."

to go awry."

Park Principal Bill

Zolkowski used the program successfully when he



Mentors and their freshmen charges took part in a variety of exercises designed to help ease freshmen nerves entering high school.

was in Rédford schools, and introduced the idea when he came to Plymouth-Canton. Coordinators from the three schools were sent to a three-day training seminar in Chicago to learn the system, which is designed to help incoming freshman transition to newer, bigger schools. Juniors and seniors applied to become mentors in the program, and will be paired with their groups - about 10 students to each mentor - throughout the school year. Canton High School senior Link Leader Jordan Fillpowski

saw the program work from the other end when he was a freshman at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn. He was happy to jump in as a mentor at Canton.

"I'm doing it as a senior, seeing how great it is, and it helps you remember where you came from as a freshman," Fillpowski said. "Having someone to support you and someone you can lean on is great to have."

have.
Incoming freshman Hannan
Ramlawi acknowledged a
little case of nerves as she sat
through the exercises Friday.

But Ramlawi, a 15-year-old from Canton, is glad to have the program.

"It gives you someone more your age to go to for opinions and help," she said.

More than that, teachers believe, the program will help bring the upperclassmen closer to their underclassmen brethren.

"I truly think it's going to make a difference," said Kristen Davies, a math teache and Link Crew coordinator at Canton. "I think it will bring the classes together. It's going to create more of a community."



Link Crew T-shirts gave mentors the message about what they should help their freshman charges learn.



Some 120 juniors and seniors signed up to be mentors in new Link Crew freshman transition program.

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Kevin B. has been a nurse for long-term care patients for 15 years. He worked in three different states before joining the staff of Four Seasons so he knows the importance of good skilled care. His Uncle Jerry moved into Four Seasons' Memory Care Unit with dementia 6-months ago. When extended care and short-term rehabilitation become necessary, choose Four Seasons for the attentive professional staff and skilled nursing. In addition to physical, occupational and speech therapy, the facility offers one-of-a-kind services such as in-patient and bedside dialysis.

66 My parents are so happy because they don't have to worry. My uncle is happy. As a nurse I would bring my parents here If I have a question or concern the doctors are always here.

Socialization plays an important role in daily life at Four Seasons

rour seasons Activities Center entirances care on residents and rehabilitation patients. Betty Noe practiced cooking breakfast in the new kitchen befor going home, receiving physical therapy during a three-month stay at Fou Seasons after fracturing a wrist and leg. The new kitchen allows residents to make fresh fruit and pasta salads for lunch.

In addition to cooking, a variety of social groups focus on favorite pastimes. Board games and cards round out the offerings. A flat screen TV with surround sound gets residents moving with Wii video sports like bowling.

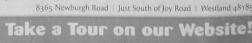
"We encourage all residents to participate," said Pat Lyden, adn an R.N. "This is how they socialize."

Provided with Dignity and Compassion by Staff Socialization plays an important role in daily life whether in the dining room or newly renovated Activities Center. "The purpose is to get residents involved," said Lori McLeskey, activities director. "They adore it. A core group spends most of their day here in the activities center."

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was time to get out of the business.
Rather than simply take over Encore, Quesada decided it was time to make the leap herself. While Encore is a dance studio, Quesada — whose favorite kind of play to direct during her years with Park Players was musicals — envisioned a studio where students could get training in a variety of aspects, including song, dance and acting.

"I always told my students to be successful in the theater world you needed to be well-rounded, and that's the whole concept," Quesada said. "When (Rickard) said she was done, everything aligned and the time was just right."

Quesada, a Canton resident, knew she wanted to open the business in the Plymouth-Canton area. She and her husband, Rob, settled on a location on Joy Road just west of Haggerty.

While Encore had a strong reputation for dance, Quesada wanted to add the singing and acting.
"I thought with the great."

acting.
"I thought with the great reputation Encore has, this would be a good, solid way to transition," Quesada said. While getting the word out has been a large challenge, finding teachers and students has not. Many of both are coming from Encore. Members



Holly Crowther, here dancing in the Nexstar National Talent Competition, is a student in Senior Competitive Dance Company.

of the 13-teacher staff have come from communities ranging from Ann Arbor to Royal Oak. All specialize in their own areas, from boys' hip-hop to cheer and others.

Brandon Guyton is a former student of Quesada's at The Park, one whom Quesada told back then she'd be calling to become a teacher. Quesada was true to her word, and Guyton, a Canton resident and Guyton, a Canton resident and 2008 graduate of Plymouth High School, has signed on to teach boys' hip-hop.

"I knew she was going to call," Guyton said with a smile. And I was really excited about it. It's something I've always wanted to do."

While she won't be directing the Park Players any more.

wanted to do."

While she won't be directing the Park Players any more, Quesada will continue to teach English and drama at Salem

dent productions, choreographing musicals for the group.
However, moving from directing to having her own studio, where her daughters will be students, will allow Quesada time she didn't used to have to spend with them.
"I still feel like I'm going to be involved (with Park Players), but this is a way of doing what I love and letting my kids get involved," Quesada said. "This (the studio) is a way of being involved with my kids, and that's very appealing from a 'mom' standpoint."



Triple Threat Dance & Theatre Company has moved into this space on Joy Road, just west of Haggerty, in Plymouth



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Canton Ford Road at Lilley, west of Ikea





The main office is relocated to the first floor near the main entrance. The former office space was converted to classrooms.



Salem work marks end of '04 bond

BY BRAD KADRICH

Plymouth-Canton school officials hosted a farewell party Tuesday night that's been a long time coming. The party want for a retiring teacher or a departing administrator; instead, administrators, school board members and officials with construction manager McCarthy-Smith gathered to say good-bye to the 2004 school bond program.

Board members got their first real look at the final remnants of the bond passed six years ago when they toured the remodeled Salem High School, where contractors were putting the finishing touches to a new entrance, new administrative area and 10 new or repurposed classrooms, all paid for with proceeds from the bond.

"This is the end of a long

istrative area and 10 new or repurposed classrooms, all paid for with proceeds from the bond.

"This is the end of a long relationship with the 2004 bond," said Ken Jacobs, deputy superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "The journey began in 2000 with a facilities study and the planning phase."

It's the final construction project under the \$109 million 2004 bond, which saw work done at 26 district buildings, including the final \$41 million remodeling project at Salem.

The project — which wasn't on the original list of things to be done under the bond — added the new classrooms by moving office space downstairs to a rebuilt courtyard near the existing entrance to the building.

Eight of the classrooms are new, while one existing classroom was remodeled and a former conference room was repurposed. Inspectors were due to take their final look at the building Thursday, district administrators are confident everything will be in place when school starts next week.

"We'll be in here a while



School board members and administrators got a tour of the remodeled Salem High School, including the new entrance.



The marble tile Rocks mosaic, a gift from graduating senior class members, was saved and relocated.

to be ready for the kids by
Sept. 7," Jacbos said. "We may
not have the staff area completely done yet, but we'll be
ready for the students."
Work on the project got
started last fall and was done,
according to Doug Underwood
of construction manager
McCarthy-Smith, without too
many disruptions or delays.
Crews did run into "some concrete we weren't expecting." Crews did run into some cc crete we weren't expecting" when they began excavating but it wasn't enough to slow the project. "Starting off, the biggest challenge was site logistics,

closing off the front of the building," Underwood said. "Once construction got going, we battled the weather a little bit, but we made out OK."

The work at Salem wasn't even on the original plan for the bond, but was made possible because each of the bond's projects came in on time and under budget.

"We've been very fortunate to have achieved some success because of the economy," Jacobs said. "We've been able to take advantage of that."

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Holiday Market gets its chance to 'LOL'

Holiday Market shoppers in Canton noticed an unusual display in the frozen food aisle – a film crew. Canton's latest odyssey into the movie industry came as filmmakers spent a recent Thursday inside Holiday Market, near Lilley and Cherry Hill, shooting a grocery store seene for LOL: Laughing Out Loud, due in theaters in spring.

scene for LOI: Laughing Out Loud, due in theaters in spring.

A remake of a French comedy, the coming-of-age film stars Miley Cyrus, Adam Sevani, Ashley Green, Thomas Jane and Demi Moore, among others, as Cyrus' character Lola and her friends use YouTube, iTunes and Facebook to maneuver their high-school world while coping with meddling parents.

Cyrus fans who didn't stake out Holiday Market can relax. The teen sensation wasn't there, although store owner John Pardington said stars such as Nora Dunn and Ashley Hinshaw showed up.

Pardington, who owns Holiday Market with wife Lisa, described himself as "on top of the world" after negotiations led to LOI filmmakers lugging in their equipment and taking over the frozen food aisle for about nine hours.

"I was literally shocked at the amount of equipment they had in my store," he said. "It was awesome. It was absolutely fascinating."

Shoppers had to stay out of the aisle, but during brief breaks in filming Pardington had his employees race to the frozen section and grab the items that customers needed. "I had about six people whose job it was in between filming to take people's orders, write it down, run down the aisle and get it," Pardington said.

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while it down; in town it as a sile and get it, "Pardington said.

The filmmakers already had shot some scenes along Geddes Road between Denton and Ridge, and they had been looking for a market that suited the needs for the scene filmed last Thursday.

Production supervisor Peter Martorano said pictures from the filming weren't yet being released, but he complimented Holiday Market and Canton Township employees, such as the police, for their help.

"It was a great experience shooting at John's market and in Canton," Martorano said. "John was really fantastic."

Pardington said the production company contacted him about two weeks ago, and the two sides agreed on the terms. "They did pay me a little bit of money," he said, but he still refused to close his store to his

ing.

Scenes for LOL were filmed mere weeks after part of Machine Gun Preacher starring Gerard Butler was filmed in Canton, including scenes at a private residence and outdoors near Joy and Ridge roads, where township police kept would-be gawkers at bay while firefighters used their equipment to help create a rain scene.

Canton Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the filming 'promotes the community' and pumps at least some money into the local economy, whether film crews are fueling up with gasoline, dining at local restaurants, having food catered or dashing to homeimprovement stores to buy materials they need for scenes. "I do believe they're contributing to the local economy," she said, adding that production companies have reimbursed the township for the cost of using employees such as police officers and firefighters.

Back over at Holiday Market, Pardington said he is considering putting a sign in his store to commemorate the shooting of LOL.

"I plan on putting a sign in his store to commemorate;" he said.

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 patrol cars will also have to secure weapons and other associated law enforcement
 equipment/gear. Precious time will be lost.
- Taxpayers will incur added expenses, personnel will need to be cross trained to provide both fire and law enforcement services.
- Fire fighters currently perform both fire and EMS duties. The call volume has increased dramatically over the last several years, to ask a police officer to perform both fire and EMS duties is not feasible.
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A message from the Plymouth Professional Fire Fighters

Foundation hosts veterans seminar

Educating veteran advocates — and the estimated 400,000 veterans in metro Detroit — about benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs is the focus of a two-day seminar sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation (CCF) with the support of the Holbrook Charitable Trust.

The conference is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22 at Laurel Manor and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

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The first day of the conference will be devoted to the training of professionals who work for veterans, including attorneys, County Service Officers (CSO), Veteran Services Officers (CSO), and independent veteran advocates. The cost is \$125.

The second day, which is free of charge, will focus on Wayne County veterans, their families and the host of benefits available through the Veterans Administration.

Those benefits and programs include health care, disability benefits, social services, housing, and burial.

As of 2009, the V.A. reported approximately 23.1 million living U.S. veterans, 8 percent of whom are women. But at an estimated 36 million, there are even more surviving spouses and dependent children of living and deceased veterans, who may be eligible for certain benefits.

In Wayne County, the V.A. spends an estimated \$400 million each year on veterans. Of that total, \$191 million is spent on medical care and \$154 million on compensation and pension payments, according to the V.A.

'I have seen the confusion among veferans and their families about what benefits are available to them,' said Jim Fausone, CCF board member and program chairman.

Legal advocates and attor-

education credits with participation in the conference. In Wayne County, 46 attorneys and 103 VSOs are accredited by the V.A. Continuing education is required to maintain accreditation. Similar educational programs are not available currently in the metro area, Fausone said.

"This conference is an opportunity for everybody who is a veteran stakeholder to gather," said Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn, PLLC. "It's a chance to build relationships and contacts so veterans can be referred to the best resource."

Pre-registration is required for professionals, and veterans and their families. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served both days of the conference. First-day registration for attorneys and other professionals is \$125. Registration for veterans is free.

Registration may be com-

Basic training grad

Air Force Airman Jacob K Sobczak graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.
The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.
Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Community College of the Air Force.
Sobezak is the grandson of Mary Dye of Williamsburg, Va., and Rose Sobezak of Plymouth. He is a 2009 graduate of Warhill High School, Williamsburg.

• Air Force Reserve Airman Deonte D. Ford graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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Force.
Ford is the son of Michelle
Ford of Canton. He is a 2006
graduate of Lincoln High
School in Ypsilanti.

Combat training

Army National Guard Spec. Denis R. Montilla has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Montilla is the son of Rene Montilla of Canton. He is a 1998 Plymouth-Canton graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in 2003 from the University of Michigan.



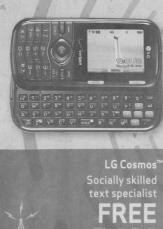
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Comfortable retirement requires careful planning

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cept and not something that past generations had to worry about. If you go back 100 years, people didn't worry about retirement because life expectancy was only mid-50s. Retirement wasn't an issue like it is today.

In addition, people used to believe that in retirement you could live on a fraction of what you did while you were working. As far as I am concerned, this makes no sense. You need a rising income throughout your lifetime. We all know this to be



Rick Bloom

true. After all does anyone think that 10 years from now it'll cost you less to live than it does today?

The bottom line in determining whether someone can

nizing that it will cost them more to live in the future than it does today.

The last important detail is the length of time people may live in retirement. When I first got involved in this business, the general rule was to plan on someone living maybe 10 years into retirement. The thought that someone could live 20 or 30 years in retirement was unheard of. However, being retired for 20-plus years seems to be the norm today.

In analyzing your situation, the key question is whether your portfolio can generate enough

income to cover living expenses. Social Security will cover a substantial portion, but not all, of your income needs. The real question is whether your \$3,000 shortfall (\$5,000 monthly expenses less Social Security of \$2,000 equals \$3,000) can be covered by the portfolio. I don't believe the \$400,000 portfolio is sufficient to cover your shortfall. In order to have a rising income throughout your lifetime (and based upon the fact that you will be retired not for five

and 10 years, but for a much greater length of time), you do not want to draw more than 3-4 percent if you assume a 4-percent distribution rate, that would mean taking \$16,000 a year from your portfolio. In you case you will need \$36,000 a year. Therefore, there is a shortfall.

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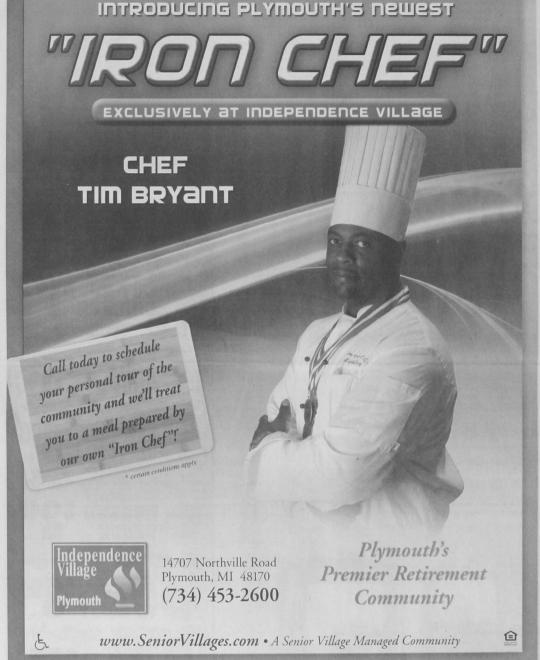
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Canton Newcomers set for 38th year of welcoming

BY DARRELL CLEM

Canton Newcomers, a social group with a charitable heart, has embarked on its 38th year, and secretary Noreen Rybar said the club's name has become a bit of a misnomer. "It throws some people off," she said.

To be sure, the 100-member club still embraces its mission to welcome new Canton residents to the community, help them find friends and get accustomed to their new surroundings.

"New people need to know

roundings.
"New people need to know
where to find a doctor or
find out where the library is,"
Rybar said.
Others may have left Canton
Newcomers to juggle busy
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"Some people just want to plug back in," Rybar said.

Still others have belonged to the club for as long as 15 years, yet they remain because they enjoy the social activities or raising money for organizations such as Canton Goodfellows, the Huron Valley Humane Society or The Salvation Army's food pantry. Whatever the reason, new Canton residents or those who have belonged to Newcomers for years are invited to attend the new season's first meeting, set for 7;15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, north of Ford between Beck and Canton Center. "Our motto is 'where neighbors become friends.' We're well-suited to help people who are new to the community or





Canton Newcomers presented the proceeds of their annual spring Mom 2 Mom Sale to representatives from Child's Hope, the central voice for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Wayne County. Child's Hope representatives (from left) Rachel Reading. (Crystal Robinski, and Anne Marie Valdez join Newcomer past president Tami Temple.

those who want to get involved from September through May again," Rybar said.
Club meetings — the first
Wednesday of each month

— are essentially "for ladies' night out," Rybar said, though members often organize events for men and children, too. They might plan a "chick flick" movie night, a men's golf outing or a trip for youngsters to the Canton Public Library or a township fire station, she said.

said.
Lisa Toole, club president, encouraged new Canton residents to attend the season kick-off meeting. "My family and I moved to Canton four years ago and quickly clicked with the group," she said. "We have really enjoyed all the activities and getting to know the community. The Newcomers club

offered that and an opportunity to volunteer as well."
Rybar said the club typically donates \$100 a month to charity and "much more" to help Canton Goodfellows buy gifts for needy children at Christmas. Moreover, the group gives about \$2,000 a year to a chosen charity — money partially raised from a springtime Mom 2 Mom sale in which women sell items such as clothing their children have outgrown.

poker night and numerous other activities. Many of the get-togethers are attended by small groups of people, allow-ing Newcomers members to get to know one another bet-

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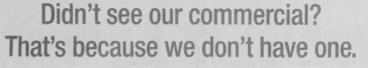
"We never seem to tire of each other," Interest Groups co-chair Cindy Koldys said.
"The general meetings are a blast. But since Interest Groups are attended by a smaller number, you get a chance to know members on a more personal level."

For more information, log on to www.cantonnewcomers.org, or contact Rybar by calling (734) 981-0486 or sending an e-mail to nry-bar@yahoo.com.









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Canton boy wins applause from Paws, O&E essay contest

Ryan Schmatz, 9, of Canton Township, was the August winner of the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Paws for Applause Essay Contest.
Ryan, who attends Field Elementary School in Canton, won four tickets, to the Aug. 22 game at Comerica Park and saw the Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 8-1.
Besides witnessing a Tigers win, Ryan had his picture taken with Paws in pre-game ceremonies. In addition, Ryan received an autographed photo of Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge and a gift card for a Little Caesars Pizza.
Ryan was joined on his special day by his dad, Dale; brother, Jared, 11; and friend Andrew, 11.

"Thank you so much for the wonderful day for Ryan," said his mom, Jennifer. "They all had a great time. It is an experience he will never forget and it has encouraged him in his writing." "The Observer & Eccentric

writing."

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honor and congratulate Ryan
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Here's Ryan's winning essay.
"My name is Ryan and I am
9 years old. I love my neighborhood and work hard to help
take care of it. I recycle paper,
cans, plastic, cardboard, and
glass. I make sure the rest of
my family does, too! I never
ever litter. Whenever I have
trash, I put it in the garbage
and after I play with my toys
outside, I always put them
away. I even help my mom writing."
"The Observer & Eccentric



Ryan Schmatz, 9, of Canton Township, was the August winner of the Obsever & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Paws for Applause Essay Contest, allowing him to hang out with Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot.



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PREP FOOTBALL OPENING WEEK -

Good start for Chiefs

There's a lot of football to be played in 2010, but Canton head coach Tim Baechler liked what he saw out of his team in Friday's season-opening 27-7 victory at Walled Lake Central. Baechler said senior quarterback Ben Merbler led the offense with poise and scored two touchdowns, one on a 46-yard run on the first play of the second quarter to open up a 13-0 lead. Twes very pleased with Ben

13-0 lead.

"I was very pleased with Ben Merbler," Baechler said. "One of his passes was an audible ... he ran the ball well."

Before the season, the inexperience of the offensive line was one area of concern for the veteran coach. But Baechler credited the line for its performance in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover.

crossover.
"They did a pretty good job," he said. "They made some mistakes in the second half. But in the first half, we didn't have a parally."

Senior Garrett Bryden led the defense with 13 tack-les, while senior Jack Slater chipped in with seven. One player who pick-

chipped in with seven.
One player who picked up where he left off in 2009 was senior running back Davion Stackhouse (11 carries, 118 yards). He opened the scoring with a 2-yard run in the first quarter, finishing a drive he made happen with a 36-yard yardlon.

gallop.
Merbler (eight carries, 47 yards) gave the Chiefs some

Please see CHIEFS, B2



Phymouth's offense featured plenty of depth Friday night. Here, junior running back Frederick Dunbar (No. 28) eludes an attempted tackle by Salem ju Dan DeWater.

'Cats win injury-marred opener

A spectacular play with a horrific end-ing put an unfortunate twist on Friday's season-opening football game between Plymouth and Salem, which the Wildcats

Plymouth and Salem, which the word 48-0.

The host Wildcats were up 35-0 with just over eight minutes to go in the fourth quarter at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park when quarterback Shaun Austin dumped a pass to Donte Fox in the right flat inside the Plymouth 20-yard line.

Fox caught the ball, then found a seam and zig-zagged 81 yards before being hauled down near the Salem goal line. But Salem senior defensive back Davon Mullins — whose hustle kept Fox from scoring — didn't get up after the wild-play.

Mullins sustained a serious injury and needed to be secured to a board and sent by ambulance to a hospital. Rocks head coach Kurt Britnell said the player "was squeezing the trainer's hand, so there were some good signs there."

According to Britnell, the second effort that ended with the apparent neck injury followed a halftime talk to pump up the Rocks (0-1) after they fell behind when the Wildcats (1-0) scored 35 points in the second quarter.

"Just a great effort on that play," Britnell said. "We talked about not giving up in the second half and they didnt.
"They dragged him down from the back. I think he got caught up between the tackler and the running back and he hit his neck a little bit."

Please see WILDCATS, B3



Snaring a fouchdown pass in the fourth quarter Friday is Plymouth senior Jacob Morris (No. 2), who maintained focus to haul in the short toss. Trying to break up the play for Salem is junior Evian Pardo (No. 4).

Plymouth looks to link success

more success.

A sign pointing in that direction is how all-state freshman Kelsey Murphy is improving her game as a supplement.

Murphy is improving ner game as: sophomore.

"She has gained some distance off the tee since last year," said Wildcats head coach Chris Moore. "Plus, she has another year of expe-rience under her belt." Last year, Murphy averaged 80 strokes per 18 holes and 40 for nin and medaled at all of the Wildcats' dual meets.

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That Murphy can top that kind of performance spells trouble for the rest of the teams in the KLAA South Division as they try to stop Plymouth from repeating as champions.

pions.

And don't forget about outstand-

ing sophomore Sarah Thompson (like Murphy an All-Observer selection in 2009). Thompson also was a consistent force, capping off her season with a personal best 86 (for 18 holes) at the Division 1

86 (for 18 holes) at the Division 1 regional.
Plymouth's lineup is even deeper than that, with seven others in the mix for starting spots — senior captain Stefania Sgambati, seniors Christy Pattison, Chloe Marentic; juniors Lindsay Dean and Carly Curvin; sophomores Mandy Kirsch and Danielle Allen.
"All of those girls will be competing for varsity spots throughout the season," Moore said.

GOOD GAUGE

Others looking to make a positive impression include Jane McCurry, Lauren Prochazka, Ashley Pawczuk, Lindsey Oprisiu, Kendra

Bartkowiak and Sarah Uhlian.
"Many of these girls have made improvements since last season," Moore noted, "and of course we hope to get better as the season progresses."

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They will if facing difficult opponents matters. Moore scheduled plenty of tough tournaments against some of the state's top squads, with the notion that his golfers will benefit later (at state tourney time) as a result.

"This tough schedule lets our girls know how good the competition is around the state and what we need to do if we want to qualify for the state tournament," he said.
"We set our goals high every year, we want to win the division this year again.

"We also want to win our conference championship. Our ultimate goal would be to qualify for the state tournament."

Please see GOLF. B2

SIDELINES

Whalers set to open camp

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Ex-Plymouth Whaler and
current Boston Bruin Tyler
Seguin soon will be taking
his considerable skills to the
NHL team's training camp.
But the OHL Whalers still have
a pretty talented group of
returnees who will take the
Compuware Arena ice later
this week as the team's own
camp starts.
First order of business for
the Whalers will be reporting
for off-ice testing Wednesday.
Then comes the annual BlueWhite scrimmages from 9-11
a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Thursday
and Friday.
The scrimmages (also at
Compuware) are open to the
public. Rosters will be provided to spectators.
Plymouth kicks off the
preseason at 7 p.m. Saturday
against OHL champion.

preseason at 7 p.m. Saturday against OHL champion Windsor in Chelsea in "The Clash at the Coliseum." The

Clash at the Coliseum." The game will be broadcast on 88.IFM WSDP and online on www.plymouthwhalers.com. The Whalers open the 2010-11 season Thursday, Sept. 23 in Windsor against the Spitfires and play their home opener Saturday, Sept. 25 against Barrie at Compuware.

Salem boots foe

A two-goal performance by Chris Dierker sparked Salem to a 4-2 varsity boys soccer victory Thursday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks (2-1-1) broke out to a 3-1 halftime lead on markers by Jake Pascarella (from Drew Roth) and two tallies by Dierker, assisted by Jake Gentich and Brandon Barfuss, respectively.

In the second half of the, non-conference matchup, Roth converted a feed from Jeff Cantin for Salem's final goal of the evening.

Earning the win in goal was sophomore Frick Beas.

Next for Salem is a 7 p.m. Monday clash at PCEP against Plymouth.

Scoreless draw for 'Cats'

Scoreless draw for 'Cats

Speaking of Plymouth, the Wildcats and visiting Walled Lake Northern played to a 0-0 tie Wednesday night in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association

crossover boys soccer match.
Senior Kyle Brindza collected
the shutout for Plymouth (2-1-1).

PCA still undefeated

PCA still undefeated
Plymouth Christian
Academy's boys soccer squad
broke a 2-2 tie Thursday on
goals from junior Dan Mullett
and sophomore Dan Ross as
the Eagles earned a 4-2 victory over Grosse Pointe Woods
University Liggett. With the
victory, PCA improved to 4-0-1
overall and 2-0-0 in the tough
Michigan Independent Athletic
Conference Blue Division.
The Eagles fell behind twice
in the first half only to rebound
with game-tying markers, by
junior forward Alex Chapman
(on a nifty cross from Mullett)
and Ross (a 25-yard blast past
ULS goalkeeper Mike Meyering).
PCA will try to remain
undefeated with a game 4:30
p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran
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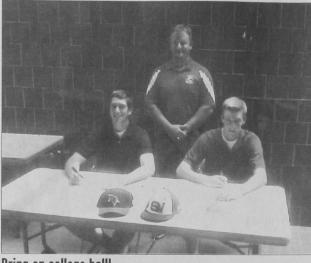
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Bring on college ball!

Doe Galanty and Andrew Tidwell, two of the top players for Canton's Division I baseball quarterfinalist, will get to continue their careers at the collegiate level. Both recently signed letters of intent to play for Saginaw Valley State University. The 2010 grads signed with Chiefs head coach Mark Blomshield and SYSU coach Walt Head on hand to lend their support. In this photo, Galanty (seated leth). Blomshield Cstanding) and Tidwell (seated right) celebrate the moment. In their senior seasons for the Chiefs, both had distinguished seasons. Galanty, who played first base, set a single season school record with nine home runs and earned all-conference, all-district and first team All-Observer honors. Tidwell, a starting pitcher and third baseman, earned all-conference, all-district, all-region and second team All-State honors (Division I) along with being named to the All-Observer second team. Both players continued with strong summer seasons. Galanty clubbed nine homers with Michigan Sports Academy in Saline while Tidwell led the Michigan Hawks to the Northwest Suburban League Championship and a trip to the USSSA World Series in Florida. Galanty and Tidwell will both major in business administration.

GOLF

The Wildcats have already gotten some tournaments under their belts, finishing 14th out of 24 teams Monday at Forest Lake Country Club. On Tuesday, Plymouth fin-

ished first at the Fox Creek-hosted tourney, for the second straight year. Murphy shot a 76 at Fox Hills to take first place overall (she was 2nd overall at Forest Lake) while Thompson tallied a 95 (she shot an 87 the previ-ous day, good for 17th place). Other finishers Monday included Dean (108), Allen

(113), Sgambati (122) while other finishers Tuesday includ-ed Kirsch (101), Dean (102) and Allen (102). "I feel that if we practice hard and work on our short game we will be very com-petitive as the season goes on,"

CHIEFS

breathing room with a 46-yard TD run to start the sec-ond quarter. Merbler broke through the line and couldn't

Before intermission, the quarterback made it 20-0 on a sneak, with Bryden hitting his second extra point of the night.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, and junior running back Zac Merillat (six carries, 65 yards) finished Canton's scoring in the fourth

with a 29-yard touchdown dash. Once again, Stackhouse was in the middle of the drive, with a 30-yard run. Central spoiled the Canton shutout bid with the final score of the contest, late in the final frame.

Chiefs can switch up approach

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Points for Canton's boys
tennis team either will come
from strong-armed tactics or
finesse, a balanced attack that
could strike fear in enemy
teams in the KLAA South.
And head coach Barb
Lehmann can't wait to see
how it all shakes out for
BOYS TENNIS
PREVIEW

the Chiefs,
who open up
with home
dual meets



dual meets Wednesday and Thursday and Thursda against Livonia Churchill and Wayne Memorial, respectively. Both meets begin at 4 p. Of course,

begin at 4 p.m. Of course, the Chiefs will feature an all-senior singles lineup of returnees Ryan Hansz and Adam Payne, Varun Bandri and Jordan Anderson. "The singles will be strong with four seniors and a great deal of experience and power," Lehmann noted.

The Canton lineup also features experience at No. 1 doubles, with seniors Jimmy LaFontaine and Austin Payne, described by the coach as players "with experience and the ability to take over the net."

other doubles players such as Luke Freeman, Ashwin Kumar, Rocky Willette and Alan Halim have demonstrated improvement in their play with excellent work over the summer — hopefully carrying those gains into the season. "This year will be about the experience and power that each of the players will bring to the net," Lehmann said.

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WILDCATS

TOUGH TO SEE

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Plymouth head coach Mike
Sawchuk and his team joined
with the Rocks in a prayer
circle at the 50-yard line following the Kensington Lakes
Activities Association crossover contest.
"I hope he's OK, we're all
praying for him," Sawchuk
said. "That's the last thing you
want to see on a football field.
... And the kid made a great
effort to tackle our guy, too."
The cross-campus matchup
had a much different beginning as both teams played over
some early jitters.
Salem senior quarterback
Drew Thompson connected
on the first two passes he
attempted (to junior Evian
Pardo and senior Matt
Morton), each good for a first
down as the Rocks marched
into Plymouth territory.
But that drive stalled and the
Wildcats were able to get their
feet under them. Thompson lost
the touch after that, completing
7-6-24 passes for 59 yards.
"We knew they were going to
come fired up," Sawchuk, said.
"Coach Britnell is going to turn
it around and do a great job
over there. There's no doubt in
my mind.
"We just knew we had to
weather the storm. We knew they

"We just knew we had to weather the storm. We knew they were going to play on emotion."

ON THE MONEY

By the time the first half ended, Plymouth took complete control, outgaining the Rocks by a 210-70 margin while scoring five TDs.

The first three six-pointers were scored by senior Brennen Beyer. His first came on a 31-yard reception, fending off Pardo in the front right corner of the end zone as he snared the spiral from Austin (13-of-

of the end zone as he snared the spiral from Austin (13-of-20, 230 yards, three TDs). "He threw me a great ball and I just went up and got it," Beyer said.

A little over two minutes later, with 8:56 left in the half, Beyer blocked a Salem punt and retrieved the pigskin in the end zone for his second TD.

"I saw an opening and the



Photos By Bill, BRESLER | STAFF Photogr.
Plymouth quarterback Shaun Austin (No. 8) barrels in on Salem defender Ethan Walsh (No. 33) during Friday's sei half at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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snap took a little bit, so I ran
back there and blocked the
punt," Beyer said. "Then I
scooped it up and scored."
An interception by senior
Victor Hicks on a tipped
Thompson pass set up Beyer's
third score of the quarter.
Beyer pulled in an II-yard pass
from Austin.
Later in the half, Fox (seven
rushes, II3 yards) ran up the
gut for a 12-yard touchdown
and a few minutes later capped
off a 72-yard drive with a Iyard plunge.
The second half was played
with running time, but the
scoreboard clock stopped with
8:07 left and didn't start up
again for quite a while as personnel tended to Mullins.
Two plays after the game finally
resumed, Austin connected with
senior wide receiver Jake Morris
on a 2-yard TD reception.
Then in the waning moments,
the Wildcats crafted a 70-yard

Then in the waning moments the Wildcats crafted a 70-yard



uarterback Drew Thompson (No. 11) hands the ball off to junior
Marcus Houston during Friday's season opener against Plymouth

Lady Ocelots seek the 'right mix'

There's plenty of reasons to be excited about the upcoming women's soccer season at Schoolcraft College.

Not only do the Lady Ocelots have eight returning players from last season's national tournament qualifier, but 15 new faces added to the roster promises the 2010 campaign to be full of excitement as well as head coach Deepak Shivraman zeros in on his fourth season at the helm of the program.

"I've had some tremendous players who have played soccer for me at Schoolcraft and I have high expectations again for this group," Shivraman said. "But the game is played on the field and we're going to have to find the right mix of speed and skill to be successful again."

The National Junior College

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The National Junior College Athletic Association expects Shivraman to do just that and sort through his talented roster and finding the right combinations as the Lady Ocelots find themselves holding down the No. 8 spot nationally in the preseason poll.

"We're quick and we're skilled, but right now we're going through a gelling process,' said Shivraman, whose club was scheduled to open the regular season Saturday at home against UM-Dearborn before visiting the University of Windsor on Monday. "We need to get them out there and used to each other."

The offense this season sull be sparked by sophomore Jenny Giegler, a "dynamic and explosive forward who does a lot of creative things around the goal," according to Shivraman. Serving as the perfect complement up front will be freshman forward Rene

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Patrolling the midfield will be sophomore Adriana Guerrero, who suited up for the Lady Ocelots two seasons ago before playing club socer for the Texans in 2009, and sophomore Jamie Monterosso. The return of Guerrero, along with Monterosso, newcomer Shannon Merritt (Stevenson) and sophomore Theresa Hale, will force opponents to pay special attention to the middle of the field.

Brooke Ehman, a sophomore, brings diversity to the lineup as she can run up and join the offensive attacks as well as drop back and clear play from the front of her own net.

Another sophomore, Kelly

net.
Another sophomore, Kelly
Powers, serves as captain and
will provide a physical presence to the backline, along
with Mady Evens.
In goal, the Lady Ocelots
will go with sophomore Sam
Suter, a transfer from Spring
Arbor College.
Several first-year players
are expected to join in on
the mix, including defender
Jessica Lyon, defender Sierra
Cano, midfielder Ashley Welch
(Stevenson), midfielder Ashley
Werner (Stevenson), midfielder-Ashley
Werner (Stevenson), midfielder-defender Lindsay McMullen
(Livonia Churchill) and goalkeeper Tabitha Mann (Salem).
"I think Ashley Welch may
be flying under the radar a little now because she has great
vision, is mature and makes
great decisions with the ball,"
Shivraman said. "And Sierra
Cano is very intellgent and
has a great personality for the
game. She is a natural leader
and can really be an anchor for
us back there on defense.
"We have so many good players and we will need them all to
get better and gel because when
we ran into injuries last year
our depth went down slightly. I
think we can have even a better
year than last year."

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Ocelot spikers eye improved 2010 year

Just like today's workplace
– where everyone is asked to
do more – Schoolcraft College
women's volleyball coach Rich
Lamb is challenging every one
of his 14 players on the roster
to do more in 2010 than they
ever have before.

"We're asking a lot from
everybody," said Lamb, who
is set to embark on his fourth
season at the helm of the Lady
Occlots program. "We have
12 freshmen and only two
returning sophomores – Kayla
Creech and Alyssa Cuthbert
– so we'll put a lot of pressure
on them to lead us through the
season."

The Lady Ocelets are com-

season."

The Lady Ocelots are coming off a 23-17 overall mark and fourth-place finish in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association a year ago and in need of those dozen freshmen to adapt to the col-

lege game very quickly in order to better both marks.
One of the youngsters who have received high grades so far include first-team All-Observer pick Sarah Suppelsa, who helped Livonia Churchill to a 56-6 record and a state Class A semifinal berth. Also in the mix are Nicolette Plewa and Amber Aldrich.
Suppelsa and Aldrich are both 6-foot-1 outside hitters, while Plewa, another outside hitter, stands 5-7.
A teammate of Supplesa's at Churchill, 5-8 freshman Christine Maleske, is a "fierce ultra competitor," according to Lamb, and expected to emerge as one of the team's premier middle hitters.
But just how much success

middle hitters.
But just how much success
the Lady Ocelots do enjoy will
lie primarily on the shoulders
of Creech and Cuthbert, two
outstanding setters who have
a real feel on what it takes to
make an offense go.

"We have the potential to get more than 23 wins this season, but it's going to take great mental focus on the part of all our players," Lamb said. "They have been working so hard and responding well and wanting more and more.

"We're going to have to show scrappiness and play with some great defensive intensity," he continued. "From day one we emphasized defensive principles and they have shown that willingness to go after everything."

Lamb was scheduled to get his first look at the youthful Lady Ocelots this weekend as they took part in the 5th Annual Central Ohio Kickoff Classic held in Columbus.

"We've looked good so far and had a good preseason," Lamb said. "We just have to stay mentally focused throughout."

Salem girls lacrosse recruits sought

There will be a pre-registration and information meeting to determine if there is enough interest in having the first Salem Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team in 2011. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wedneday, Sept. 15 in the library at Salem High School. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. Salem returns the least amount of players from the now-defunct Plymouth-Canton-Salem United team, which was comprised of play-

ers from the three schools at PCEP. There are about 70 returning players from the United squad, with only a dozen or so from Salem. Former United head coach Dave Medley (who coached the team from 2006-09) said "this is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of Salem's rich athletic history, and for girls to experience the fastest growing sport in the country."

Lacrosse also provides girls with a chance to play at the

at Indiana Tech University, for example.

"The outstate universities have discovered the lacrosse talent in Michigan and have turned many of their recruitment efforts to focus on the Michigan kids," Medley said. "As of late we are seeing the in-state universities adopting lacrosse as a varsity sport trying to keep the talent home."

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run

Late registration is ongoing for Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program that uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

During the 10-week season, girls in grades 3-8 meet twice a week with trained coaches who lead them through fun games, uplifting workouts, and themed discussions on topics like dealing with body image and the media, resisting peerpressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to their community.

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The season concludes with all girls completing a service project in their communities and running or walking in a special, non-competitive 5k event for Girls on the Run participants and their families.

The 20-lesson program costs \$105.00 and is open to all girls in eligible grades at participating schools.

Registration for Plymouth-Canton, Northville, and Garden City schools will open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Family YMCA, 248 S. Union Street.

Up to 15 girls will be accepted per team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents or guardians must be present inperson, may only register their own daughter(s), and should bring a form of payment.

Registration and health history forms are available at the Plymouth YMCA with additional signups now being accepted in person, by fax or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA.

YMCA youth programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth

SPORTS ROUNDUP

instructional programs this fall, having the focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Programs — open to YMCA members and community members — include Parent/Child Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Intro to Volleyball, Preschool T-ball, Tiny Tikes Sampler and Club Kickball. All will run between Sept. 20 and Oct. 25.

There will be morning and evening classes available. Age: vary by program but there is something for children ages 2-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Co-ed soccer leagues

Co-ed soccer leagues

YMCA Co-Ed Soccer leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions from Sept. 20 to Oct. 30. Fundamentals in a safe and fun environmen will be the focus. Planned are one practice and one game per week on Saturdays.

MU hosts golf fund-raiser

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Early registration is still
open for Madona University's
annual Scholar-Am Classic to
benefit the student scholarship fund, Friday, Sept. 17, at
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The Early Birdie rates
(including golf, lunch and dinner) is \$175 per individual and
\$700 per foursome. Those who
sign up early can have two
strokes shaved off their foursome's score and also golf with
a Madonna scholar, professor,
dean, board member or coach.
A busy fun day is planned.
The schedule is as follows:
11:30 a.m., check-in; noon,
lunch at clubhouse; 1 p.m.,
shotgun start; 5:30 p.m., cock-

tails and raffles; 6 p.m., dinner and awards. For more information, contact Alan Pinon (734–432-5556, apinon@madonna.edu) or Ann Cleary (734–432-5421, acleary@madonna.edu).

Volleyball on tap

The YMCA Girls Volleyball leagues are forming for girls ages 9-12. The session will run from Sept. 13 to Oct. 29 and is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment

Whalers making waves

Whalers making waves

After a trial run in 2009-10, the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to WSDP-FM (88.1) "The Escape" as their radio home for the upcoming season.

"The Escape" — an award-winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — will begin covering the Whalers this year with a special broadcast during Plymouth's first preseason game against Windsor at 7 pun. Saturday, Sept. 4, during "The Clash at the Coliseum" in Chelsea.

The station will resume its broadcast schedule with coverage of the Whalers' season opener, set for Thursday, Sept. 13, in Windsor.

Pete Krupsky remains
Whalers play-by-play voice, with Sean Baligian providing analysis of home broadcasts.

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"constant watering" produces the best blooms.

Dianne Kean of Redford Township photographed a few of her many sunflowers with "Old Glory" flying in the back-ground.



e-mail.
Olivia Wren of Livonia

e-mail.

Olivia Wren of Livonia advised gardeners to "water every day and fertilize once a week," for the best results.

Never plant on a sunny, hot day," e-mailed Tom Przebienda, also of Livonia. "It's too hard on the plant/roots to take and you do much better on a cool or cloudy day."

Val and Elaine Templeton of Garden City mix and match flowers, vegetable and shrubs in the same area for season after season of beautiful blooms and tasty produce. Their photo shows a circular planting spaced filled with a mix of plants.

Stacy Karafotis, also of Garden City, suggested planting lillies and Michigan native plants for summer-long garden color.











Dianne Kean photographed this patriotic scene of the American flag and a sunflower growing in her Redford Township garden.



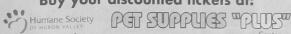
Val and Elaine Templeton's garden in the round contains a little of everyt — flowers and vegetables — in Garden City.

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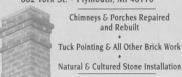
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Hello to you all, the name is Wayne. As you can see by my photo, I am one incredibely handsome dude. Well, that's what I hear people saying when they meet me, so it's gotta be true. I am a 3-year-rold brindle colored Greyhound. I'm such a mellow kind of guy, those silly pups running around just tire me out. Are you looking for a loving and very laid back companion? Have you been looking at all the listings and have come up empty handed? Believe me, if you are interested in sharing your life with a guy that will love you forever then check me out. Please call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 and take a look at our Web site for another cool shot of me, www.greyheart.org

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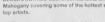
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Bra sewing challenge supports Karmanos

Enter the "Show Your Support Bra Challenge" and your creative sewing will be displayed at the 17th annual American Sewing Expo next month in Novi.
Coats & Clark is accepting entries for the contest through Sept. 1.
Contestants use a new bra and decorate it in any theme they choose. The garment must be decorated inside and out in accordance with the title and theme. Thread must be used in some form on the new bra.

new bra.

All bedecked fun, serious, themed or abstract bras will be accepted with a \$5 entry fee. Proceeds will benefit Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Online voting by the public will determine winners and all bras will be on display at the

show.

For an application and complete list of rules visit www.AmericanSewingExpo. com or call (244) 889-3111.

The American Sewing Expo is the largest independent consumer sewing show in the country and will take place at Friday, Sept. 26 the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. In addition to the Show Your Support Bra Challenge, the event features reality sewing competitions, unique fabrics and supplies at more than 300 vendor booths, fashion style shows, hands-on workshops, classes, contests, demonstrations, techniques and creative tips for beginner and veteran crafters for sewing, quilting, home décor, or needle and fiber arts.

The show will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. Freshow workshops are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 22-23 and run the gamut from quilting and embroidery to collage ande draping.

Admission is \$14 and children 16 and under are free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14 and all-day preshow workshops are \$98-\$148. Parking is \$5.

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi.

For more information, visit www. AmericanSewingExpo.com or call (248) 889-3111.

Schoolcraft offers continuing ed classes

Registration is under way for community education and professional development classes at Schoolcraft College. Caregiver skills classes include instruction in creating a safe environment, performing CPR and AED, understanding nutrition, legal and financial issues. Classes are \$10 each.

everything from cooking tech-nique to kids in the kitchen, baking and dessert delights, foreign cuisine, healthy sensa-tions and wine tastings. The Information Storage

an increasingly complex IT environment. Upon comple-tion they'll be prepared to take the EMC Proven Professional Associate (EMCPA) ISM level certification exam. Student must have an understanding of computers, operating systems networking, and databases as a prerequisite. Registration deadline is Sept. 24. Cost is \$1,995. Students can

earn an AMA Management Certificate. Computer classes are designed to enhance all skill levels. There's a wide range to fit all needs. For more information on all classes, call (734) 462-4448. The college is located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. www. schoolcraft.edu.

Travel club plans open house Wednesday

Nomads, America's only pri-vate air travel club, will host an open house at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. I, in the Nomad's private terminal located at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Nomads is offering a limited-time 45 percent discount on ini-tiation fees for new members as it celebrates its 45th anniversary this year.

this year. When Nomads was founded in

1965, it was one of 30 clubs of its kind in America. Today, Nomads is the nation's only surviving travel club.

It was founded as a non-profit organization by a group of Detroit-area businessmen who loved traveling, with charter members purchasing an Eastern Airlines DC-7. By 1971, membership grew to more than 400 people and the club purchased

a prop-jet Lockheed Electra to accommodate 92 passengers. Nomads took its first around-the-world trip in 1973. The club continued to grow and purchase new planes in the 1970s and 1980s. Its current aircraft, a 1993 Boeing Super 727-200, offers non-stop travel to destinations up to five-and-a-half hours away without refueling.

refueling.
The club offers its members

free secured parking, no-cost baggage handling, an absence of check-in lines, expedited private security screening, club-class seating on its own Boeing 727 jet, and trip directors who coordinate travel to destinations across the country and around the world.

To RSVP for the open house, call (734) 941-8000. For more information visit www.nomadstravel.org.

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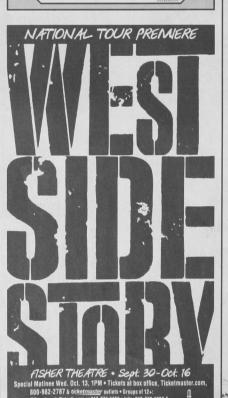
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SEPT. 2-15

Detroit Lutheran Singers Time/Date: Auditions by appoint-ment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13 Location: Westminster Church, on west Outer Drive, east of Greenfield

Details: The group plans audition and will begin preparing for its fall

Contact: To schedule an audition,

Grief Share

Grief Share
Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sundays,
beginning Sept. 12
Location: Faith Community Church,
14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This 13-week seminar
reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts
and others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. the loss of a loved one. The Effects of Grief," "Your Family and Grief," and "Stuck in Grief" are just three of the topics that will be dis-cussed. Workbooks will be provided. There is no charge for the program but a \$15 donation is suggested to

Picnic
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12 **Location**: Livonia Church of Christ,

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for Contact: (734) 421-1760: www.uni tyoflivonia.org
Rediscovering Catholicism Rediscovering Catholicism
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.,
Mondays, Sept. 13-0ct. 18
Location: St. Aidan, 17500
Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Discussion of Matthew
Kelly's book, "Rediscovering
Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of
questions for reflection, as the
group reads selected passages of
the book. A limited number of free
books are available. Participants
can pick one up from the church
office when they register for the
discussion group.

discussion group

15431 Merriman, Livonia **Details:** Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as

well as lots of food Contact: (734) 427-8743 Prayer service Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnau-

Schedule change

Time/Date: Sunday morning Eucharist is at 8:30 a.m. (non-singing) and 10:30 a.m. (singing). Sunday School for adults and chil-

Sunday School for adults and climdren is 9:30 a.m.

Location: Episcopal Church of the Hospital Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia Details: The church resumes its regular worship schedule on Sept. 13. A new priest, the Rev. Wayne Knockel, will start the regular ser-vice schedule vice schedule.

Contact: (734) 591 - 0211

Sunday school Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 12

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, just west of

Church, 371/5 Paimer, just west. Newburgh in Westland **Details:** Music, crafts, games and fun kicks off the new season of Sunday school. Activities are designed for kids age 3 through fifth grade, but Sunday school is offered to individuals of all ages who are curious about God and Jesus' teachings; no prior experi ence necessary. An additional activity is designed for young adults and

Contact: (734) 722-1735

SEPT. 16-30 Drug, alcohol talk Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept.

Location: St. Joseph Parish multi purpose room, 830 S. Lafayette,

Details: Alcohol and drug discus Details. Alcohol and drug discus sion is designed for abusers, far members, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti, are the speakers. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments will be

Contact: (248) 349-3127

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.,

Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for chil-

dren from kindergarten through fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Classes/Study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second
Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile,
between Farmington and Newburgh ads, Livonia

roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class
for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes
songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. **Contact**: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30

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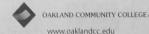
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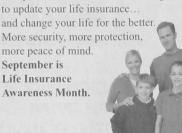


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night, and party, Saturday night, ai
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Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class

lass of 1970
40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday,
Sept. 18 at The Community House,
in Birmingham. Visit www.seahoimclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact
information.

Classes of 1949-51
A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. Z6 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn
Heights. Call Peogy Wester at (313) 383-4699. Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@hotmail.com

Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012.
Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committe at mackenziel962@gmail.com.
Class of 1960

at mackenziely62/egmail.com.

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50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at
The Marriott in Livronia. For more
information contact: Tim Yarde at
(248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy,
(Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in
September will be held at the
Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby
in downtown Detroit. For more
information call Sherry Forbush
(Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664
or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734)

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Garden City High School Classes of 1950s and 1960s

Reunion events planned for Sept. 17 19. Call Donna at (734) 427-0535 or e-mail to odponte@wowway.com

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Classes of 1970 and 1969
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of 1970's reunion at the Elks Lodge.
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mail to nlaopie@g Redford Thurston Class of 1970

gmail.com or Reunion 1975 on Facebook. Rosary High School Class of 1966

lass of 1985
25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct.
9, at the Livonia Marriott; contact
Steve Johnson at (734) 635-0369
or Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at (734)

Class of 1985

class of 1985
25-year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.,
Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in
Livonia. Contact Tracy Dunsmore at
tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or
(734)748-8904 for more information.

Senior community donates backpacks

Botsford Commons Senjor Community will donate 200 fully stocked backpacks Thursday, Sept. 2, to students at Botsford Elementary School in Livonia.

The giveaway is part of Botsford Commons' "Backpacks for Botsford' program.

"We started gathering and filling backpacks for students who needed them two years ago," stated Sherry Hamilton, a volunteer at the Farmington Hills senior living community. "We realized there was more we could do. This year, we've grown, collecting more materials from both individuals and corporations."

The project is just the latest good deed of the "Botsford Buddies" program, through which Botsford Commons residents support local schools, including reading to elementary students, a mentoring program and other donations.

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a nonprofit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. Located on a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills, the Community offers a full continuum of care for the area's senior population including short stay rehabilitation services, privately owned condominiums, and rental options for senior apartments and assisted living suites.



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homeowners are unaware that a recall even exists on their major home appliances. I have stressed the importance of filling out and mailing the registration card that comes with the appliance. Many of these products are being repaired down the road and the homeowner is paying the repair costs when they could have had it fixed at no charge under



Joe Gagnon

ApplianceRecallCheck.com has made the statement that there are 195 million recalled appliances operating in homes across America. That is a staggering amount of potential fires ready to burst into damage and tragedy. You can go to

www.ApplianceRecallCheck.
com and enter the model and
serial number of your appliances and within two days
you will receive information
on recalls of any of your appliances. I strongly suggest that
everyone do this and please let
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atmosphere in their neighborhoods. Racial strife and riots
were disturbing any picture of
a tranquil area and Whirlpool
made a serious threat to
remove their headquarters to
another part of the country.
As tough as it is for Michigan
these days I'm pleased to
report that Whirlpool has
decided to remain in Michigan
and is going to build a new
world headquarters complex
in downtown Benton Harbor
and that there is healing going
on in the twin cities of Benton
Harbor and St. Joseph.

SYSTEM CHECK

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In Michigan we are about to turn the calendar page to September and say goodby to a very beautiful summer of high temperatures and adequate rains and continu green grass. Keep in mind

that this summer placed quite a work load on your central air conditioning system and the fall season may be a good time to have a thorough check of the system to get it ready for next year. Filters need to be replaced or cleaned and motors oiled and condensers cleaned. When you do need service don't just pick up the phone and call someone who has a nice advertisement. Check them out with neighbors and call the Better Business Bureau to make sure that your dealing with someone is reputable and worthy of your business. An aware consumer is much more difficult to rip-off compared to a confused consumer who is known as an easy target. Stay tuned.

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MILESTONES



Dominick Joseph
Jendrusik was born July
25, 2010 at Beaumont
Hospital in Royal Oak.
He weighed 6 pounds 8
ounces and measured
20 1/2 inches.
Dominick joins parents Joe and Marisol
Jendrusik and big brother, Anthony, at home in
Westland.
Proud grandparents
are Emilio and Lupe
Herrera of Westland
and Don and Sue
Jendrusik of Livonia.



Dominick Joseph Jendrusik

DOMINICK JOSEPH JENDRUSIK

ANNA MARIA MAUTI

Anna Maria Mauti was born June
19, 2010, at Sinai Grace Hospital. She
weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
Proud parents are Daniel and
Taryn Mauti of Dearborn Heights.
Grandparents are John and Colleen
Webberly of Livonia, John and Dolores
Mauti of Livonia, James Scane of
Brighton and Denise Lee of Rochester
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Hills.
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Whitesock of Livonia, Pierina Mauti
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Youngstown, Ohio, John and Joan Giba
of Youngstown, Ohio, and Vincent and
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Anna Maria Mauti

SEPTEMBER WEDDING

Ashley Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Tobin announce their

Matthew Tobin announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Laurie Anne Butler of Farmington, is a graduate of Farmington High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by the St. Petersburg Times. Her fiancé, son of Matthew Sr. and Donna Tobin of Spring Lake, is a graduate of Spring Lake, is a graduate of Spring Lake High School and Western Michigan University. A September 2010 wedding is planned in Saugatuck.



Trosell-Dennett

TROSELL-DENNETT

Lauren Trosei and nyan Dennett announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Joann Trosell of Livonia, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Stevenson High School and in 2009 from Henry Ford Community College. She is a physical therapist assistant and is employed by Heartland HeathCareCenter in Dearborn Heights. Her fiancé, son of James and Loretta Dennett of Allen Park, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Stevenson High School and in 2010 from Schoocraft Community College Fire Academy.

Academy.
A September 2010 wedding is planned at Crystal Gardens in Southgate.



Schweiger-Krueger

SCHWEIGER-KRUEGER

Jennifer Schweiger and Garth Krueger announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michelle (Mark) Heppner of Canton and Keith Schweiger of Ira, is a 1995 graduate of Anchor Bay High School.
She graduated in 2001 from Northwood University and is employed in customer marketing and sales at ESPN in Chicago, Ill.
Her fiancé, son of Grant and Kathleen Krueger of North Royalton, Ohio, is a 1999 graduate of North Royalton, Ohio, is a 1999 graduate of North Royalton, Ohio, is a 1999 graduate of North Royalton High School. He graduated in 2003 from Northwood University and is employed as a district sales manager at American Honda Motor Co. in Chicago, Ill.

A September 2010 wedding

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Zielinski, grandchildren, Corbin,
Rosa and Linda Childress, uncle of
Tracy, Richard and Natalie. Ed is preceded in death by his father, Edward
III; and his brother, Les. Committal
service, Monday, August 30th, 12:30
PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery,
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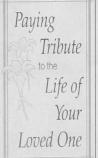


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Donors needed to bolster blood supply, Red Cross says

The American Red Cross
Southeastern Michigan Blood
Services Region issued an
urgent call for blood donors
this month.

The Red Cross closely monitors national and local blood
supplies to ensure donations
are keeping pace with hospital need for blood products
in order to meet ongoing and
emergency patient care.
"There is a critical need
for blood donors now," said
Diane E. Ward, CEO for the
Southeastern Michigan Blood
Services Region of the Red
Cross. "This summer we have
had a particularly difficult
time recruiting enough blood
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serve."

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hospitals and the patients they serve."

Donors with all blood types are needed, but especially those with type O negative. Red Cross officials say type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a shortage. That's because type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type, and is most readily given to patients in emergency and trauma situations.

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AD/HD conference features educator

The 11th Michael Golds Memorial AD/HD Conference will feature Sandra Reif as key-note speaker on Friday, Sept. 24, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge cam-

College, Orchard Ridge campus.
Reif is a national educator and author and will present "Unlocking the Secrets for School Success of Students with AD/HD."
The conference will offer three breakout sessions with 14 presenters. Reif also will present a session on "Management

and Instructional Strategies for Reaching and Teaching Students with AD/HD or LD." Registration is from 8-8:30 a.m. at the college, located on Orchard Lake Road south of

Orchard Lake Road south of I-696, in Farmington Hills. The conference ends at 4:15 p.m.
There will be CEU credits available for educators and social workers. Some of the other topics covered will be on fine tuning AD/HD meds for adults and an update on meds for children and adolescents; dealing with defiant teens;

social success skills for children and teens; AD/HD and co-morbidities; defeating the demons of distraction; parenting AD/HD young adults with skills for real life; video game and Internet addictions; and more. The conference includes lunch and cost is \$60 if registered by Sept. 10; \$75 after that date. Students pay \$30.

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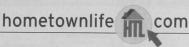
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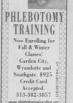
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The biggest knock on SUVs has always been that they're not good for the environment; they use up too much gas and they pollute the air more than standard cars. Even so, some drivers want the extra room and towing capacity they can only get with an SUV, even if it means shelling out a little (or a lot) more on gas than the average car owner. Gasoline/electric hybrid vehicles have been around for a few years now, the most famous being the Toyota Prius. The hybrid trend has started to seep over to the SUV market, and Ford started taking advantage a few years ago with the Escape Hybrid. Now Ford has the Limited as part of the hybrid lime-up. It was added last year.

Escape Hybrid. Now Ford has the Limited as part of the hybrid line-up. It was added last year.

The Escape Hybrid Limited comes as either a front-wheel or all-wheel drive model and Ford claims it's the cleanest and most fuel-efficient SUV in the world. It's a full hybrid, meaning it automatically switches between pure electric, pure gasoline, or whatever combination of the two it needs to operate at its most efficient. The Escape Hybrid runs 99.4 percent cleaner, on average, than an unregulated vehicle, according to Ford, and it meets Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle and Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle standards. This will have more impact when we have a third party, someone independent, verityfing claims such as this one.

It's powered by a new 2.5-liter I-4 gasoline engine designed to run on the Atkinson combustion cycle, and a 70-k Watt electric traction motor, plus a

generator motor to start the engine, recharge the batteries and regulate how the two engines blend together in the transaxle.

A new engine processor helps regulate the switch between the gasoline and the electric modes. On its own, the gasoline engine produces 153 horsepower, combined, the two engines produce 177 horsepower.

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There's a 330-volt nickel-metal-hydride battery pack located and sealed at the rear load floor to store electrical energy. The engines are mated to a special electronically controlled continuously variable automatic transmission.

Acceleration is fair, but you make up for that by some stunning fuel economy numbers: 34 city/31 highway miles per gallon (29/27 for the AWD version). That's not a misprint.

Unlike with conventional engines, hybrids actually get better mileage numbers in city-type, stop-and-go driving, where the electric engine can do the lon's share of the work. On the highway, the gasoline engine takes over, even so, 30 miles per gallon is pretty impressive for an SUV.

The ride itself is hushed, particularly when stopped in traffic. The gas engine cuts out while driving under 25 mph, and while sitting at a light, you'd swear the engine was turned off. While moving, the Escape Hybrid still provides a good ride. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil springs and stabilizer bar. The rear system is fully independent with lateral links and stabilizer bar.



On the outside, the Escape Hybrid is a tough-looking SUV.

Handling is a mixed bag. I found the power-assisted steering system a bit on the "light" side, but it takes very little effort to effectively steer. The turning circle is a big, though, so maneuvering in tight spaces can be a problem. The hybrid's braking system also has been upgraded from last year, with a new brake pedal sensor. The anti-lock braking system is very good.

Inside, the Limited version of the Escape Hybrid comes with leather-trimmed seats. The seats can be heated. They are comfortable, and provide good support. The driver's seat is power-adjustable. The Hybrid Limited comes with dual-zone automatic climate control, cruise control, power windows, rear window defroster, and tilt steering wheel.

There's a nice top-of-dash display center that gives you the date, the time, radio settings and climate control information. You can follow the performance of the hybrid system with a gauge system that shows when the elevels of battery charging taking place.

The standard audio system is an AM/ FM/satellite/CD system that includes an auxiliary input jack for your mp3 player. You can get the optional navigation systems—this one is easy to read and use. Ford's "Sync" system is also included; it's a voice-activation system for the audio system one of the audio system for hands-free yakking. A power moonroof with shade is also standard on the Limited.

One of the reasons one buys an SUV is for room, and there is plenty in the

Escape Hybrid is a tough-looking SUV.

Escape Hybrid. The rear seats fold down in a 60/40 configuration and if you fold the seats down, you'll get more than 65 cubic feet of cargo space.

Ford includes its Safety Canopy side curtain airbag system on the Escape Hybrid. Also included are seat-mounted side airbags, dual-stage driver and passenger airbags and a tire-pressure monitoring system.

On the outside, the Escape Hybrid is a tough-looking SUV. It looks like it's ready to chew up the road. It comes with 16-inch wheels, a roof rack, power outside mirrors and fog lamps. It's also badged with special insignia to tell the world you're driving a hybrid.

So how much does all this environmental consciousness cost? The base price for the front-wheel drive Ford Escape Hybrid Limited is a about \$35,000. Add the navigation system and destination charge, and you're at about \$35,000. That's in the right price range for a midsize SUV, particularly when you realize you're going to be saving some money at the gas pump.

If you just have to have an SUV but you'd like to 'green up' a bit, make sure you take a look at the Ford Escape Hybrid Limited.

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