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Rock can drive

The Salem Rocks Football Team sponsors a "Salvation Army Can Drive" to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry Sept. 27 through Oct. 15.

The Plymouth Salvation Army serves clients in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville and provides food for hundreds of needy families. The food pantry shelves are somewhat sparse at the moment, and the Rocks' can drive is designed to help.

Collection points will be coach Johnston's room (Room 3108) for freshmen; coach Ferguson/Redmond's room (Room 2178) for the junior varsity; and coach Styes room (Room 2231) for the varsity. Each canned food item is worth one raffle ticket. At the end of the collection period, Salem Football will draw raffle tickets and players will have the chance to win gift certificates to various local businesses.

MDA benefit

On Friday, Oct. 1, Trilogy Variety Band take you back to the good



old days as they perform some of the greatest juke-box hits of all time at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Oct. 1.

Trilogy plays its second annual MDA benefit concert at the Village of Cherry Hill Oct. 1.

Muscular Dystrophy Association Benefit Concert "Jam For A Cure" 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Trilogy features the music of such great artists as Frank Sinatra, Glen Miller and Duke Ellington right on through to the sounds of Motown, classic rock, and even Uncle Kracker.

Trilogy will donate 100 percent of all band profit directly to their local chapter of the MDA, which is fighting to conquer neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans. Programs available through local MDA offices are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

All tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillageattheater.org, or by calling (734) 394-5400.

Diversity meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion hosts its annual Community-Wide Meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth.

The meeting is designed to update the community on the PCCDI's progress and accomplishments. New teachers hired in the school district will be on hand, and ongoing and new projects will be discussed.

Tax-deductible donations can be made online at www.cantonfoundation.org — choose Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion fund. For more information, e-mail ply-candci@gmail.com.



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Travis Lossing displays old-school and new-school airplane materials; sheet metal held with rivets and composite materials.

Aviation school launches new center

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Away from an upbeat crowd that celebrated Wednesday's grand opening of the newly Canton-based Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology, Kevin Burchett, campus president, walked down a hallway and paused by a large bulletin board thumb-tacked with numerous job postings.

Jobs as far away as Arizona — and right here in recession-weary Michigan — seem to reach out to MIAT students learning aircraft maintenance, power technology such as wind farms and transportation dispatch skills ranging from air traffic control to emergency services.

"There's more job demand for every one of our programs than we have graduates for," Burchett said.

Amid a backdrop of aircraft parked inside the school, MIAT leaders Wednesday unveiled a 180-employee, 125,000-square-foot facility — formerly a La-Z-Boy distribution center — where more than 550 graduates from the Plymouth-Canton area and beyond are expected to hone their job skills.

"We offer short-term training programs for people who need to get to work, including workers who are transitioning from the auto industry,"



Students can learn both jet engine and piston engine repair and maintenance.

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Canton eyes police, fire millage hike

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Facing a \$14.4 million budget deficit by late 2012, Canton's elected leaders indicated Thursday they will impose a 1.75-mill property tax increase for police and fire services, seek \$1.8 million in employee concessions and slash spending by \$1.7 million across three departments.

Canton officials rolled out the three-pronged effort to stave off a potential budget crisis they say could erode services and threaten the quality of life residents have come to expect.

"We're in a very difficult time in our community," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "Everybody is going to have some pain."

Canton's sobering money woes come amid deepening losses in property tax revenues, a steady decline in state-shared revenue and rising employee costs, even though officials say the township has fewer workers per 1,000 residents than communities such as Northville Township, Redford, Westland, Livonia, Troy and Dearborn.

Local leaders say the gravity of the situation became clear this budget season as administration officials adopted a longer-range, multi-year approach to financial planning.

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Driver bound over in fatal Canton crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
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The first Paul Raukar noticed of the dark-colored Lexus was when he heard it crossing the rumble strips along the left-hand shoulder of northbound I-275, just before it flew by him fast enough that Raukar said, "I felt like I was standing still."

Deborah Cooper and her husband were driving their truck, pulling the travel trailer they'd used on a camping trip to Cedar Point, their 6- and 4-year-old sons asleep in the back seat, when she saw the Lexus drive by fast enough, and erratically enough, that she considered calling 9-1-1 to report the potential danger, telling her husband, "Stay back from him. He's going to cause an accident and hurt someone."

A couple of miles later, she proved prophetic. Cooper and Raukar both happened upon the same scene: The Lexus, driven by Robert Bojaj of Farmington, tangled in the guardrail cords in the median of I-275 just past Koppernick in Canton Township. On the right side of the road sat a Dodge Intrepid, driven by 25-year-old Shelby Gunn of Westland, its rear end smashed and Gunn slumped over the wheel.

Gunn, the daughter of Rob and Teri Gunn of Westland, died after Bojaj allegedly rear-ended her in an accident that ended after Bojaj reportedly reached speeds of nearly 100 mph around 1:30 a.m. Aug. 15. According to testimony in a preliminary hearing in Plymouth's 35th District Court, Bojaj was not only speeding, but he was driving with a blood-alcohol content more than three times the legal limit, weaving from one side of the expressway to the other and back again, and doing it all while on a suspended license.

And now Bojaj, 28, will stand trial in her death.

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LaJoy: Canton faces 'unprecedented' challenges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's deepening economic woes, spurred by a \$1 billion decline in taxable values since 2007, have left township leaders facing unprecedented challenges, Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Thursday morning.

Amid the gloom, however, township officials say Canton continues to attract new businesses, and other projects hold promise such as an Oakwood Healthcare plan to break ground, possibly by late 2011, for a long-discussed hospital near Michigan Avenue and Beck Road.

It almost seemed like a tale of two townships as LaJoy and Economic Development Manager



FILE PHOTO

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy told a Canton Chamber of Commerce breakfast audience Thursday that the township faces "unprecedented challenges."

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz summed up the community's position as they addressed a crowd of about 90 people during a Canton Chamber

of Commerce breakfast at the Summit on the Park.

Canton's falling property values have slashed township tax revenues by more than \$8 million a year, wiping out earlier gains and returning Canton to a financial position it had in 2005, LaJoy said.

"All that growth has disappeared," LaJoy said later Thursday, during a budget session. "It's gone."

Moreover, outside auditors have warned it could take Canton until 2024 to return to property values it enjoyed just a few years ago, LaJoy said.

"We're going to get through this," he told the chamber crowd. "We have a strong community, and we're not giving up on that."

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said every

township department has become engaged in helping to market Canton amid hopes of spurring a more rapid rebound. She cited efforts to attract new businesses and residents with campaign slogans such as "Canton: We've Got It."

LaJoy said Canton's parks, facilities, road improvements and business-friendly environment can help to achieve the goal of pushing the township forward, despite a tough economy.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz touted W.F. Whelan Co.'s decision to move to Canton, filling the township's largest industrial vacancy near Joy and Haggerty roads, as among the positive signs as this community continues to lure new business. W.F. Whelan, a global third-party

logistics firm, is moving here to consolidate two facilities it has in Romulus.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz also said an unnamed medical device company has indicated it will potentially move to Canton and bring nearly 160 jobs within the next two to three years.

"There are some wonderful things happening," she said.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the township continues to try to streamline the process for new companies moving to Canton, as well as aiding existing businesses seeking to expand.

"We do a lot of hand-holding," she said. "We try to make it as painless as possible."

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On Friday, Judge Ronald Lowe bound Bojaj over for trial after a three-hour preliminary hearing on three counts: Murder in the second degree, manslaughter with a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of liquor causing death. A fourth charge, driving with a suspended license, was dismissed. The murder charge carries a sentence of up to life in prison; the other two charges are 15-year felonies.

Raukar and Cooper were among half-a-dozen witnesses who testified at the hearing, and both said Bojaj's driving was erratic.

"It was unbelievably erratic and fast," Cooper testified. "I was nervous. I contemplated calling 9-1-1 to report it... it wasn't much longer before we saw the accident."

Canton Police Officer Adam Shulman, one of the first responders to the accident, found Bojaj trapped in his car, which had gotten tangled in the guardrail to the left of the road. Shulman testified Bojaj admitted he'd been drinking, and that he smelled the odor of intoxicants. Bojaj's eyes, Shulman testified, were bloodshot and glassy.

Results of a blood test showed Bojaj's blood-alcohol content to be 0.26.

Bojaj's attorney, Paul Bernier, agreed his client should be bound over on the manslaughter and driving under

the influence causing death counts, but argued Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Athina Siringas failed to make the case for second-degree murder.

"Just because someone is drinking and driving and causes an accident it doesn't make it murder-2," Bernier said. "It requires egregious circumstances. Murder-2 is a gross overcharge in this case."

But Siringas countered that, saying "if this case isn't murder-2, I don't know what would be."

"We're talking about drinking to such excess it's more than three times the legal limit... witnesses clearly saw the danger," Siringas said. "This defendant acted in wanton, total disregard for any other drivers on the road."

In the end, Lowe agreed with Siringas. "The only way we can hope to have a valid use of our roadways is to have rules about how we operate on them," Lowe said. "When these rules get broken... people can die. Believing drinking and then driving at a high rate of speed... it's just wrong thinking."

Gunn's parents and other friends and family sat through the hearing, wincing at testimony about their daughter's condition and again when Michigan State Trooper Eric Thompson, who photographed the scene of the accident, described pictures of the damage to Gunn's car.

They were happy to see Bojaj will stand trial in the case.



Shelby Gunn of Westland, pictured here with boyfriend Ian Ferrell of Canton, was killed in an accident on northbound I-275 near Koppernick Aug. 15.

"I'd have been happier to see all the charges stick, but to see the murder-2 charge stay was very important to us," Teri Gunn said. "Our life is totally changed. Our future has been robbed from us."

Lowe left Bojaj's \$50,000 bond in place, along with the conditions that went with it: an alcohol tether that monitors his blood-alcohol level around the clock, home arrest and no driving.

That didn't sit well with the Gunns, who would have liked to see the bond raised.

"We lost our daughter, and he's home watching TV," Rob Gunn said. "He's got all the comforts of home, he gets home-cooked meals, and all we get to look at is a box of ashes."

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BUDGET

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During a 7 p.m. meeting Tuesday that includes a public hearing, the Canton Township Board of Trustees is expected to wield its authority to impose a combined 1.75-mill tax increase for police and fire services — a move Finance Director Rick Eva said will generate as much as \$5.4 million a year.

COSTS RISING

The tax hike would cost an average Canton homeowner with an \$89,100 taxable value an additional \$12.99 a month, or \$155.92 a year.

Even though township officials can levy the tax increase without seeking voter approval, LaJoy said, "we've never done it."

The board's authority stems from separate, voter-approved ballot measures that created special assessment districts more than three decades ago.

On May 18, 1976, township residents voted 2,853 to 1,292 to establish Canton's fire department rather than rely on volunteer firefighters. Clerk Terry Bennett said the measure arose after a fire killed a local family.

In a closer decision, residents voted 2,085 to 2,012 on Aug. 27, 1977, to create a police department rather than continue to rely on the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for protection, Bennett said.

Neither vote placed a cap on taxes the township can impose to operate the fire and police departments.

LAYOFFS COMING?

Canton officials say the 1.75-mill tax increase will help avoid potentially significant layoffs among 62 firefighters and 86 police officers — staffing levels that local leaders say are the lowest per 1,000 residents among comparably sized communities including Livonia, Shelby Township, Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Westland, Waterford and Dearborn.

Local officials said they see no alternative to a tax hike and other measures due to worsening budget problems.

"It's not a pretty picture, but it is what it is, and we've got to deal with it in realistic terms," township Trustee John Anthony said Thursday evening during budget talks. "Do we want Canton to be what we've enjoyed, or do we want something less?"

Anthony cited Canton's public safety, recreation offerings and schools as reasons he and others chose to live here.

Elected leaders plan to explain the budget proposals during the second of two public forums scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center. The first forum was Saturday.

With the tax hike, Canton's combined millage rate for general fund and police and fire services would climb from 8.65 mills to 10.40.

Meanwhile, township officials have initiated talks aimed at getting \$1.8 million in concessions not only from six unions, but also from workers, including department heads, whose jobs fall under the local Merit Commission. One union representing police officers refused concessions in opening-round discussions, but more talks have been scheduled as township leaders seek cuts in pay levels and benefits, along with possible unpaid furlough days, totaling 5-10 percent.

"We haven't got that all worked out yet," Eva, the finance director, said.

SHARE THE PAIN

When asked if the Canton Township Board of Trustees would take a similar pay cut, LaJoy said elected officials are researching every legal option — if any — they could take under state law to cut their own pay.

The township board essentially approves its own pay levels based on a committee's recommendation. Bennett said the board reduced salaries starting in 2008 and imposed a four-year freeze.

Aside from a tax hike and employee concessions, township officials also said they have identified cost-cutting measures, such as delaying fire and police equipment purchases, amounting to a combined

\$1.7 million for the Public Safety, Municipal Services and Canton Leisure Services departments. Several positions also have been trimmed over the last two years.

The township's current overall tax rate of 8.65 mills for general fund, police and fire services has remained flat for years, though many residents have seen their tax bills drop due to declining property values.

Largely because of those declining revenues, Canton's financial position has eroded quickly, plunging from a combined surplus of \$11.7 million for the general, fire and police funds in late 2009 to the projected \$14.3 million deficit by late 2012.

By raising the public safety tax, seeking concessions and adopting cost-cutting measures, Eva said revised fund balances for 2012 would be \$889,950 for the general fund, \$1.3 million for the fire department and \$1.2 million for police.

In a rare public display of differences, some township board members took swipes at each other during a round of budget talks Tuesday evening.

Trustee Todd Caccamo specifically questioned the level of spending proposed for Canton Leisure Services, saying recreation costs could be trimmed amid declining township revenues.

"We cannot call ourselves conservatives or Republicans ... if we allow this kind of budget to go through," he said Tuesday.

Caccamo, who has missed a number of township meetings including Thursday's session due to an out-of-town job, was rebuked Tuesday by Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who said he hasn't always been available as the new budget unfolds.

"You're sort of playing seven-card stud with five cards," she said.

All elected officials appeared to agree on one point: Canton has to take steps, whatever they may be, to protect the community's quality of life. As LaJoy put it, "We've got to be strong."

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W-W board approves three administrative appointments

BY SUE MASON
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A co-principal at Marshall Upper Elementary School is among three individuals being assigned new jobs with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The Wayne-Westland school board approved the appointment of Aaron Baughman as the director of professional development, Susan Wilk as assistant principal at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and Adam Martin as an assistant principal at John Glenn High School.

Baughman has been with the district since 2001. He has been a teacher at Hoover Elementary and at Marshall before becoming its assistant principal in 2007 and then principal in 2009.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in English and elementary education from William Tyndale College and a master of science degree in administration from Madonna University.

"I thank you for this opportunity," said Baughman, a Taylor resident. "I appreciate the great work going on in the district, and I'm very excited about the future and what we will be able to accomplish. I'm excited about my new position."

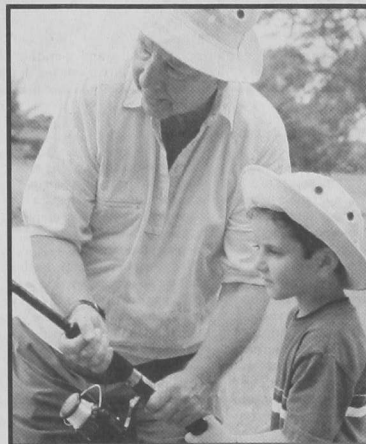
Wilk, who lives in Monroe, was employed with Family Services of Detroit and Wayne County and in private practice before becoming a substitute social worker in the Airport Community Schools. She joined Wayne-Westland as a school social worker in 1988 and has been assigned to the Career Technical Center where she has been involved in the highly successful Innovative Vehicle Design program.

She has a bachelor of arts degree

in social work from Michigan State University and a master of social work degree from Wayne State University. The head of the district's department of social workers, Wilk was the 2009 Westland ATHENA Award winner.

"I've served as a school social worker for 13 years at the center and I look forward to providing a different kind of leadership as the Career Technical Center moves into the future and prepare our students in a most meaningful way," she said.

A Garden City resident, Martin has bachelor of arts degree in history and science and master's degree in public administration, both from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He taught science and social studies with the Detroit Public Schools for three years before joining the Garden City school district.



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Initiative partners schools, prosecutor

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With cyber-bullying on the rise, and a fairly new term called "sexting" entering the modern lexicon – and with school-age children the target of much of both – local officials want to make sure schools are as safe as they can be.

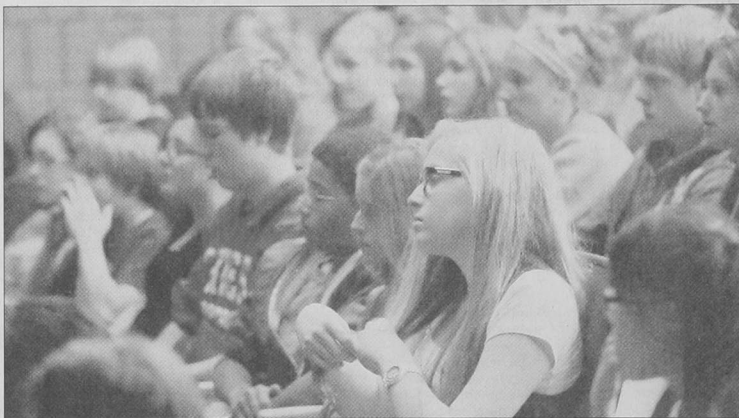
That's why Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Charisse Anderson was at Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools this week launching Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's "Safe Schools Initiative," a pilot program Worthy is starting in half-a-dozen Wayne County school districts.

The initiative is designed to help schools, local police departments and the prosecutor's offices work more closely together to prevent – and handle – disciplinary problems.

"This gives the kids the right information," said Canton Police Officer Sara Boritzki, one of two CPD officers assigned as resource officers to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "We've found kids have been given some mis-information (about the legal process) over the years. This gives them the ability to distinguish good decisions and bad decisions."

Anderson was in all three high schools talking to freshmen about the dangers – and the possible criminal implications – of a variety of situations, among them:

- Cyber-bullying – the act of making threats using cell phones or computers to threaten someone.



Canton freshmen listen to the presentation.

- "Sexting" – Sending and receiving text messages of a sexual or pornographic nature. Boritzki demonstrated how students who receive such images could possibly be charged, as well as the people who take or submit to such images

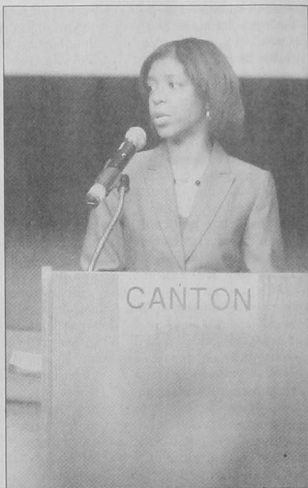
- Dangers that can be inherent in the use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and MySpace. While school officials generally have no recourse over the use of such media unless it's done on school-owned computers, Boritzki and Anderson pointed out steps can be taken if such use creates an unsafe school environment.

Similar demonstrations are going on at schools in Taylor, Harper Woods, Detroit, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

Boritzki pointed out the new program won't really change how disciplinary and legal issues are handled. The emphasis, she said, will be the same: Keeping students safe.

"It's going to be pretty much what we do now," Boritzki said. "We'll work closer with the prosecutor's office, and have them take a more active role with the kids."

Anderson told freshmen she would be assigned to their schools to monitor issues such as truancy — "Seventy percent of prisoners had truancy as the first thing listed on their arrest records," Anderson said — gang activity, bullying and other disciplinary issues, along with providing educational assistance.



Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Charisse Anderson speaks about the law in relation to teen sex.

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"This assembly is one of those educational initiatives to keep you away from the legal system," she told students.

Students were attentive and participative in the assembly, and generally seemed to find it useful.

"I thought it was really good," said 14-year-old Taylor Hunley. "Some of their examples gave you a good perspective."

Canton High School assistant principal Carrie Lawler told the freshmen the program was designed for their safety.

"We're very excited about it," Lawler said. "We think it's helpful for you to know what kind of legal issues you might face."



Canton Officer Sara Boritzki talks about the legal implications of cyber-bullying.

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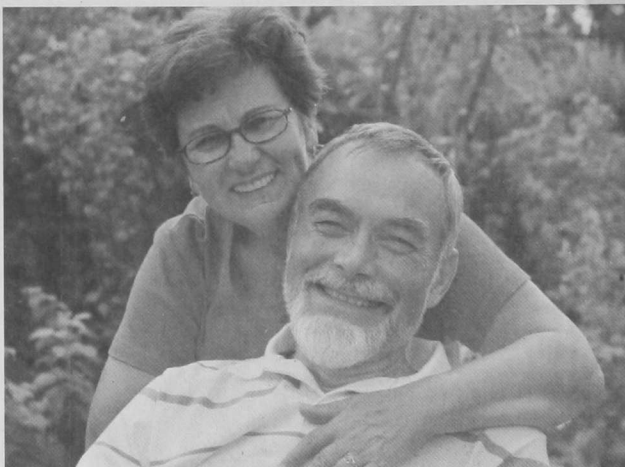
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Food drive

Skin Station II and the Canton Goodfellows are partnering on a pair of can food drives designed to benefit Goodfellow programs.

The drives are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 29, and again Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Skin Station II, located at 8611 Ronda in Canton. Both drives run 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission on both nights will be three cans of food or nonperishable items (skate rental will be extra).

For more information, visit the arena's website at www.skinstation2.com or call (734) 459-6401.

Service salute

Canton's Veterans Day Salute to Service takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Organizers are looking for anyone who would like to display memorabilia during the event. Anyone who'd like to take advantage of the opportunity should contact Sean Fletcher via e-mail at sean.fletcher@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5472.

The focus this year will be on Korean War veterans. The Canton Cable Studio will be recording interviews with Korean veterans. Veterans who are interested in volunteering to be interviewed may contact Cable TV studio manager Dave Harris at (734) 398-5241.

Those who participate will be invited to the Salute to Service program and be honored during the program. They will receive a DVD of their interview.

The interviews will be compiled into a presentation for the Salute to Service program.

Appraisal clinic

The Canton Historical Society brings back its annual antique appraisal clinic 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Cherry Hill School, located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge in Canton.

Dumouchelle Antique Appraisal will conduct verbal and written appraisals (limit three hand-carried items). Verbal appraisals cost \$10; written appraisals are \$15. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society.

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Cabaret night

Dynamic Stage Production/D2 Productions will present the "Best BREAST Night of Broadway," a cabaret benefit to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The show runs 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7-10, at Riverside Arts Center, 76 North Huron, Ypsilanti. Detroit State Production performers from past and upcoming productions will share their favorite hit Broadway songs in an intimate cabaret setting. Songs from hit Broadway musicals like *Wicked* and *Legally Blond* will be featured, along with classic musical theatre songs. Tickets are \$15 with \$5 being donated from each ticket. Ticketing information and details are available at www.D2Productions.org.

ographer Cheryl Vatcher-Martin of Canton will be autographing copies of her books at the Novi Borders Express on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m., and on Oct. 9 at the Barnes & Noble book store in Allen Park at 2 p.m., and Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Borders Express stand-alone store in Southgate.

"I'll be happy to talk to people about the craft of Haiku and how I arranged the Haiku in my book, 'Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History.' I've spoken to many readers about the one of a kind history contained in my book which can be shared with children and adults alike. Many of my students have enjoyed learning the craft of Haiku from my book," Martin said.

Her brand new Writers' Club will debut Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at the William P. Faust Library in Westland.

As a prolific author, writer, photographer, poet, college professor/instructor and small business owner, she's looking forward to the writers that she'll encourage through her new group. Writers of all levels and genres are invited. She can be reached at (734) 397-1626.

Grief support

Compassionate Care Hospice offers a five-week grief support series,

"Adult Loss of a Parent," beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5. The group is for any adult who has experienced the death of a parent and will provide support and education on the grieving process.

The group will be conducted at the Compassionate Care Hospice office located at 5730 Lilley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, from 6-7:30 p.m. There is no charge.

For information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 983-9050.

Walk for melanoma

The fifth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10, at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 11 a.m. Register online: www.melanomawalk.org - click on First Giving.

All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

Mackinac Island trip

Area seniors are encouraged to experience the ultimate Mackinac Island vacation at the magnificent Grand Hotel Oct. 11-14 during this annual autumn trip. This all-inclu-

sive bus trip, presented by Canton Senior Center in partnership with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA), is designed for individuals 50 years or older, but spouses, sons, daughters, and caregivers under 50 are also welcome.

This fun four-day getaway to Mackinac Island includes: roundtrip transportation; accommodations at the historic Grand Hotel; baggage handling, taxes and tips; a full breakfast each morning; a five-course dinner each evening; carriage tours; nightly dancing; contests; movies; a history lecture; a walking tour; special discounts; a final evening celebration; and more!

"Our hope is that seniors don't miss this opportunity to experience the beauty and serenity of one of Michigan's great treasures," said Susan Doughty, Recreation Specialist. "The Grand Hotel has played host to many well-known names over the years, including several U.S. Presidents; Mark Twain; Madonna; and Barbara Walters. We'd love for as many seniors as possible to experience a visit to this historic gem where cars are not allowed and the horse and carriage is the favored mode of transportation."

Fees for this unforgettable trip are: \$869 single/\$679 double/\$620 triple. A deposit is due at the time of registration at the Senior Center and the registration deadline October 1, 2010. For additional information, contact the Senior Center Front Desk at 734/394-5485 or visit Cantonfun.org.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 16, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE.716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com.

Check out Canton

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

"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 can call Canton's Economic Development office at (734) 394-5182.

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.

New school opportunity

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4-6 year olds this fall.

This popular co-op school has been in business since 1962 and is now working in partnership with the Bilingual Fun Company to offer an enrichment bilingual program.

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Michigan Truth Squad beefs up for election

The Michigan Truth Squad, the nonpartisan political watchdog website sponsored by The Center for Michigan, is increasing coverage and capabilities to better serve voters leading up to the Nov. 2 general election.

Three referees will join current reporters in examining political ads. The added reporting muscle will allow the Truth Squad to expand its fact-checking scope to include the state's congressional candidates, according to John Bebow, executive director of The Center for Michigan.

Until now, the Truth Squad has only examined ads, websites and other campaign literature from candidates for the state Legislature, governor, attorney general, secretary of state and political parties.

"The Michigan Truth Squad has

already had an impact on the elections, being cited by candidates who find themselves on the side of truth and being criticized by those who are being caught spreading misinformation, exaggerating, not providing complete information, or telling outright lies," Bebow said.

"Now we are expanding our reach through Election Day in hopes that candidates and parties will focus truthfully on the issues that count."

Bebow noted that the Truth Squad website has received more than 70,000 page views. Visit www.MichiganTruthSquad.com.

The Center for Michigan is a "think-and-do tank" founded by veteran statewide business and political leaders in early 2006. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, The Center's objective is to assist the state through its current economic trouble and to lay the foundation for a better future.

Locals to celebrate Gandhi

A event titled "Diwali — Festival of Lights" and "Gandhi Jayanti Celebration" is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

This special presentation will feature music, dance and skits showcasing the traditions of India's celebration of Diwali Day, as well as the anniversary of Gandhi's birth. The theater will open at 6:30 p.m. for viewing of various displays.

This unique celebration is presented by the Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Committee in conjunction with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. A \$1 donation per person will be requested at the door to join these celebrations.

Lighting candles during the Festival of Lights illuminates the darkness of the New Year's moon and strengthens close friendships and personal knowledge. With the light, individuals can bring brightness and joy with the hope of finding light in darkness, achieving knowledge where there is ignorance, and spreading love amidst hatred.

During the festival, oil lamps are burned throughout the day and into the night to ward off darkness and evil.

These special festivities will also honor the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi by celebrating the values that he lived every day. Recognized as one of the most influential people of the 20th century, Gandhi's teachings continue to carry a powerful message. "You must be the change you want to see in the world" — a quote by Mahatma Gandhi that today still resonates throughout the world.

To kick off the event, Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy will provide the program welcome and introduction to a night of songs, skits, dances, displays and speakers that was planned by Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Subcommittee members Madhu Menawat, Fanny Raina, and Manjula Verma.

Financial support for the event is provided by Sunil and Madhu Menawat; Dr. Syed Taj, Canton

Township Trustee; and SSTAR Mortgage Co. — a nationwide Broker/Lender.

The Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Committee's mission is to get to know our neighbors and their culture through the arts. This dedicated group of volunteers has participated annually at Canton's Liberty Fest by hosting and presenting an International Festival with diverse performances, displays, activities and specialty foods.

In addition to "Diwali — Festival of Lights" and "Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations," subcommittee members continue to host additional cultural events, including: an International Festival annual event at the Village Theater in February and a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. each January.

For more information on "Diwali — Festival of Lights" and other upcoming cultural events and performances at the Village Theater, visit Cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

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Program takes arts to the Rouge trail

Canton Leisure Services is once again taking art to the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail during the Chainsaw Art & Fall Food Fest.

Visitors can enjoy an afternoon of arts and eats on Saturday, Oct. 9, from noon to 4 p.m. at this popular trail system, located off Morton Taylor Road at Michigan Avenue.

Throughout the event, chainsaw artists will use their special talents turning logs into intricate sculptures. Watch as these carvers transform fallen trees into works of art. Popular carvings include totem poles, birds, bears, and additional wildlife. Known for creating intricately detailed carvings, these masters will be revving up their chainsaws all afternoon to amaze festival goers. Completed pieces will also be available for purchase.

"These trails are the perfect location to showcase the unique art of chainsaw carving," said Jon LaFever, Recreation Coordinator. "We've recently added permanent wooden benches and additional carvings along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail to enhance these open spaces."

New this year, Raku artists will be on site demonstrating this unique ceramic glazing process that uses both fire and smoke to create exceptional patterns and designs. Characterized by hand-molding of the clay, watch these Raku artists create one-of-a-kind works. Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats and Canton Coney Island will have lunch items for sale. Home Depot will also provide a fun craft for kids to make and take home with them from noon to 4 p.m.

Come out and experience these beautiful trails in all their fall colors and watch these artists at work during the Chainsaw Art & Fall Food Fest. For more information



Canton Leisure Services takes art to the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail during the Chainsaw Art & Fall Food Fest, set for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9.

about this family-friendly event or any of Canton Leisure Services' fall activities, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Study group

The Plymouth Study Group will again present a series of lectures on various topics Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

Membership for the Study Group is \$20 per series, and each series includes 10 presentations and is open to any interested individuals in the Plymouth, Northville and Livonia areas. Coffee, tea and refreshments are served starting at 9:45 a.m.; lectures begin promptly at 10 a.m.

For more information on the Plymouth Study Group and their fall series, contact Chairperson Karen Chapin, (734) 453-4765

NEWS BRIEFS

or Membership Chair Connie Griffo, (248) 477-7049.

Upcoming topics include:

- Sept. 30 – Katherine Socal, owner of the new local Biscotti Bar speaks about eating healthy and enjoying it. Learn how "natural and organic" are good words and try free samples.
- Oct. 7 – Kathy Henning speaks on "Present Moment Meditation," simple meditation techniques that can easily be applied to every day living.
- Oct. 14 – Mary Ann Wheeler, retired Livonia Public Schools librarian and guide at the Plymouth Historical Museum gives a picture of Abraham Lincoln's family.
- Oct. 21 – Beverly Thomas presents a program on the musicals of Rogers & Hammerstein.
- Oct. 28 – Musical presentation by the Fabulous Heftones. Brian plays ukulele, Lynn plays bass and together they croon love's old sweet songs, and invite you to sing along.
- Nov. 4 – Sue Daniel from Greenmead Historical Park will give a presentation on Michigan's one-room school houses. Also enjoy a short talk by Kathy Anderson of "Tastefully Simple."
- Nov. 11 – Still-Got-It Players tells us what's new at the Village Theater in Cherry Hills, plus get freebies for some of the events on the schedule.
- Nov. 18 – A little taste of the Christmas season with Victorian costumes and carols from the wonder vocal ensemble, The Arbor Consort.

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W-W's Hoover School honored for student achievement

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland's Hoover Elementary School has been tapped to receive a state award for excellence in leadership in school improvement.

The school was among four to receive the 2010 Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Leadership Award from the Middle Cities Educational Association. The annual award honors K-12 schools in urban

school systems that demonstrate leadership in school improvement, specifically improvements that reflect gains in student achievement.

"The Muth Award recognizes schools that have made extraordinary gains in student achievement," said Ray Telman, executive director of Middle Cities, a coalition of 33 urban school districts in Michigan. "It also helps us identify best practices so that those successful methods could be shared with other schools."

The award was presented to Jennifer Curry, principal for the 2009-10 school year, and current Principal Jennifer Chambers. It includes a \$1,500 check to be used for school improvement.

According to Paul Salah, senior executive director of instruction, the staff's "passion for the kids and clear commitment to education just really came through" at the award presentation in Lansing last week.

"I think what Hoover has done is one example of what takes place in Wayne-Westland," he said. "The staff is wholeheartedly committed to the children of the building and to the educational programs."

Curry told the board that with the help of a pilot rapid interven-

tion program and the staff's commitment to improvement, students' test scores improved 10-14 percent.

"We had a plan and stuck to it and were consistent," she said. "When we said we would meet, we met."

The award specifically recognized the school for offering strategic and timely intervention to engage and improve student achievement and its tremendous growth in scores on the state's standardized tests and its "incredible" intervention programs.

"I truly see the teacher leadership and teamwork; parents, teachers and students are working together as partners in education," said Chambers. "It's just an extraordinarily happy place to be, I'm lucky to be there."

According to Diane DeLuca-Smith, an interventionist at the

school, the improvement plan is student centered and a collaborative effort. While students are responsible for learning, the differential instruction is geared to meet their individual needs.

"Students are grouped by instructional level, interests and needs," she said. "We have a shared focus for the students with goals and action plans. We're always talking about the success of the students and how to make it better for them."

She added that when the school applied for the award, they looked at what is done at Hoover. The reaction, she said, was: "Oh, my God, we do so much."

The school fosters reading with small guided groups and having children read at their own levels so they can practice. It also has across-the-grades reading buddies

and monthly writer's workshops and monthly writing prompts to help students master the MEAP's writing on demand.

"We use the standards to see where we need to go," said second-grade teacher Rachel Slovina. "Our mini lessons drive instruction. It helps students with what they need."

DeLuca-Smith also praised parents for their involvement in the school, pointing out that they come in and does such things as running off copies and cutting out things out for the literacy stations.

"The neat thing is that it was organized by a parent," she said. "Our school and principal have changed, but what has not changed is our passion for the children," she added.

Trustee Carol Middel thanked the staff for their efforts.

"We value what you do and the students value what you have done for them," she said.

"To me and my staff, we will continue to do what we're doing," said Chambers. "It's a matter of remembering to be consistent and persistent."

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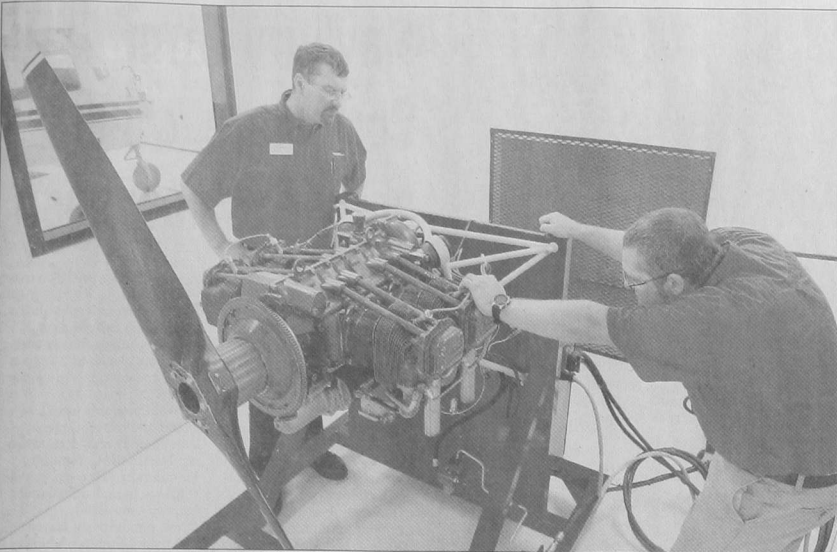
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AVIATION

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said Judy Noble, MIAT media relations specialist. MIAT rolled out its new headquarters at 2955 S. Haggerty, north of Michigan Avenue, after consolidating its former Willow Run and New Boston facilities under one roof. The grand opening drew officials from Wayne County government, the Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association, the Michigan Economic Development Corp., veterans groups and MIAT-affiliated companies such as Siemens Energy, Williams International LLC and Sylectus. MIAT officials say the new campus not only can prepare



Local canton Chamber of Commerce members Janet Volante, Linda Stansell and Denise Staffeld look at a helicopter.

students for jobs in aviation maintenance, power technology and transportation dispatch, but also spur economic growth at home. "We need to continue to cre-

ate an aerospace marketplace second to none in the state of Michigan," Gavin Brown, executive director of the Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association, told the crowd

Wednesday. MIAT training ranges from seven months for transportation dispatch to 20 months for an aviation maintenance program accredited by the Federal Aviation Administration. MIAT began its aircraft courses 40 years ago and has expanded to incorporate other fields. Burchett said MIAT graduates typically can expect to earn hourly wages starting at \$12 for a transportation dispatcher to \$25 for a power-industry technician. The school recruits students from across the nation, and some of them end up in careers around the world. "It's a destination school," Burchett said. "People come here from all across the United States because our training is so specific." Moreover, Burchett described

MIAT as a 20-classroom school that draws half of its 180 employees from Canton and adjacent communities. Though it prepares its graduates for jobs most anywhere, MIAT also hopes to spur economic growth close to home. "Our goal is to drive industry to Michigan by providing an educated workforce," Burchett said. Turkia Awada Mullin, chief development officer for the Wayne County Economic Development Growth Engine, or EDGE, said MIAT can be one of the links to spurring economic growth in the region. She also mentioned the so-called aeropolis — a goal aimed at luring new industry to a swath

of land roughly between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports. "It's all about connecting the dots," Mullin said. MIAT starts new courses of study every 10 weeks, and students can opt for daytime or evening classes. Nearly two-thirds of students have full-time jobs, yet they attend school six hours a day, five days a week. "It's an intense, no-nonsense, hands-on approach to learning a trade in the shortest amount of time that is practical," Burchett said. For more information, visit MIAT at www.miat.edu or call (800) 447-1310.

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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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Farmer Bob (Zaetta, of Plymouth) walks in Maybury Farm's corn maze on Sept. 15. The maze and all of the farm's property opened Sept. 18 for visitors.

Maybury Farm Corn Maze, other activities now open

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Weekday hours are noon to 4 p.m.

One of Northville's family-friendly places, Maybury Farm, is now in the midst of its fall festivities.

The annual Corn Maze opened Sept. 17, and the Welcome Center also features fresh vegetables for sale, including summer squash and spaghetti squash, green pepper, zucchini, jalapeno peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant, pumpkins, gourds, popcorn, hot dogs, beverages, honey, hard candy and more. T-shirts are available, plus peacock features, and visitors can enter a drawing to win free farm passes.

Visitors can pick their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch starting Oct. 1.

The farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads 1/2 mile west of the Maybury State Park entrance.

This year's Corn Maze was designed by Floyd Watkins and is in the shape of a tractor that says Maybury Farm. Those who can find all nine wooden animals hidden in the maze can enter a chance to win one of five \$100 Meijer gift cards for those age 18 and older.

For guests age 3 and under, the farm features a Kiddie Corn Maze.

CORN MAZE THROUGH NOV. 8

The 14-acre Corn Maze includes a wagon ride with Farmer Bob out to the maze and will run through Nov. 8. Weekend hours are 1-10 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. on Sundays. Beginning tomorrow, the farm will be open from 6-10 p.m. on Fridays.

A grant from Ford Motor Co. is going toward a small area for young children with a sand box, playhouse, wooden horse and carriage and picnic tables.

"We'll probably have a 'Name the Horse' Contest," said Shari Peters, director of the Northville Community Foundation.

Rickie Lynn Rundell and her two sons, Brody, 2, and Drew, 9 months, of Harrison Township, came with her husband's parents, Howard and Jacquie Rundell of Northville, to the farm on Sept. 15.

"We haven't been out here since our son, Bill, was little," Howard said. "This is a third generation visit. We bring our grandsons out here to show them that food doesn't come from the grocery stores."

FARM IS 60 ACRES

The 60-acre farm features Polish ducks, goats, sheep, cows, a pig, chickens, geese, rabbits and horses. Other features are bee hives, a bat house, black walnut trees and sugar maple trees.

"It takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of maple syrup," said Farmer John.

Parking is free, with admission to the farm at \$7 for children age 3-9 and \$9 for others. Age 2 and under are admitted at no charge. Group tours can be arranged by calling (248) 374-0200. For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org. The price of the tickets is tax deductible.

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Studio produces kids' TV show

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new nationally syndicated children's TV show that will air the week of Sept. 27 was produced in Livonia.

Ariel & Zoey (Eli too), a variety show for tweens and their families, was filmed at Gear House Creative Studios near Schoolcraft and Inkster, said Susan Leigh, who owns the production studio with her husband, Michael Kudreiko, a Livonia native.

The show stars identical twins Ariel and Zoey Engelbert, 11, and their "pesky sidekick" brother, Eli, 9, of Ann Arbor. Leigh said. The Ann Arbor siblings sing, dance, play instruments, interview nationally-known guests such as comedian Heywood Banks who have a positive message for kids and share interesting facts with viewers like how many miles the earth is from the moon.

"It's unique. There are not very many children's variety shows," Leigh said, adding it appeals to families in general.

'WHOLE SOME, ENTERTAINING'

Kudreiko said the show is wholesome and entertaining and has a patriotic element to some of the episodes.

"It's Americana without a lot of in-your-face flag waving," he said.

The production studio, which opened in 2005, has made horror films and national commercials for Chevrolet, Porsche, GM Goodwrench and others, but this is its first TV show.

Matt Engelbert, the children's father and the show's executive producer and creator, was referred to Kudreiko when he was looking for someone to film the children performing live.

Engelbert said he was impressed with Kudreiko's work, and Kudreiko and Leigh were equally impressed with the children's talent.

"I just felt it," Leigh said of the first time she heard the kids perform *Sweet Company*, composed by David Barrett of *One Shining Moment* fame. "I ... commented to Mike this song just screams TV to me." *Sweet Company* is the new show's theme song.

Agreed Kudreiko, "Once you listen to it, you don't get it out of your head."

Leigh pitched the idea of the kids doing a sitcom, but Engelbert had already been thinking about a variety show, which was closer to what they were already doing live.

1ST SONG PLAYED BY PURTAN

The kids released their first single, *Rainbow Connection*, in the winter of 2007 as a tribute to children whose parents serve in the military in Iraq. Detroit radio personality Dick Purtan featured them on his morning program, Engelbert said. Since then, they have sung the national



Zoey, Eli and Ariel Engelbert of Ann Arbor on the set of their nationally syndicated TV show, which was produced in Livonia.

anthem at numerous events across the country including a sold-out Detroit Pistons basketball game and have performed at military bases across the country.

Engelbert quit his job as a fund-raiser for a major college to work on the TV show, with the support of his wife, Caroline. The couple has another child, Joely, 4, who Leigh said is equally talented but hasn't been on camera yet.

The two families have become close friends, and Joely makes an appearance on the show during the first season with Kudreiko and Leigh's daughter, Emily, 4.

Kudreiko said Engelbert is the kind of producer who likes to work with the same crew. At the time he came up with the idea of a TV show, Kudreiko said he and his wife were looking for a longer-term project.

TWO SEASONS APPROVED

The show has been approved for two, 13-week seasons. The first season took about 10 months to produce. The second season is in production now.

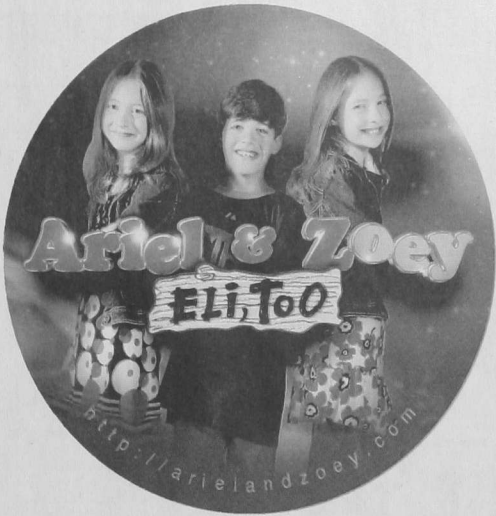
Kudreiko, who attended Livonia Franklin High School, does all of the shooting and editing, completing about 90 percent of the work at his Livonia studio. Motion graphics artist Matthew Gioio of Redford is responsible for the show's eye-catching graphics.

Kudreiko said the Livonia studio staff is excited to see the show on television. "It'll be kind of surreal," he said. "We've been seeing it for so long watching it on the (studio) monitor."

A debut party will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will go toward arts and music programs at Arbor Public Schools, which the Engelbert children attend.

Check local listings for when the show will air in the Detroit area.

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Canton hosts one more budget forum

Canton residents are invited to attend one last public forum being held by township officials to discuss Canton's 2011-12 budget.

The forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The forums come as township officials have begun a series of meetings aimed at hammering out a new budget.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy will be joined at the public forums by Finance Director Rick Eva and Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek in explaining Canton's multi-year budget process, the township's financial situation and various scenarios that are being discussed.

Residents will have an opportunity to voice opinions and ask questions.

Share your good news, win dinner at Buddy's

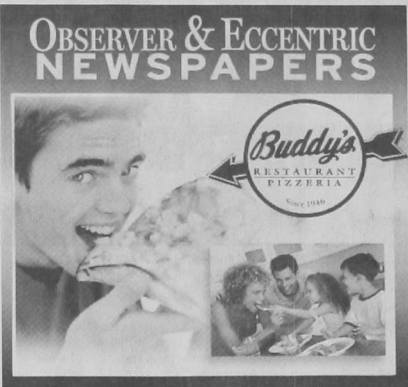
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Canton senior quarterback Ben Merbler wards off Westland John Glenn defender Duron Govantes during Friday night's KLAA South matchup.

Chiefs again show no mercy

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ben Merbler's performance wasn't quite Denard Robinson-like, but it was pretty darn close.

The Canton senior quarterback's running and passing accounted for 204 of the Chiefs' total of 405 of offense in a 48-21 KLAA South

Division win Friday night at Westland John Glenn.

The 6-foot-3, 190-pound Merbler rushed for 109 yards, including a 78-yard keeper to propel the state-ranked Chiefs to a 7-0 lead just 3:41 into the game.

He also hit tight end Garrett Bryden with a 65-yard scoring toss with 2:44 to go in the first half to

put unbeaten Canton (5-0, 3-0) ahead 34-7.

Despite being a first-year starter, Merbler's play isn't a shock to Canton coach Tim Baechler.

"He's had a couple good games throwing the ball and running the ball," Baechler said. "He's a lot faster

Please see **CANTON, B3**

'Cats take charge in 2nd half

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's halftime chalk talk Friday night was pretty direct: play tougher.

The Wildcats and host Livonia Franklin played to a 7-7 deadlock after two quarters. Plymouth's sputtering offense only came to life by a fake punt that turned into a rousing, 42-yard touchdown run by senior running back Victor Hicks.

But Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk and his staff helped the players regroup and they stormed out to score 10 points in the first four minutes of the third and went on to post a convincing 24-7 win.

"We just talked about being tougher," said Sawchuk, following the KLAA South matchup. "We made a couple little adjustments, so they wouldn't get the edge on us."

"They got the edge on us a little bit on defense on a couple drives and the kids listened."

Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert, meanwhile, didn't like the way his Patriots came out for the third quarter. "In the second half we didn't match our energy, our enthusiasm or our aggressiveness in that second half and I'm not quite sure why," Kelbert said.

"... I don't think they did anything differently except play harder. We tell the guys all the time it's who wants it more, and they wanted it more in that third quarter."

Please see **PLYMOUTH, B3**

SIDELINES

Canton girls lax meeting

An informational meeting for the new Canton girls lacrosse team is scheduled from 7-8 p.m. Thursday in the media center at Canton High School.

Any girls interested in coming out for the inaugural season are encouraged to attend along with their parents.

This year marks the beginning of a new era in girls lacrosse, with the former Plymouth-Canton-Salem Unified team being spun off into three teams — one per high school.

The Chiefs will be coached by Dave Boyer, who is excited to launch the program.

Boyer brings a knowledge of the game as well as the ability to teach stick skills and fundamentals to the girls.

"Girls lacrosse is an exciting game that combines speed, skill, power, and athleticism," Boyer noted. Last spring, he coached PCS United's junior varsity and was varsity assistant coach.

For more information, e-mail Boyer, davidboyer@gmail.com.

Take Pride

The P-C Pride Fast-Pitch Softball Association, a division of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association is holding elections for its Board of Directors.

Elections will take place at the Nov. 8 board meeting for the positions of chairman, secretary and two members at large.

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Motta lifts Ocelots

It was the Adrian Motta Show on Wednesday as the Schoolcraft College sophomore goalkeeper provided both offense and defense in the Ocelots' 4-0 men's soccer win at Delta Community College.

Motta, from Livonia Churchill, went all 90 minutes in goal and made five saves, including a penalty kick stop with less than a minute to play, to preserve the shutout as the nationally-ranked Ocelots improved to 6-11 overall.



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With determination etched all over her face, Canton senior libero Laura Fcasni (No. 6) keeps a volley going during Thursday's home match against Westland John Glenn. At left is teammate Jackie Waite (No. 11).

Turning up the heat

Canton outlasts pesky Rockets in five

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The volleyball competition Thursday night inside Canton's gymnasium pretty much matched the unseasonably hot weather.

That's because visiting Westland John Glenn gave the host Chiefs all they could handle in a five-game, hammer-and-tong doozy of a KLAA South matchup.

Canton eventually outlasted the Rockets, 3-2, and John Glenn's first-year head coach Sharon Hubbard — like everybody else inside the gym — couldn't help but wipe a few beads of perspiration off her forehead.

head.

Even the spectators had to work, because the match was such a high-octane, back-and-forth grind. Virtually every point was hotly contested, with players such as John Glenn's Halie Baker and Canton's Kristen Muir often in the mix.

"I honestly just think we ran out of gas," said Hubbard, who thought the warm gym might have compounded matters. "So, we're going to get back in the gym, we're going to do more conditioning and we are going to be ready for Canton next time."

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Netters handle crossover test

BY TIM SMITH
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Thursday's KLAA crossover boys tennis dual matches gave Plymouth's and Canton's teams the chance to find out just how competitive they can be when the stakes are raised.

Both Plymouth head coach Tom Kimball and his Canton counterpart, Barb Lehmann, said their respective matches against visiting Brighton and Grand Blanc can only help players see for themselves if they have the right stuff for the upcoming conference and regional tournaments.

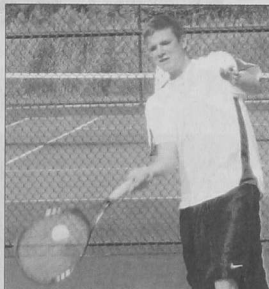
The Wildcats (5-2), playing in a divisional crossover involving second-place squads, doubled up the Bulldogs 6-3 sparked by solid performances from standout singles players Aaron Zhang (12-1 record) and Matt Dwan (at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively).

"The importance of the (crossover) matches is to see how we stack up against the other number two's in the divisions," explained Kimball, "to get to take a look at teams we don't normally get to see in the far-off reaches of the KLAA. We're preparing for a good run in the conference and regional tournaments."

Both Zhang and Dwan again showed they will be ready when the level of play ramps up Saturday, Oct. 2, in what should be a highly competitive KLAA Kensington Conference tournament slated for Novi High School.

That day should be a useful gauge as the Wildcats — not to mention Canton and Salem, both outstanding in their own right — prepare for the Division I regionals on Friday, Oct. 8 against some of the state's best teams. Kimball said Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Saline probably are among the top-six squads in Michigan.

"I want to win regionals and I want to get to states and see how I do once I get there," said Zhang, after wrapping up his 6-0, 6-3 win Thursday against Brighton's No. 1 player.



JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth's Mitch McKinstry of the No. 4 doubles team returns a shot during Thursday's KLAA crossover dual match with Brighton. McKinstry and Cameron Earls won in three sets.

Dwan, a 6-0, 6-1 winner at No. 2, said his goal is to reach the regional finals, which would be a notch higher than his semifinal appearance in 2009.

STRONG VARSITY DEBUT

Also winning their matches Thursday for the Wildcats were Ian Fleming (No. 4 singles, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1) and a trio of doubles teams.

Those included No. 2 (Drew Leist-Josh Heinz, 6-3, 6-4), No. 4 (Cameron Earls-Mitch McKinstry, 3-6, 7-5, 7-2) and the revamped No. 5 doubles duo of Joe Klotz and Praven Loganathan (6-0, 6-2).

Kimball cited the effort turned in by Loganathan, a sophomore called up from the undefeated junior varsity to fill in for John Halpin.

"Praven was excited to get the nod," Kimball said. "Our assistant coach has done

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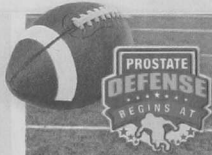
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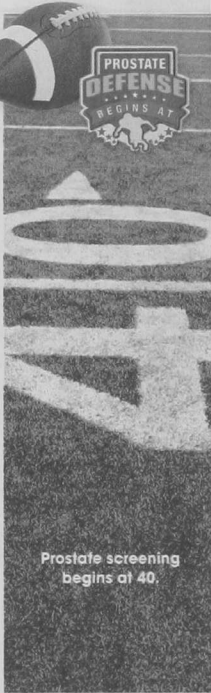
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John Glenn (7-6-5, 1-1) served notice the night wouldn't be easy for the Chiefs by winning Game 1, 25-23.

"I think the first game we let them win," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "We had 15 errors. They didn't even have one kill, we literally just beat ourselves."

The Chiefs (8-0-1, 2-0) bounced back with 25-20 and 25-23 wins in the next two games — the latter requiring a three-point run at the end.

But they couldn't shake John Glenn as the Rockets rallied late for a 26-24 victory in Game 4 to set up the clincher, which Canton won 15-8.

"Our serve-receive was the best I've seen all season, it was our offense that was off today," Kryska said. "We had a lot of unforced errors, and we hit into the block a lot. But that's just because their team is good."

WORKING FOR IT

According to Kryska, it took a while for Canton's potent offense to get going. But she said John Glenn had something to do with that.

"After we got past the first game, and after they got past the first game, it was very competitive point-for-point," Kryska said.

... We could hardly get through the block or get kills because of their defense."

Kryska said John Glenn senior libero Brooke Zywick (25 defensive digs) was "amazing, she was touching everything."

Just as key for the Rockets was senior middle hitter Baker, who tallied 22 kills and eight blocks, three of them of the solo variety.

"She is definitely an influence on our team," Hubbard said. "She's very strong in the middle and we rely on her quite a bit."

The Rockets also received solid showings from setter Claire Truskowski (23 assists) and outside hitter Katie McNally (seven kills, four aces).

Junior front-row players Muir and Alaina Turner each registered 14 kills for Canton with Muir chipping in defensively with a team-leading 29 digs.

Others helping the cause for the Chiefs were sophomore outside hitter Erica denBoer (13 kills, three blocks, 12 digs), junior setters Lauren Martin (22 assists) and Jackie Waite (19 assists), junior right-side hitter Maggie Deloy (eight digs) and senior libero Laura Feasni (24 digs).

"This time, we didn't have one dominant hitter, we spread it all around," Kryska said.

COMING UP LARGE

Meanwhile, the diminutive Feasni, a co-captain along with

Muir, came through big-time in Game 5.

A four-point service run by sophomore outside hitter Erica denBoer helped Canton open up a relatively comfortable 6-2 edge that the Rockets could not overcome.

Two of those points — scored on a tip by Turner and a spike by Muir — were largely possible because Feasni kept a couple of John Glenn kill attempts from succeeding.

"Nothing hits the floor back there," Feasni said. "Everyone else is working hard on the court so I'm giving 100 percent every time I'm out there."

Feasni also scored the match point, getting a tip over the net that the Rockets could not return.

"We knew we had to keep pushing hard and playing our game and not letting anything else get to us," said Feasni, one of just two seniors on the Chiefs (the other is Tori denBoer). "And in the end we just did what we had to do, everyone played their position and it worked out."

Cognizant of Feasni's contributions was her coach.

"This is the best serve receive I've seen out of her all season," Kryska said. "I ended up playing her all six rotations and normally she only plays three rotations. So she stepped it up huge today."

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Bridge leads Wildcats, hold off Zebras

The host Plymouth Wildcats needed a Bridge to get past Wayne Memorial Thursday night.

Kayla Bridge was a consistent threat all night as Plymouth (5-3-1 overall, 1-1 in the KLLA South) managed wins of 25-19, 25-22 and 25-16 despite not being as offensively sharp as usual, said head coach Kelly McCausland.

Bridge sparked the Wildcats with 14 kills in 20 attempts, along with 100-percent serving and 11 defensive digs.

"Besides Kayla's swings, our offense was lacking the power and consistency we had worked on all week at practice," McCausland said.

Plymouth's clinching win in Game 3 featured a clutch solo block and seven-point service run by Rachael Hille.

Mariah Tesarz (15 digs) and Lindsay Stemberger (10 digs) were other leaders for the Wildcats, who now gear up for Saturday's Madonna Tournament (hosted at Plymouth H.S.).

Eagles clip Grass Lake

Plymouth Christian needed four games Thursday night, but the Eagles defeated Grass Lake 3-1.

PCA (10-3 overall) broke a 1-1 tie with a pair of 25-13 wins in Games 3-4 to close out the victory. In Game 1, the Eagles won 25-22 but fell 20-25 in the second game.

Outstanding for the Eagles were senior setter Brianna Harris (25 assists, 16 service points, 7 kills, 6 aces) and freshman outside hitter Jennifer Malcolm, who had her best game of the season with 10 kills.

Helping out were senior middle blocker Folake Olojo (12 kills, 2 blocks), senior libero Abby Bartes (21 service points, 11 digs), junior outside hitter Amy Zinn (14 digs, 8 kills) and junior defensive specialist Jessica Rich (13 service points).

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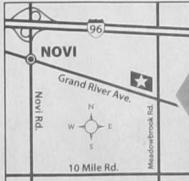
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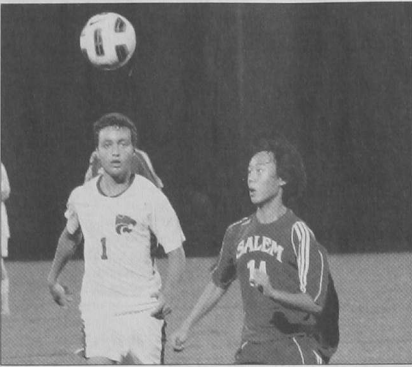
Novi dismantles Salem, 4-0 CANTON

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Although Novi's Wildcats defeated Salem 4-0 at home Thursday, it was both teams' Tuesday competitions that benefited Novi the most.

Northville and Livonia Stevenson started the week off on top of the KLAAs Central Division with identical 3-0-1 records, while Novi (3-1-0) and Salem (2-2-0) were waiting just behind.

After Novi knocked off Northville 3-0 last Tuesday and Salem beat Stevenson 2-0 the same night, Thursday's contest between the 'Cats and Rocks had increased significance.



Novi junior Chase Jabbori (left) and Salem junior Chris Ensor (No. 14) go after a ball in the air during Thursday's KLAAs Central boys soccer contest.

"The fact that Salem beat Stevenson helped us more than anything. Every single night of league play we jockey for position," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 9 in Division I, didn't waste much time getting a jump on the Rocks. Although Salem got the only shot on net in the first five minutes, they wouldn't get their second shot until just 10:49 remained in the game.

Novi then scored about 5:30 into the game when junior Chris Park crossed a ball through traffic in the goal box to junior Dan Lumley, who one-timed the ball into the net from the left side for an early 1-0 Wildcat lead.

Novi had a few close opportunities 10 minutes later, but it wasn't until 22:21 in that they struck again when junior Alex Brushser headed a ball from midfield to junior Chase Jabbori, who broke up the left side and deked across the middle past fatigued Salem senior Dan Adsit.

EARLY JUMP

Jabbori left a shot rip toward the lower left corner just out of the reach of diving Salem

sophomore netminder Eric Beas.

"He's improving. He'll have a great future for sure, but it's too soon at this level," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said of Beas. "I thought Novi was fantastic the entire game. They took it to us. They scored early, were efficient with their scoring and defended well, especially (junior Phillip Soong)."

Neither team could find the back of the net again as Novi held the 2-0 lead and a 3-1 shots-on-goal advantage heading into the break.

Jabbori nearly collided with Beas going after a crossed ball from the left 13:07 into the second half, but the rebound off Beas was knocked into a wide open net by unmarked Novi sophomore Matt Wilson from the top of the goal box.

Both teams favored balls through the air because of the slick field conditions, leading to several crossing opportunities, but Salem's defense was able to clear the zone during most of Novi's opportunities

until there was 18:52 left in the game. Jabbori, who had his way with Salem's defense most of the night, crossed a ball from the right side of the goal box to junior Aaron Quinley, who headed the ball into the net over a diving goalkeeper from 10 yards off the back post, giving the Wildcats a 4-0 lead.

Novi wrapped up the game with an 8-3 shots-on-goal advantage and a victory to improve to 12-2-0 (5-1-0 Central), while Salem fell to 5-5-3 (3-2-0 Central).

"It's safe to say this was our worst performance of the year and I'd say one of the worst performances by Salem in the last 15 years," McCarthy said.

The veteran coach added that the Wildcats "proved to us why they are one of the top teams in the state."

Next up for the Rocks is Tuesday's matchup at South Lyon.

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than people think. He's been playing very well all year. This really wasn't a breakout. He's a good player."

Canton's 42-7 halftime advantage was also the result of two touchdowns each by the speedy one-two backfield duo of Kevin Buford (10 and 1 yard) and Davison Stackhouse (5 and 2 yards).

Stackhouse finished with 90 yards on 11 carries, while Buford added 54 on six attempts.

Buford's 10-yard TD run to end the first quarter was on a pitch-out where he reversed his field in a Barry Sanders-like fashion to score.

"Kevin came back to me and apologized," Baechler said. "I told him when he came back to the sideline that 'That's in the playbook.'"

Glenn showed some first-half life when quarterback Jeff Kuhary hit Matt Layne on a middle-screen pass for a 36-yard TD to cut the deficit to 27-7.

But the Rockets still found themselves down 35 points at the half, 42-7, after Merbler hit Angelo Lanava with a two-point conversion pass.

Glenn had two turnovers during the first half as Bryden, who also plays an effective linebacker position, made an interception and came up with fumble recovery.

"You can't make any mistakes against them," said Glenn coach Tim Hardin,



Sprinting into the end zone for another Canton touchdown Friday is senior running back Kevin Buford, while Westland John Glenn's Marquise Graves (No. 20) watches helplessly.

whose team falls to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the KLAAs South. "I thought that our guys played extremely tough, extremely physical. They didn't back down one ounce. They played hard. They played with heart."

"But, here and there we made mistakes. It seemed like every time we made a mistake, they ran the ball right where the mistake happened."

Canton also got a 31-yard TD run in the third quarter from Stackhouse to make it 48-7.

Glenn, however, answered as Rico Cole busted loose for a 95-yard TD to end the third period. Jesse Smitherman also contributed 67-yard TD run during the final stanza.

The two combined for 189 yards on the ground. Smitherman also had a 76-yard kickoff return.

"Our kick coverage was good and bad," Baechler said. "We're

not breaking down and tackling well enough. That's got to improve. I think defensively we played well, but we're still not tackling as well as we could. A lot of credit goes to them (John Glenn). Their backs are very good. Offensive line-wise we've got a long way to go still. Our backs are awesome, but our line is adequate."

Meanwhile, Hardin summed up the loss very succinctly.

"There's no doubt they're a good football team," the Glenn coach said of the Chiefs. "I don't think they were more physical than us. You look at the scoreboard and it doesn't look good, but if you match this game on physical toughness, hitting and heart, we played just as well as them. But X-and-O-wise, you've got to play a perfect game."

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Chiefs edge 'Cats in PCEP matchup

Two of the best boys soccer teams in the KLAAs South happen to hail from 'the Park' and they got together Thursday night.

Canton and Plymouth hooked up and it was a good one, with an early jump by the Chiefs the difference in a 3-1 victory over the Wildcats.

Just 7:10 into the game, Canton junior Connor Furgason scored on a header off a corner kick by Tyler Winningham (also a junior).

While senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs kept Plymouth off the scoresheet in the first

half, the Chiefs padded their lead to 2-0 at the 16:28 mark.

Winningham started the sequence with a free kick. Furgason then chipped the ball in front of Plymouth's goal where junior Shean Krolicki finished with a header.

The Chiefs made it 3-0 midway through the second half on a pretty play from two underclassmen.

Freshman Griffin Parks threaded a crossing feed to sophomore Bobby Budlong, who picked up Canton's final tally on yet another header.

Plymouth fans finally had reason to celebrate with 6:13 remaining. Seniors Andrew Yoder and Connor Downey combined to get the ball past Laabs.

Downey scored on a header off a corner kick by Yoder.

Splitting Plymouth's goal-keeping duties were senior Kyle Brindza and junior Rene Mejia.

Canton improved to 9-2-2 overall and 4-1-1 in the KLAAs South, tied for first pending Livonia Churchill's late result. Plymouth dropped to 4-2-0 in the South.

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BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS

For Plymouth, junior quarterback Shaun Austin (5-18, 77 yards, 1 TD) and senior receiver Brennen Beyer (4 catches, 78 yards, 1 TD) really headed the interception message.

Austin hooked up on perfectly executed slant routes to Beyer, good for 19- and 34-yards during Plymouth's first series of the second half.

On the latter, Beyer angled from the sidelines into the center of the field, turned toward the quarterback and squeezed the pigskin in front of a Franklin defender.

Beyer then raced untouched into the end zone, making it 14-7 with 9:31 left in the stanza.

"When those two are clicking they're pretty good," Sawchuk said. "They're pretty good."

According to Beyer, Plymouth's offensive coordinator told him he "saw an opening on the slant and that they were going to throw it to me."

"I just took advantage of the play-calling and it was a great pass by my quarterback. I just caught the ball and ran."

Franklin (3-2, 1-2) fumbled the ball right back to Plymouth (4-1, 3-0) and senior kicking standout Kyle Brindza (bound for Notre Dame) connected on a 33-yard field goal to make it 17-7.

Beyer caught another pass, this one for 12 yards, to spark another Plymouth march to open the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats drove 49 yards in 11 plays, chewing up more

than six minutes off the scoreboard clock and all but sewing up the victory.

An eight-yard end-around by senior tailback Jerel Jenkins (18 rushes, 64 yards, 1 TD) moved the chains down to Franklin's 19 and he ultimately finished off the drive with a five-yard score.

Another big play in that series was a 17-yard run by junior running back Donte Fox, who gained 91 yards in 11 rushes.

"No disrespect (to Plymouth), but that's a team we should hang with every day and all the time," said Kelbert, whose team suffered a big loss when senior wide-out Mike Sharp (2 catches, 35 yards early in the first half) left with an injury.

Both teams were blanked in the first quarter, but Plymouth finally struck first on the dazzling fake punt — where the ball was snapped to Hicks instead of Brindza waiting to kick.

Hicks started his run at Franklin's 45, eluding Patriot defenders down the right sideline before finding an open seam. Following Brindza's extra point, it was 7-0 with 7:52 left in the half.

But Franklin answered with an efficient TD drive (80 yards, 12 plays) to even the game up.

Senior quarterback Brent Marzion (8-24, 74 yards) started the drive with a 26-yard strike to Sharp, his final grab of the night.

Senior fullback Dan Muller was a standout in the march, scoring from 11 yards out with a nifty move to get away from Plymouth pursuit.

Muller rushed for 46 yards in

the first half, nearly 30 coming on that TD drive. But he only managed three yards in the final two quarters.

Franklin's leading rusher was senior Tino Benavides (19-101) while Marzion's favorite receiving target was senior Blake Lukas (3-25).

White Pigeon slams PCA

In an independent football game Friday night west of Jackson, Plymouth Christian Academy fell to 0-4 with a 66-0 defeat.

Eagles head coach Mike Rumschlag said the team's lack of depth (only 13 players) and experience has made his season a struggle. But he likes how the team continues to play hard despite the difficulties.

Freshman quarterback Daniel Jipping is making gradual progress, learning how to lead a varsity offense.

"We're not disappointed in his play," Rumschlag said. "It's just a matter of maturity at this point."

The team was idle in Week 4, and the coach thought that time off resulted in a collective step backward against White Pigeon (3-2 overall).

Salem gets trampled

Northville's Mustangs put a 49-7 hurting on host Salem Friday night in a KLAAs Central varsity football matchup.

The loss spoiled Salem's homecoming game, and the Rocks dropped to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in the Central. Northville improved to 5-0 overall and 5-0 in the division.

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Salem dominates Lakeland, 9-0

Salem's varsity boys tennis team traveled to White Lake Lakeland Thursday for a KLAAC crossover dual match and romped to a 9-0 victory. Sophomore Jacob Scott, who along with Plymouth's Aaron Zhang and Canton's Ryan Hansz give Plymouth-Canton Educational Park three elite-level No. 1 singles players, got the Rocks started. He won 6-1, 6-4 over the Eagles' Ross Kynast.

Salem continued rolling through singles flights with senior Brock Foster winning 6-1, 6-4 at No. 2 over Alex Garrigo and his twin brother Brett Foster prevailing at No. 3 (6-0, 6-0 over John Falvey).

The Rocks then made it four in a row as senior Dion Walker bested Terry Haren, 6-0, 6-2 at No. 4.

Salem doubles dominated doubles action, with all five flights only requiring two sets to finish — starting off at No. 1 with seniors Josh Perrin-Scott Devine taking a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Zack Ruffin-Alec Shoemaker.

Rounding it out for the Rocks (8-1, 5-1 in the KLAAC Central) were junior Mike Keum-senior Greg Selewski at No. 2 doubles (7-5, 6-0 over Connor Manley-Alex Peck); senior Cody Hazen-sophomore Alec Zultowski at No. 3 (6-0, 6-0 over Steven Hochtshilt-Tony Edwards); seniors Tyler Fosley-Vishnu Rajendrak at No. 4 (6-2, 6-4 over Nick Vrahrotes-Tyler McLeod) and the No. 5 tandem of senior Josh Amann-junior Kyle Latack, with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over the Eagles' Varun Dayana-Austin Herbert.

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great things with our JV team... it's the first time we've gone this far in the season undefeated for the JV team. He made the recommendation and I thought it was a good choice.

“(Loganathan) played well today, he was confident and doing the right things. I'm sure he can build on that.”

CHIEFS BATTLE BOBCATS

If not for dropping a tie-breaker to Canton on Sept. 8, the Wildcats would have been facing Grand Blanc at the other end of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park tennis complex on Thursday instead of Canton.

Lehmann's Chiefs (5-2) battled Grand Blanc tough in a matchup of first-place squads. But the Bobcats held on for a 6-3 triumph in a matchup that was tighter

than the final score indicated.

“We're closer (competitive-wise) to Grand Blanc than we were to Novi,” Lehmann said. “And unfortunately, Grand Blanc's not in our conference and Novi is. So that makes it tough.”

“But it's good competitive play that we get and we don't get that all the time in our division. So that's why the crossovers are great value to us.”

Canton No. 1 player Ryan Hansz sparked with his three-set win over Jon Pfister, but the Chiefs' only other victories were by the No. 4 and No. 5 doubles teams.

Those were posted by the tandems of Luke Freeman-James Dodge (7-5, 7-5 at No. 4 doubles) and Sarav Shah-Travis Michalak at No. 5 doubles by a score of 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-4.

“Their play today was good, it made them stronger,” Lehmann said.

Tripp, Kavulich pace Rocks

Before Tuesday's pivotal meet against KLAAC Central powerhouse Northville, Salem girls cross-country coach Dave Gerlach described the Mustangs as the “team to beat” in the division.

After the Rocks earned a 27-28 win at Cass Benton Park, they also are now in that conversation.

Salem senior Victoria Tripp and freshman Kayla Kavulich nailed down the top-two positions with respective times of 20:20 minutes, 23:30 seconds and 20:26 to pace the Rocks to their second consecutive dual meet win in as many tries.

Placing third for Northville (1-1) with a time of 20:33 was freshman Nicole Mosteller and the Mustangs also took places 4-5 (freshmen Rachel Coleman and Erin Zimmer, 20:36, 20:37).

Taking sixth for Salem was junior Adrianna



Victoria Tripp

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Beltran, with her time of 20:54 edging Northville junior Gina McNamara (20:57).

Meanwhile, the Rocks dominated places 8-15, with seven athletes crossing the finish line in 22:18 or less.

Those runners included: sophomore Shannon Flynn (8th, 21:22), senior Kara Booms (10th, 21:31), junior Autumn Bruner (11th, 21:40), junior Amanda Beyer (12th, 21:51), sophomore Alejandra Beltran (13th, 22:04), sophomore Emily Bizon (14th, 22:12) and sophomore Madison Goodpasture (10th, 22:18).

After competing in Saturday's Jackson Invitational, the Rocks will look to build on the momentum of that crucial KLAAC Central victory. Salem hosts Livonia Stevenson 4 p.m. Tuesday at Willow Metropark.

Editor's note: Thursday's Observer had an incorrect, incomplete recap of the Salem-Northville dual meet due to a technical issue.

Solid Week 2 for Steelers

Week 2 for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers' youth football teams continued their season on Sunday, Sept. 19 against the Westland Meteors and enjoyed plenty of success.

The Steelers won two of three games, with the varsity falling short and junior varsity and freshman squads victorious.

Following is a recap of the day's action:

• **Varsity:** Plymouth-Canton Steelers lost their home opener 34-20 to the Meteors in a hard-fought contest.

After falling behind 14-0 in the opening minutes (the Meteors scored on a kick-off return and fumble), the Steelers regrouped as Kevin Justice intercepted a pass and took it in for the touchdown.

Andy Gregor had a strong 20-yard reception and Johnny Perko scored a TD on a beautiful 15-yard run. On defense, Nick Lanava played a solid game, including a tackle that pushed the Meteors back a number of yards.

Another highlight was Gregory Williams' block of an extra point extra point.

• **Junior varsity:** The JV squad dominated the Meteors with a decisive win, 29-13. Offensively, Cameron Stella

set the tone of the game, with an inside recovery and three TDs.

Aaron Brazelton boosted the Steelers momentum with several big gain, open field runs, and Vinny Convertino perfectly executed his QB run, remaining unseen and untouched for the final extra point conversion.

Jacob McKinnon owned his noseguard position, generating all kinds of havoc for the Meteor offense, while Adam McKee sealed the Steelers' victory when he denied the Meteors final inside kick attempt.

• **Freshman:** The Steelers easily contained the Meteors as well, winning 27-13. Mason Phillips was key on offense for the Steelers (3 TDs) while Carson Miller led the Black “O” at center, opening huge holes for running backs.

Ryan Young did a great job on both sides of the ball, playing tough defense and scoring a touchdown. Meanwhile, Calvin Vos had a fine day defensively, making several key tackles, and Chase Miller had a choice fumble recovery from the Meteors.

Canton cross country runners picking up steam

Canton's varsity boys cross-country team bested Livonia Franklin 18-45 on Tuesday at Nankin Mills.

Finishing strong for the Chiefs on a 90-degree day were junior Mitch Clinton (17:35), junior Miles Felton (17:55), junior Bradon Conley (18:09), senior Keegan Sullivan (19:12), freshman Tom Walkinslaw (19:29), junior Kurt Kowalski (19:44) and junior Alex Krul (20:23).

On Saturday at the Ludington Invitational, Canton finished third, spearheaded by Clinton's fourth-place time of 18:14.0 (trailing first-place Luke Johnson of Ludington, who won in 17:24.4).

Right behind him in fifth place was Felton, with a mark of 18:19.5 with Conley taking eighth (18:24.2).

Coach Bill Boyd had a number of other contributors.

In 10th place was sophomore Andrew Stephens (18:37.4) while Walkinslaw's 19:16.8 enabled him to take 12th.

Eight other Chiefs cracked the top-30, including the following: junior Zach Cox (15:19, 19:21.6), junior Matt Pepper (17th, 19:36.9), Sullivan (18th, 19:44.0), Krul (20th, 19:46.4), Kowalski (23rd, 20:33.1), senior Jimmy Hodgson (27th, 21:02.4), sophomore Jay Drennan (28th, 21:06.5) and sophomore James Hildreth (30th, 21:35.0).

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Kid racer

Livonia boy loves life in the fast lane

BY BETH JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lots of boys like to play with toy racetracks, but 10-year-old Garrett Rons of Livonia loves to race on the racetrack.

He races go-carts and a 250 Ninja sprint car, which is a race car with a motorcycle engine.

"I watched my dad (Marvin) watch races, and I don't know, it just got me interested," Garrett said of his long-time interest in racing.

Even at his young age he is finishing his fifth racing season in the go-cart and second season in the 250 Ninja sprint car. He competes at Jackson Speedway in the sprint car on most Saturdays and in the go-cart at Fremont Raceway in Ohio on most Sundays.

"We pretty much race every weekend from May to October," Garrett's mom Audra Rons said.

"It is getting quite popular," she said, adding there is a big age range of racers from age 5 up to adult.

"I raced some person that was 29 years old and came in second right behind him," Garrett said of a recent race.

He was just turning 6 and in kindergarten when he started racing in go-carts. He is now in the fifth grade at Riley Elementary in Livonia. "He's been wanting to race since he was a little guy," Audra said. "We just started doing research," to find something for him to race, she said.

It has become a big part of family life for them now. When they race in Jackson, which is about an hour and a fifteen minutes away from their Livonia home, they are gone almost the whole day. When they travel

to the track in Ohio they go down Saturday night and camp out and then are there all day Sunday. Garrett has a 16-year-old sister who also goes to the races to watch. They take a camper to the races because it's easier that way, Audra said.

Race practice starts at the end of April and Garrett starts racing in May. The season ends in October.

RACE WEB SITE

By competing most weekends Garrett accumulates points for the season. He had a second place finish in his class for his first season driving the 250 Ninja. Garrett's mom keeps a website www.4rracing.com with up-to-date information about his weekend racing successes.

And the racing has the added benefit of family bonding time. "Garrett's racing has made him and his dad real close," Audra said. "They spend quite a bit of time together." They also travel three times a year to NASCAR races just for the fun of being a spectator.

It is a monetary commitment for the family as well, with fees to get into the track and a fee to race and the cost of making sure all his equipment is kept working. Garrett's grandfather's VFW Post 3941 started sponsoring Garrett last year. The post's name and information is on the car. "It gets their name out there and helps us out a lot too," Audra said. "It also gets Garrett involved with other people," she said.

DAINGEROUS?

Of the safety of Garrett's racing, Audra points out the 250 Ninja has safety features. "He's strapped in there pretty good," she said. He also



Garrett Rons wants to race NASCAR some day.



Garrett Rons' 250 Ninja sprint car is sponsored by his grandfather's VFW Post 3941 of Livonia.



Garrett Rons of Livonia races in a 250 Ninja sprint car on the weekends.

wears a helmet, neck brace and a five-point harness. On top of the car are "wings" to help keep the car from tipping over, according to Garrett.

"Thank God he's never gotten hurt," Audra said.

But for Garrett it's just about the racing.

"It's fun," Garrett said, adding that he mostly thinks about having fun and wanting to win while he's competing. "If there's someone in front of me I think about how I'm going to get around them," he said.

There is a bit of difference between racing a go-cart on asphalt and a sprint car on dirt, but he says he likes them both. Sprint car racing is on an oval track, while go-cart racing is on a road course with straight-aways, left turns and right turns, he said.

His racing is limited to the weekends at the track, his mom says. He does his schoolwork during the week and also just hangs out with his friends. He only practices on the weekends at the track before the races.

But he does tell his classmates about it. "If we have show and tell day I take in a picture and say 'this is what I do and this is my sport,'" he said. "They think it's cool," he said.

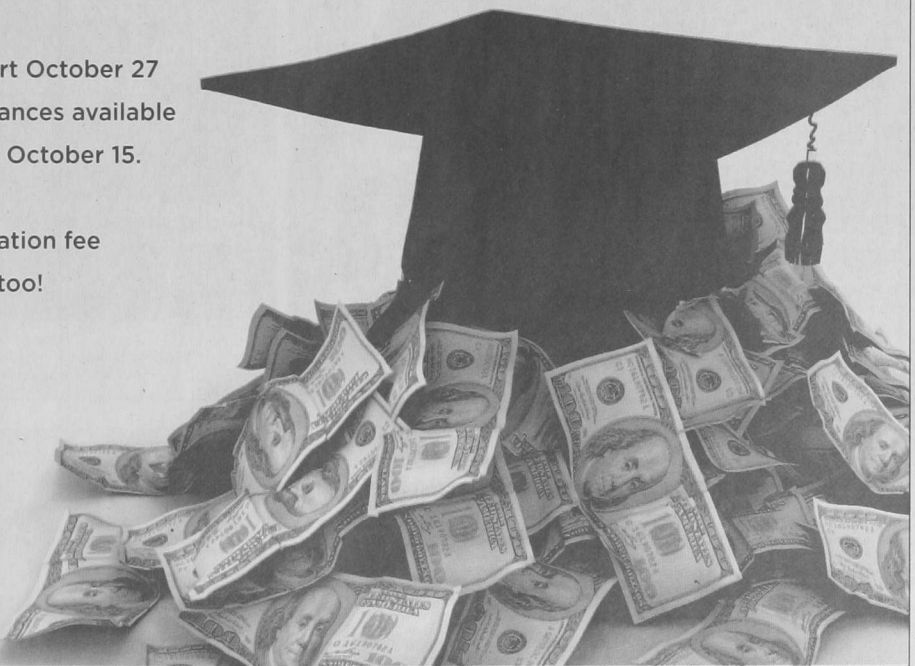
He and his family also look toward a future in racing. In this particular car he will probably race another three years, Audra said. After that he wants to move into a bigger car.

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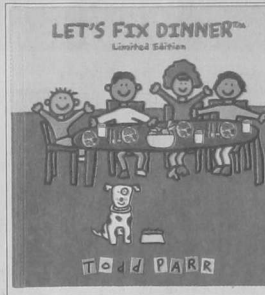
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Treat appliances like aging human: with TLC

I'm in the mood these days to write about the natural result of old age and health. I write this column the evening before I go into major surgery at St. Mary's Hospital.

Last week I had a long conversation with my family doctor and somehow we switched the subject to major home appliances. I told him that years ago my father

always compared the automobile to an appliance.

He would say, "When a car is new you can put the peddle to the metal and burn those tires every time you take off. A used vehicle with a ton of miles accumulated has to be treated with kindness and respect for old age." You need to treat an appliance the same way.

You could say that I grew up always thinking this way about any mechanical product and so I asked my doctor what he could use for comparison to the human body. He agreed with my analogy and even added a new twist to it. He said, "A young body has a certain amount of reserve built into it which

diminishes with age and that is why it may be most important to live a healthy life style."

Now, I would like every person in America to think about their washers and dryers and dishwashers as products that are not as tough as they used to be. They do not have as much "reserve" as they once had and therefore they need extra tender love and care. I listen to my doctor and his words have saved my life, not once but twice. Maybe the advice from an old appliance doctor can save the life of one or more appliances in your home.

Washing Machine: Let us now start washing fewer clothes at one time. Don't fill the washer with so many items that you have a super heavy load in the tub. Tub size and load sizes are great methods of advertising a product but they can also be a real detriment to the longevity of a washer. Any washer repair technician will advise you to lessen the load size for increased wash ability and fewer repairs.

Clothes Dryer: The most dangerous of products in your home and the one that has the least amount of attention paid to it. It is important that this product is operating at peak efficiency without a whole bunch of squeak and rumble noises. The vent line needs to be cleaned and main-

tained on a regular basis. Plugged up vent lines are considered very dangerous and are responsible for many of the 42 house fires we have every day in this county. You might quicken the drying time for a load of clothes if you put the clothes in the washer through an extra spin cycle. Give it a try.

Dishwasher: The hotter the water, the cleaner the dishes. Run the water at the faucet just before you turn on the dishwasher. With soft water you use 2 level teaspoons of powder detergent and with regular city water you use 8 level teaspoons of detergent. Don't store the detergent under the kitchen sink because the humidity will destroy your soap. Use the breakfast drink Tang to give your dishwasher a good bath once a year.

Appliances cost a lot of money today and I don't see any reduction in prices in the future and as I have said many times, "They don't make them like they used to." If surgery is ever required on your appliances, keep in mind that it might have been prevented by an old doctor's words of advice. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twwi.com



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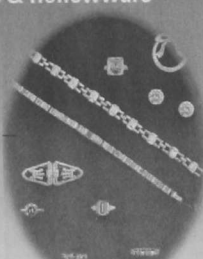
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The Humane Society of Huron Valley will receive all proceeds from the annual "Hottest Dog in the Coolest City" contest on Oct. 10.

The "coolest city," of course, is downtown Plymouth, which will host the 15th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and the "hottest dog" is the best looking pooch in the Cookoff's "Hot & Spicy" and "Biker Dog" categories.

Register anytime between 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. at the fountain in Kellogg Park. The fee is \$5 per dog and judging will begin at 2 p.m. on the stage in the park.

Prizes will be awarded.

For more information call the Humane Society of Huron Valley at (734) 661-3000 or visit www.hshv.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption will hold local adoption events at these sites:

- Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus," noon to 4 p.m., Oct. 2, 29493 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.
- Canton PetCo, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 43435 Ford Road, Canton.
- Celebrity Pets, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14, at Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

The group also will hold a pasta dinner from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, at Trinity United Methodist Church 9077 Allen Road, in Allen Park. Cost is \$10 for adults



A well-dressed contestant walks with a human companion at last year's Hottest Dog Contest, held in conjunction with the annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.



and \$5 for kids. Children, 5 and under, eat for free. For more information visit www.greyheart.org

WALKING FOR ANIMALS

The Michigan Humane Society's annual Mega March for animals is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 3, starting at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. Walkers collect donations from friend, family members and co-workers and then walk with hundreds of other supporters along a two-mile route downtown. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society. Simply show up that morning and register, or register online at www.michiganhumane.org.

CRAFT CORNER

Send information about your upcoming craft show to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

WESTLAND

St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S Wayne Road, will offer handcrafted items by local artists, as well as products from Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Avon, PartyLite, Beijo Bags, Mary Kay, Longaberger, and Tastefully Simple to name just a few.

The show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the church. (734) 721-5023.

PLYMOUTH

Delta Kappa Gamma presents its 26th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Dee Winterhalter, a watercolor artist with works in private and corporate collections worldwide, will exhibit at the show for the first time. In addition to her watercolors, the show will feature jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, soaps, candles, seasonal decorations, clothing, accessories for dogs and much more.

Admission is \$2. For additional information call (734) 495-9327 or e-mail to jbstone716@comcast.net. All profits will support scholarships for Plymouth Canton Community Schools district students.



Dickies donation

For every pair of Dickie's brand Detroit 874 pants sold, the company will donate a pair to The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit to supply unemployed workers in southeast Michigan. The company donated 5,000 pairs and \$25,000 to The Salvation Army last week. Another 5,000 are available for sale and will be matched by a donation. They cost \$50 each and are available with free shipping at www.dickies.com.

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

Job seekers get 'Jump Start' help from JVS

Individuals who have been aid off or lost a business in the past year are invited to "Jump Start Your Career," a free, 10-session program provided by JVS in Southfield beginning in October. It is offered at no charge and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The program will motivate job seekers by helping them: identify their strengths, values, skills and life goals; explore viable career options; develop personal plans for success; define their personal brands; create winning résumés; improve job seeking and interviewing skills; learn financial tips for tough economic times; and cope with job search stress.

Job seekers must pre-register by contacting April Oikarinen at (248) 233-4234 or aikarinen@jvsdet.org.

JVS is a nonprofit human service organization and a leading provider of career placement, counseling and training to unemployed workers, homemakers who need to re-enter the workforce, displaced upper level managers, people with disabilities who want to prove themselves as valuable workers and others seeking employment. From its five locations in Detroit, Roseville, Southfield, Warren and West Bloomfield, JVS serves over 18,000 people annually to help them realize their life's potential.

Learn about job hunting

Lisa Brown, a career counselor from Schoolcraft College, will offer a free workshop, 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road, next to Livonia City Hall.

Participants will learn the most effective methods of obtaining and securing employment. The discussion will include such topics as resumes, advanced job searching techniques, interviewing, and other career-related information.

Brown earned a master's in counseling from Oakland University. She is certified as a Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF), Job and Career Development Coach, as well as a practicing Licensed Counselor (Limited) in which she has focused on the art of job seeking and career development. For more information, call the Career and Transfer Center at Schoolcraft College at (734) 462-4421.

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Belleville High School
Class of 1971
Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Birmingham Groves High School
Class of 1975
35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on Facebook.

Detroit Cody
Class of 1965
Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more

information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkowski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie
Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960
50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. 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) 595-7508.

Farmington High School
Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Garden City High School
Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City West
Class of 1970
40th reunion, Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more infor-

mation, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Bentley
Class of 1961
Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twm1.r.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

Livonia Churchill
Class of 1980
30-year reunion, Nov. 27 at One Under Banquet Hall at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Seeking classmates and contact information. Join the group on Facebook by searching Livonia Churchill or e-mail Mary Furlong Tabone and Kathy Hesch Zelin at churchillclassof80@yahoo.com.

Redford Thurston
Class of 1970
40th reunion, 6 p.m., with dinner buffet starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Radisson Hotel, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. \$30 per person. E-mail to Robin Dascenzo Sindici at treasuresoldandnew@sbcglobal.net if interested in

attending. Booked rooms also are available at \$79 per night; suites for \$149. Anyone interested in a room reservation must call (734) 464-1300 by Sept. 22 and identify themselves as a member of the Thurston High School 40th reunion group.

Redford Union
Class of 1975
Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is \$50 per person; ticket deadline is Oct. 1. Make checks payable to Joanne Piasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact RU75Reunion@gmail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.


Rosary High School
Class of 1966
Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffittoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High
Class of January 1950
6 p.m., Oct. 16, at Red Run Golf Club, 2036 Rochester Road, north

of 12 Mile, Royal Oak. \$50.00 per person. \$50 per person; choice of entree. Make checks payable to Class of January 1950 Reunion and mail to Margaret (Hobbs) Monroe, 3045 Helen Court, Royal Oak, MI 48073. For more information call Monroe at (248) 435-3306 or Roy Leet at (248) 737-2845. Guests welcome; deadline for tickets is Sept. 30.

Warren Fitzgerald
Class of 1968
6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner, cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ameritech.net, or Bill Ziemba at aol.com, billziemba1968@aol.com.

Wayne Memorial High School
Class 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) 223-5558.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following entities:

IN PERSON:

Plymouth City Clerk's Office 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170	8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday
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Any of the Michigan Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the State of Michigan during their normal business hours.

Any specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some office of the Commission for the Blind.

Also at the Military Recruitment Offices for persons enlisting in the Armed Forces.

BY MAIL:

By obtaining and completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and by forwarding to the Election Official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. These applications can be obtained by contacting the local clerk or the State of Michigan website.

Any questions can be directed to the City Clerk offices at 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010
7:00 PM
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- SITE PLAN APPROVAL:**
SP 10-02 New 3-Story Building
789 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: Ali Raichouni, Designers Group, Inc.
- SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR:**
PUD Revision:
PUD 08-01 Daisy Square
101 S. Union
Zoned: PUD, Planned Unit Development
Applicant: Joseph Freed & Assoc.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEETING NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 10-13 285 N. Harvey
Non-Use Variance Requested
Fence Height
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: James Bouton

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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SEPTEMBER

CPR Class

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a "Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR) 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, in Livonia. The class is offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. The class will teach CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. This course includes classroom-based training and coaching from a trained instructor. There is a fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

Thyroid cancer support

The support group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. It meets monthly and its next meeting is 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy. For more information call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

OCTOBER

Alzheimer's

Learn the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease. 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 14 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Fr. Wolber Activities Center, 28933 Jamison, Livonia. Call (800) 272-3900 to RSVP.

Diabetes walk

The American Diabetes Association hopes to raise \$320,000 through this year's fund-raiser walk, "Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes," Oct. 2 at the Detroit Zoo, in Royal Oak. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 8:15 a.m. Participants walk two miles and raise money for the cause. For information call Christina Johnson at 888-DIABETES, Ext. 6692, or e-mail to cjohnson@diabetes.org.

Health workshop

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan presents a free health workshop from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Fridays, through Oct. 22 to help individuals manage long term health conditions. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet at Royal Oak Township Recreation Department on 21272 Mendota, in Ferndale. The PATH workshop provides informa-

tion and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma and depression. Workshops are run by trained leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Facilitators explain ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from exercise. The PATH program is suited for both the newly diagnosed as well as those seeking more aggressive management. To register, or for more information, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at (734) 222-9800.

Men's health

Freddie Scott, prostate cancer survivor, former NFL wide receiver and College Football Hall of Famer, and a panel of medical specialists, will discuss men's health issues, 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton. Participants can register to win Detroit Lions tickets. The first 25 individuals will receive a regulation size football and the next 75 receive a stadium chair. The event is free and dinner is provided. Registration is required. To register visit stoeshhealth.org or call (800) 231-2211. A limited number of free PSA screenings are available for qualifying individuals. To prescreen and register for a free PSA call (734) 712-5948.

Melanoma walk

The 5th Annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10 at Kensington Metropark, in Milford. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 11 a.m. Register online: www.melanomawalk.org - click on First Giving. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

October breast

Bennigan's Plymouth plans a breast cancer awareness fund-raiser, 7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 1-2. Includes beer tent with live music, dj, dancing. Red Swill performs Friday Serious Jack, Saturday, Grilled Brats, Pub Chips, raffles. Bennigan's is located at 40441 Ann Arbor Road. (734) 459-8907

ONGOING

Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment

for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:50-7 p.m., the third Monday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Anderson, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions include Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Food Addicts

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. Based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9:10-10 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (866) 914-3663. www.foodaddicts.org

Incest Survivors

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.aa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St.

Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road). Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

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

Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month, the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

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

Arthritis support group

2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@bc-global.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call

Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs. Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Health enhancement classes

Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3422. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330. Free mask fitting clinic. For CPAP and BiPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE

Close of Registration
For the
State General Election
November 2, 2010

PLEASE NOTE: that **October 4, 2010**, is the last day to register to vote, in order to vote in the November 2, 2010 State General Election.

Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N Haggerty Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk at (734) 354-3224, can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Below is a listing of the offices and proposals that will be on the November 2, 2010 State General Election. Sections are Partisan, Nonpartisan, and Proposal.

Partisan Section:

State Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
Representative in Congress – 11th District
State Senator – 7th District
Representative in State Legislature – 20th District
Member of the State Board of Education
Regent of the University of Michigan
Trustee of Michigan State University
Governor of Wayne State University
County Executive
Sheriff – Partial Term Ending 12/31/2012
County Commissioner – 10th District

Non-Partisan Section:

Judge of Supreme Court
Judge of Court of Appeals, 1st District
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit – Incumbent position
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit – Non-Incumbent position
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit – Non-Incumbent position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2013
Judge of Probate Court
Judge of District Court – 35th District
Board of Trustees Member Schoolcraft College
Board Member Plymouth District Library

Proposal Section:

State Proposal 10-1,

A PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A GENERAL REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2011 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

State Proposal 10-2,

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FELONS FROM HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE AND SPECIFIED TYPES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Make a person ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local elective office or to hold a position in public employment in this state that is policy-making or has discretionary authority over public assets, if:

- within the preceding 20 years, the person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust; and
- the conviction was related to the person's official capacity while holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state or federal government.

Require the State Legislature to enact laws to implement the prohibition.

Should this proposal be adopted?

County Proposition P,

PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 2005, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2010 rollback rate of 2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2011 through 2015) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hinos Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$10,628,000 in 2011.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

Published: September 26, 2010

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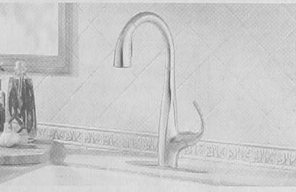
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PATRICK D. FLYNN

Age 78, September 18, 2010. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Dear father of Irene (Edward) Punch, Neil (Julie), Siobhan (Matthew) Strickland and the late Maureen. Father-in-law of Mark. Grandfather of Rory, Shane, Alanna, Daragh and Fiona. Arrangements by the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to the American Heart Association. www.santeufuneralhome.com

ROBERT D. MOWERS

July 11, 1924 - Sept. 10, 2010

Bob Mowers, 86, of Venice, FL, formerly of Brighton & Franklin, MI. Memorial was Sept. 18 at Venice Presbyterian Church. Burial in Nov. at Sarasota National Cemetery. Condolences visit: heraldtribune.com/obituaries

ROSEMARY WALKER

Age 86, of Westland, September 19, 2010. Rosemary was preceded in death by her beloved husband James and her precious son Dale. Loving mother of Eugene (Michelle) and Pam (Fred) Krueger. Dear grandmother of Ryan, Kary, Katie, Beckie and Kory. Also survived by 6 great-grandchildren and many other loving family and friends. Arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grace Moravian Church, Westland or Angela Hospice. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgharris.com.

VIRGINIA ALATALO

Devoted wife of Paul Alatalo (deceased) and mother of Bruce and Russ, died peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital at 2:30 AM on Monday, September 20, 2010. Born in Detroit on June 14, 1924, daughter of Thomas and Sophie Thornton. Virginia worked for Army Intelligence after high school where she met Paul Alatalo, an aide to General Armstrong in Guam. After the war, they got married and moved to Dearborn, Michigan where Paul got a job with Ford Motor Company. After the birth of two sons and losing a daughter at birth, the couple moved to Livonia. When her husband died while at work at Ford's in 1961, Virginia got a job as a school secretary in Livonia. There she provided efficiency, loving care, and devotion for 32 years to students and staff at Hayes and Buchanan Elementary Schools. She also raised two sons single-handedly while enduring cancer, heart bypasses, and numerous other ailments that would challenge the best of us, which she was. Students and staff speak of her to this day with admiration, warmth and affection. Virginia was a devoted member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Dearborn Heights for almost 50 years. She served as an elder and greeter and was always available for a hug and words of encouragement to congregational members, especially those with life's hardships. Virginia's courage and always-positive attitude served as a sterling example to everyone she encountered. Virginia is survived by her sons Russ (Donna) and Bruce (Anne) Alatalo, and her two grandchildren Katherine and David Alatalo. A memorial service for Virginia will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Dearborn Heights or St. Mary's Mercy Hospital Development Fund in Livonia, Michigan.

WILMA LEE LIVERMORE

Age 89, of South Lyon, MI, born February 20, 1921 in Birmingham, TN. Wilma Lee passed away September 16, 2010. Dearest mother of Bill Shunk (Sherry), Sandra Wright (Barry) & Cindy Livermore (John Campean). Survived by grandchildren, Theresa Messina (Tim), Billy Shunk (Sherry), Barry Wright (Loni), Kim Chambers, Ray Whyde & Kristen LaPlante (Steve). Loving "GG", great-grandmother to Logan, Emilia, Annie, Julien, Kelsey, Jonathan, Grace, Jacqueline and Douglas, her sister John Eastin and a large family. Jacque made a huge impact on her extended family, her friends, and her community. She contributed to many causes, from serving Christmas morning meals at local churches to organizing fund-raising fairs. Jacque began her volunteer work with Christ Child in the 1960s. Her philanthropy grew to include Capuchins - Father Solanus Guild, Juvenile Diabetes Association, Salvation Army, Vista Maria and Red Cross, as well as activities in the arts with Michigan Opera Theater. Jacque always said she was one of Father Solanus' miracles. No flowers please, donations to the Father Solanus Guild, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit, Michigan 48207 or the charity of your choice. A private service will be scheduled. Online condolences: www.obrienulfuneralhome.com



JACQUELINE NOEL MULARONI

79 of Bingham Farms/Franklin passed away September 16, 2010. Jacque is survived by her loving husband of 53 years E. Clarence (Bud), her four children Lisa (Rick) Kaminski, Grace (Glen) Esche, David (Maria) Mularoni, and Matthew (Judy) Mularoni, and grandchildren: Kristin, Andrew, Alexander, Timothy, Elizabeth, Dominic, Mitchell, Jonathan, Grace, Jacqueline and Douglas, her sister John Eastin and a large family. Jacque made a huge impact on her extended family, her friends, and her community. She contributed to many causes, from serving Christmas morning meals at local churches to organizing fund-raising fairs. Jacque began her volunteer work with Christ Child in the 1960s. Her philanthropy grew to include Capuchins - Father Solanus Guild, Juvenile Diabetes Association, Salvation Army, Vista Maria and Red Cross, as well as activities in the arts with Michigan Opera Theater. Jacque always said she was one of Father Solanus' miracles. No flowers please, donations to the Father Solanus Guild, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit, Michigan 48207 or the charity of your choice. A private service will be scheduled. Online condolences: www.obrienulfuneralhome.com

JOAN MARIE MARSH

Age 74, September 19, 2010. Cherished mother Lynne Faulkner, John (Brien) Graham, and Leigh (Pat) Prouty. Beloved grandfather of David, Carolyn, Patrick and Matthew. Beloved niece of Julie Homak. Joan takes with her fond memories of her friends, neighbors, and former coworkers. Please share a message with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



JOHN ALDEN MCAULIFFE

Died September 16, 2010 at the grand old age of 90 years. John was born and raised in Swampscott Massachusetts, the youngest child of Joseph and Mary McAuliffe. He graduated with a degree in Biochemistry from Harvard University 1941. Inducted into the U.S. Army for 3 1/2 years in 1942, he served in the military police then studied the Japanese language for 1 year at the University of Chicago before going to Japan. There he met Jean Wallace, his beautiful wife of 62 years and they married in 1945. He proudly received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1947. Hired by Ford Motor Co. "Whiz Kid" Ed Lundy, John worked at Ford as a financial analyst, where he developed many lifelong friendships. Following his entrepreneurial spirit, he left Ford in 1953 to join in multiple business ventures which utilized his financial expertise. Desiring to be completely on his own, in 1960 he established John McAuliffe Ford in Pontiac, Michigan. After 15 years, he sold the dealership and became a self-employed financial consultant for a leasing company. He happily retired in 1985. For John, "heaven" was Tree Tops, the cottage built by his father-in-law on Walloon Lake. This was a place filled with idyllic moments shared with his family and closest friends. Former member of Dearborn Country Club, Oak Hills Country Club, Walloon Lake Country Club and an Honorary member of the Birmingham Athletic Club where he was past president. At these facilities, he played his lifelong passions of golf, tennis and squash. He loved to compete, which included bridge with his Supper Club friends and cribbage with his family. A life-long athlete, he also enjoyed swimming, and water skiing. He was the beloved Walloon Lake. Up until the end, crossword puzzles were an integral part of his daily routine. Adored husband of the late Jean McAuliffe, cherished father of Jim (Sherry), Jay (Bel), Jerry (Kathy), Jeff (Kristi) and Jane (Bruce) Peterson. Loving grandfather of Julie, Jessica, Ben, Lucas, Cassie, Miriam, Molly, Brenda, and Christopher. Great-grandfather of Audrey and Ava Buckman and step grandfather of Mark and Tracey Chedister. Amy Buckman, Andrea and Amanda Tinsley Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (bwn 13-14 Mile), Friday, 5-8pm. Rosary and family celebration Mass Saturday, 11am, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Family suggests memorial tributes to Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MICHAEL G. NASSAR, DDS

Age 49, of West Bloomfield, owner of Comprehensive Dental Center, PC, in Waterford, died suddenly September 21, 2010. Dr. Nassar is survived by his beloved wife of 2 years, Robyn, his cherished mother, Mary; siblings, Nancy (Edward) Wolf, Lin (John) Armitage, and Dr. Larry (Stefanie); his mother and father-in-law, Billie and John Diehl; sister-in-law, Kinsey (Ken) Leeson; brother-in-law, Chris (Jenn) Diehl; numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and the entire U. of M. Wolverine Family. Sadly, he was preceded in death by his father, Fred in 2000, and his brother, Fred (Val) in 2006. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-9 PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Prayers and Story Telling Sunday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Monday, September 27th, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) at St. Faith's Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Interment Glen Eden, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes are suggested to American Heart Association. americanheart.org. heeney-sundquist.com

JOSEPH NEWTON

Passed away Sept. 22, 2010 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of Jean. Father of Betty (Ronald) Beiser, Robert (Jaquie), Richard, and Nancy (Richard) Pechovsky. Dear grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of seven. Joseph served honorably in WWII and was a Past Master of the Metropolitan Lodge. Please share a memory with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

ANTOINETTE 'TONI' SETON

of Livonia, passed away September 20, 2010. Age 58. Beloved wife of Richard. Dear step-mom of Jason Seton. Loving daughter of Fay and the late John Miga. Dear sister-in-law of Dolores (the late Eddie E. Jeanette (Paul) and Gene (Pat). Cousin of Zdzislav (Grazyna). Also survived by many loving friends. She will be dearly missed especially by those fortunate enough to have dined at her table. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm, with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren, Institute Friday 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00a.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church 2500 Twelve Mile Road (east of Dequindre) Warren. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Donations to Rose Cancer Center at Beaumont Hospital are preferred. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.wasikfuneralhome.com

FREDERICK "Fred" W. YORK

Age 83 of Delaware, passed away early Tuesday morning at Cherry Care Center at Willow Brook in Delaware, Ohio. He was born April 10, 1927 in Farmingdale, Maine to George and Rena Dillingham York. A World War II Navy veteran, Fred's vast work experience included ship building laborer, railroad clerk, and machine helper. He obtained a BA degree from the University of Maine at Orono in 1952 with the help of the G.I. Bill. His professional life led him to retire in Farmington Hills, Michigan as a Regional Underwriting Manager for Employers Insurance of Wausau after almost 30 years with the company. His personal life was filled with the love of the outdoors, especially the coast of Maine. Year after year he spent hours on the shoreline scavenging for lobster buoys, sand dollars and starfish with his children and grandchildren. During his summer vacations, he built a cottage in Maine with his wife of nearly 60 years, Frances, and his brother, Ellsworth. He and his wife lovingly shared the cottage with their children, grandchildren, extended family, and many dear friends. He was a member of the Farmington, Michigan First United Methodist Church. He is survived by his son Greg (Regan) York of Delaware, OH; his daughter Linda Cook of South Lyon, MI; ten grandchildren Joshua and Trisha Cook, Maria, Katie, Gregory, Tina, Tommy, Susie, Bethy, and Johnny York; a very special "niece" Mary Beth Henneke Becker of New York; his brother Ellsworth of Somerville, ME; his three sisters Marvis Minoty of Randolph, ME, Irene Lovejoy of Massachusetts, and Pearl Moody of Gardiner, ME. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Maureen, at age 11, a sister, Muriel White, and his devoted wife, Frances, his past May. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Farmington First United Methodist Church. Rodman Neepner Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed and memories shared by visiting: www.RodmanNeepner.com

He is survived by his son Greg (Regan) York of Delaware, OH; his daughter Linda Cook of South Lyon, MI; ten grandchildren Joshua and Trisha Cook, Maria, Katie, Gregory, Tina, Tommy, Susie, Bethy, and Johnny York; a very special "niece" Mary Beth Henneke Becker of New York; his brother Ellsworth of Somerville, ME; his three sisters Marvis Minoty of Randolph, ME, Irene Lovejoy of Massachusetts, and Pearl Moody of Gardiner, ME. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Maureen, at age 11, a sister, Muriel White, and his devoted wife, Frances, his past May. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Farmington First United Methodist Church. Rodman Neepner Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed and memories shared by visiting: www.RodmanNeepner.com

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April 28, 1948 - Sept. 23, 2008

It has been 2 years since God called you home and not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts and prayers. You are all very fortunate to have such great memories and miss you very much. Love Bobby, Rob, Michael, Johnathon and your surviving sister Judy Perkins of Dunwoody, Georgia

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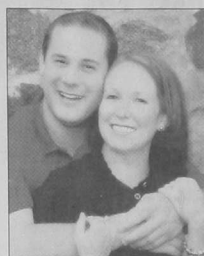
MILESTONES

OCTOBER WEDDING

Haley Gibson and Nic Gordon announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jerry and Lou Gibson of Plymouth. Her fiancé's parents are Mike and Anne Marie Gordon of Manchester.

An October 2010 wedding is planned in Traverse City.



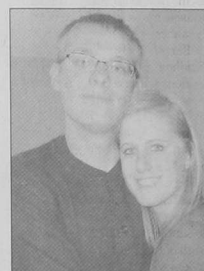
Gibson-Gordon

PERKINS-LAPPETITO

Jennifer Perkins and James Lappetito announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dave and Kathy Perkins of Livonia, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Stevenson High School. She studied marketing at Michigan State University, and graduated in 2009. She is in a management position at Target in Virginia.

Her fiancé, son of John and Barbara Lappetito of Livonia, graduated in 2004 from Livonia Stevenson High School. He studied turf management at Michigan State University, and graduated in 2008. He is a golf course superintendent in Virginia.



Perkins-Lappetito

An October 2010 wedding planned in Livonia.

LUKAS-MORACA

Rebecca Ann Lukas and Matthew John Moraca announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James Lukas of Novi and Kathy Fox of Farmington, graduated in 2002 from Farmington High School. She earned a B.S. degree in 2007 from Michigan State University in interdisciplinary health studies. She is employed as a bartender.

Her fiancé, son of Steve and Marlene Moraca of Canton, graduated in 2001 from Catholic Central High School. He earned a B.A. degree in 2006 from Michigan State University in hospitality business. He is employed as a hotel manager.



Lukas-Moraca

An October 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A 65-year love story began when two teenagers met at their church youth camp and fell in love. After five years of dating they made wedding plans.

Alton Bennett and Mae (Root) Bennett were married Sept. 7, 1950, in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Hastings.

A celebration honoring the Farmington couple as they marked their 60th wedding anniversary was held on July 3 with family and friends gathering for lunch at Ward Evangelical Church in Northville.

Joining them in the gathering were the Rev. Raymond Bennett, Alton's brother, and his wife Marie (Root) Bennett, Mae's twin sister, who also were married in 1950.

The children of the families planned the event.

Their children are Deborah Butler of Alpena and Jonathan (Beth) Bennett of Alpharetta, Ga. The grandchildren are Joseph (Kali) Smith of Alpena; Lista (Kyle) Cleland of Bay City and Kristi, Michael and Lauren Bennett of Alpharetta, Ga. They have three great-grandchildren.

Alton graduated from Hasting High School and is a graduate of Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y., University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Alton spent 28 years as a middle school principal in Farmington Public Schools. He enjoyed serving on the Farmington City Council, including two terms as mayor. He continues on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

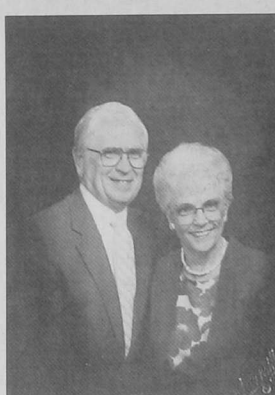
Mae graduated from Middleville High School. After their children were in school all day, she went to Schoolcraft College and graduated as a licensed practical nurse. She took medication training at Sinai Hospital and continued working there for several years and many years in Farmington Family Physicians office. She retired in 1997.

Upon retirement, the Bennetts enjoyed traveling to all 50 states and 15 countries around the world.

Alton and Mae have been active members of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church for 44 years, where Alton has been an elder, deacon, teacher and served on several committees. Mae has been a deacon, receptionist, served on committees and enjoys her Circle Bible Study.

At home, they keep busy with friends and family. Alton gardens, plays golf and cross stitches gifts for grandchildren. Mae enjoys reading, knitting, cooking and spoiling the grandchildren.

Life for them is their "faith" in God and his blessings, "hope for their friends, family and community and the "love" they share and enjoy as the years go by.



Alton and Mae Bennett of Farmington Hills

HEALTH

Sunday, September 26, 2010

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Cancer screenings stress early detection

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Cindy Sandona, an osteopathic physician, has some non-nonsense advice when it comes to cancer.

"Early detection," said Sandona, a Commerce Township resident affiliated with Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and the Detroit Medical Center. "Mammography is still our best option, along with breast self-exam."

She works as a surgeon with breast cancer patients, and will be among physicians and others presenting an upcoming program of free cancer screenings. Sandona is director of Breast Health in the Botsford Hospital Cancer Center.

The Botsford Hospital Cancer Center will host a free cancer screening and educational event, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Advance registration is required. Screenings offered will include mammograms for breast cancer, prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test for prostate cancer, stool guaiac test and digital rectal exam for colorectal cancer, oral screenings with the ViziLite Plus System for head and neck cancers, and skin checks for skin cancer. Preliminary familial counseling will be available for people interested in learning about family medical history and cancer. There also will be free screenings for lymphedema — a condition that impacts many cancer survivors.

All screenings will be free and will follow the American Cancer Society's guidelines. Advance registration for the screenings is required. To register, call the Botsford Cancer Center at (248) 471-8120.

Educational presentations with nationally recognized physicians include:

• 9:15 a.m. — Breast Cancer: Risk Factors, Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment, Cindy Sandona, D.O.

• 10 a.m. — Sun Safety and Skin Cancer Prevention, Francisca Kartono, D.O.

• 10:45 a.m. — Human papillomavirus (HPV) and Cancer, Judith Joslin-Page, D.O.

• 11:30 a.m. — Cancer Screening - Knowledge is Power, Savitha Balaraman, M.D.

• 12:15 p.m. — New Innovations in the Diagnosis of Lung Cancer, Phil Kaplan, D.O.

• 1 p.m. — The Value of PSA Screening and Prostate Cancer, Jeffrey Schock, D.O.

TREATMENT OPTIONS

Sandona will lecture on screening modalities, including self-exams for breasts and new surgical options. She emphasized in a recent interview that surgeries are becoming less drastic. "We're going to get some information out about that," Sandona said.

She'll offer breast exams Oct. 2, and recommends a baseline mammogram for women at age 35 followed by a yearly mammogram at 40 and beyond.

Sandona noted the recent flap over age guidelines with breast cancer. "It all depends on your family history," she said of younger women with concerns. "If you're a high-risk person, we start at an earlier age."

She said free exams, such as those offered at the Botsford event, help individuals without insurance or with limited coverage.

"I think with what's going



on in southeastern Michigan we have to," Sandona said of health providers and hospitals stepping up with care. "That's always a concern when we're not doing what we need to do for the population."

Aside from finances, fear keeps some patients away from the doctor's office. "The fear of the unknown," she said. "Cancer is very, very treatable if found at an early stage."

The disease doesn't discriminate by age.

"Colorectal, we're seeing it earlier," she said, noting some 30-year-olds have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer. That makes tests like the digital rectal and fecal occult especially important.

Sandona gets all appropriate cancer tests. "I have a family history of breast cancer," said the doctor, who has had mammograms since age 35.

She'll also talk about the accelerated breast irradiation program. Patients getting radiation for breast cancer can now get it for only part of the breast, where it's needed. There's also improved genetic testing for high-risk families.

"They're working on it every day," Sandona said of cancer research.

SURVIVOR, AUTHOR

At 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, cancer survivor John Ricco of Farmington Hills will speak on "The Ride of Your Life: Fighting Cancer with Attitude."

Ricco was a few days shy of his 53rd birthday when diagnosed with multiple myeloma in June 2000. He's now a 10-year cancer survivor who wrote *The Ride of Your Life: Fighting Cancer with Attitude* as a tool kit for other cancer patients.

"Every month there are a couple of events I'm doing," said Ricco, who speaks to numerous groups and does charitable walks. "Mainly I'm trying to help people out with tips and information."

When diagnosed, John Ricco had a goal of walking daughter Christina down the aisle at her 2005 wedding. He met that goal and now hopes to walk daughters Carrie and Cathy down the aisle at their weddings, he said in a recent *Observer* interview.

Ricco and his family recently participated in a fund-raising walk for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit in Royal Oak. Gilda's Club is among the organizations, along with the American Cancer Society, that will have information at the Botsford event.

The Botsford Cancer Center is located at 27900 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills.

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KNOW YOUR CANCER RISK FACTORS

Different cancers have different risk factors. Having a risk factor, or even several, does not mean that you will get the disease.

Some factors are linked to cancer-causing factors in the environment. Still others are related to personal behaviors, such as smoking, drinking, and diet. Some factors influence risk more than others, and your risk for cancer can change over time. Here's a sampling of factors.

Breast Cancer

• Being female. Women are more likely than men to develop breast cancer.

• Increasing age. Women older than 60 have a greater risk.

• A personal history of breast cancer. If you've had breast cancer in one breast, you have an increased risk.

• A family history of breast cancer. If you have a mother, sister or daughter with breast cancer, you have a greater chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer.

• Inherited genes that increase cancer risk. Certain gene mutations that increase the risk of breast cancer can be passed from parents to children.

The most common gene mutations are referred to as BRCA1 and BRCA2.

• Radiation exposure. If you received radiation treatments to your chest as a child or young adult, you're more likely to develop breast cancer later in life.

• Obesity.

• Beginning your period before age 12.

• Beginning menopause after age 55.

• Having your first child after age 35.

• Postmenopausal hormone therapy.

Women who take hormone therapy medications that combine estrogen and progesterone to treat the signs and symptoms of menopause have an increased risk.

• Drinking alcohol.

Skin Cancer

• Fair skin. Having less pigment (melanin) in your skin provides less protection from damaging UV radiation. If you have blond or red hair and light-colored eyes, and you freckle or sunburn easily, you're more likely to develop skin cancer than a person with darker skin.

• A history of sunburns. Every time you get sunburned, you damage your skin cells and increase your risk.

• Excessive sun exposure. Anyone who

spends considerable time in the sun may develop skin cancer, especially if the skin isn't protected by sunscreen or clothing. Tanning, including exposure to tanning beds, also puts you at risk.

• Moles. People who have many moles or abnormal moles are at increased risk.

• A family history of skin cancer.

• A personal history of skin cancer. If you developed skin cancer once, you're at risk of developing it again.

• A weakened immune system.

• Increasing age. The risk of developing skin cancer increases with age, primarily because many skin cancers develop slowly. The damage that occurs during childhood or adolescence may not become apparent until middle age.

Prostate Cancer

• Older age. Prostate cancer is most common in men over 65.

• African American men have a greater risk.

• Family history of prostate cancer.

• Obesity. Obese men diagnosed with prostate cancer are more likely to have advanced disease that's more difficult to treat.

Colorectal Cancer

• Older age. About 90 percent of people diagnosed with colon cancer are older than 50.

• African Americans have a greater risk.

• A personal history of colorectal cancer or polyps.

• Inflammatory intestinal conditions such as ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease can increase your risk.

• Genetic syndromes such as familial adenomatous polyposis or hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (Lynch syndrome).

• Family history of colon cancer and colon polyps.

• Low-fiber, high-fat diet.

• Lack of regular physical activity.

• Diabetes.

• Obesity.

• Tobacco use.

• Excessive alcohol use.

Oral Cancer

• Tobacco use.

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• Poor dental hygiene.

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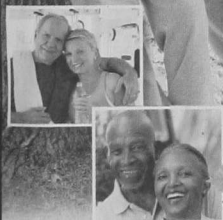
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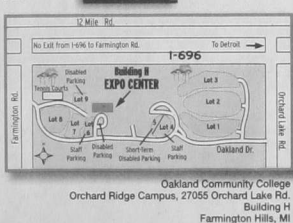
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No job is guaranteed to last forever, but certain industries offer more hope for longevity, an especially attractive quality these days. The health-care industry employed 14 million workers in 2006, making it the largest sector in the nation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Its outlook is promising, with the potential to add 3 million new jobs between 2006 and 2016.

Many jobs in health care require an extensive education that combines formal schooling with on-the-job training. Naturally, you want surgeons to have several years of practice before they begin operating on patients. You might be surprised to learn how many jobs – none of which allows you to perform a transplant, thankfully – you can find in health care with a moderate amount of formal training.

Here are seven jobs in health care that offer plenty of on-the-job training or require less than a bachelor's degree. Not only do these jobs allow you to work in a thriving field, but you also have the satisfaction of helping someone's well-being.

Pharmacy technicians

What they do: Perform administrative tasks in pharmacies and assist pharmacists preparing medication for patients.

Training: No nationwide regulations for a pharmacy technician's education exist, so each state has its own guidelines. Certification and formal training are definitely positives for job seekers, but expect plenty of on-the-job training as well.

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Medical transcriptionists

What they do: Transcribe audio recordings made by doctors and

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Training: Transcriptionists can obtain certification, which helps employment opportunities. Depending on the employer, adequate course work or an associate degree in a relevant field can qualify you for a job.

Salary: \$31,250

Clinical laboratory technicians

What they do: Perform various tasks – ranging from collecting blood

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Training: An associate degree or certification is preferred by most employers, but expect plenty of on-the-job training as well.

Salary: \$34,270

Medical secretaries

What they do: Work with physicians and scientists to write articles, speeches, presentations and reports.

Training: Requirements vary, but all secretaries should have a strong

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Salary: \$28,950

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What they do: Ensure that patient records are complete and accurate. They review medical charts and other documents that need to be on file regarding the patient's medical history.

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Salary: \$29,290

Physical therapist aides

What they do: Prepare the physical therapy site for a patient's treatment and assist with other duties that a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant requires.

Training: On-site training is typical, though related education is helpful.

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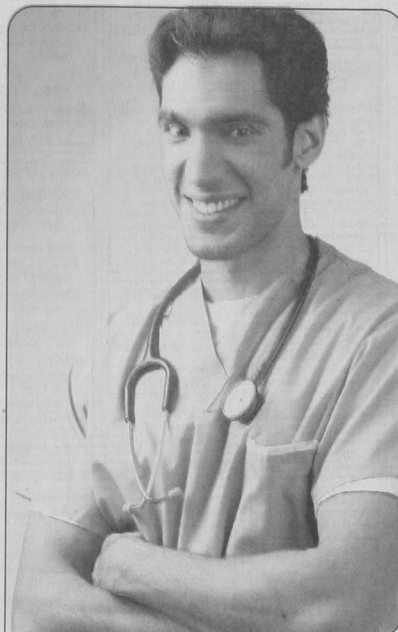
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What they do: Help patients live comfortably in their own homes or in a live-in facility that is not a hospital or institution. Their patients can range from elderly individuals to people with disabilities.

Training: On-the-job training is standard, although some states and employers require further education, which you can obtain from a vocational school or community college.

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This beautiful home has a total of 3 large bedrooms, 3 baths with full finished basement situated on the lake with stunning panoramic views, offers great attention to details, an elevator to service all 3 floors, a kitchen that opens to the family room with fireplace & a dining room & breakfast nook with marble floors. This home has a living room with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, fabulous entertaining center & wet bar, his & her library, master suite with huge master bath & a wall of windows overlooking the lake. This home was all remodeled: newer furnaces, cedar shake shingles 3 car garage & much more. This home is move in ready & has too many features to mention • a must see!!
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- Relieved sigh
- Ambiance
- Sushi fish
- Outdoor excursion (2 wds.)
- Goddess of flowers
- Slightest trace
- Big Sky st.
- Sweetie-pie
- Pipe
- Show distress
- Fiery holder
- Do a salon job
- Mercury, in the lab
- Colorless
- Stray dog
- I, objectively
- Vast assortment
- Close kin

DOWN

- Rival
- Hold up well
- Facilitate
- Richmond's st.
- Flirty miss
- Dietary plus
- Keeps a low profile (2 wds.)
- Strong soap
- Lahore language
- Kind of control
- Previous to
- Huff and puff
- Novelist — Bagrod
- Phone trio
- Kitchen VIP
- Flake off
- Composite
- Pet lovers' gp.
- Just as I thought!
- Prom honoree
- Faint
- Cape waver

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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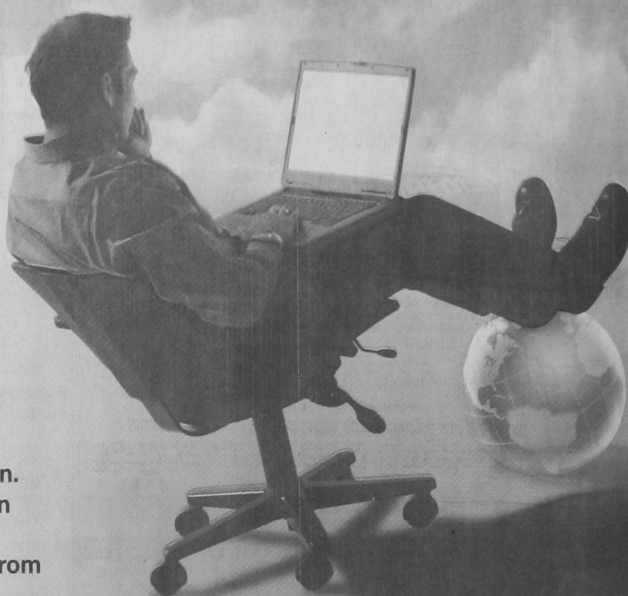
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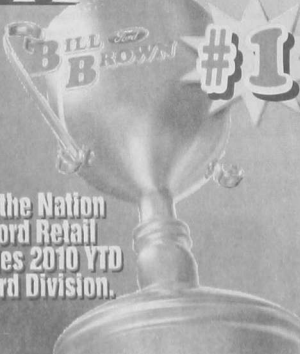
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