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## CONNECTION

Focus groups

Pocus groups
Plymouth-Canton
Community Schools staff,
parents and community
members are being asked to
participate in focus groups
this month to solicit their
reactions to the work of the
Dynamic Planning Committee.
The meetings will take
place on Monday, Oct. 25, and
Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the E.J.
McClendon Education Center,
The sessions will last no more
than an hour, and interested
individuals can participate by
calling (734) 416-3048.
Volunteers should register

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Volunteers should register for one of the following.

Oct. 25 – Parents, 1-2 p.m.; staff, 3-4 p.m.; parents/community members, 6-7 p.m.
Oct. 27 – Parents, 1-2 p.m.; staff, 4-5 p.m.; parents/community members, 7-8 p.m. It has been more than 10 years since Plymouth-Canton Community Schools engaged in a strategic planning effort. A steering committee was developed to help the district create its guiding goals. Additional meetings of the committee are schedule Oct. 4 and Nov. 1.

#### Candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County hosts a candidate for the 7th state Senate and 20th and 21st state House districts Monday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Candidates for the 7th Senate seat (Plymouth, Canton, Northville and downriver) include Democrat Kathleen Law, Republican Patrick Colbeck, independents John Stewart and Michael Kheibari and Libertarian Marin Brandys. That forum takes place 7-8 p.m. Candidates for the 20th House seat (Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Wayne) are Democrat Joan Wadsworth and Republican Kurt Heise. Running for the 21st House (Canton, Belleville and Van Buren) seat are incumbent Democrat Dian Slavens and Republican Lori Levi. That forum runs 8-9 p.m. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry

## Wanted: Vacation photos

# Fire chief douses 37-year career

Canton Fire Chief Michael
Rorabacher has confirmed he will
reture Nov. 5, ending a nearly 37-year
career that began right here in the
township where he grew up.
The been with Canton my entire
career, Rorabacher, 58, said.
Rorabacher staręda as a Canton
firefighter in January 1974 — the
same year Hank Aaron beat Babe
Ruth's home-run record, President
Richard Nixon resigned following the
Watergate scandal and Canton had
only nine firefighters who worked out
of a single fire station near Cherry Hill
and Canton Center.



Rorabacher, highly respected among his peers, climbed through the ranks, becoming a sergeant in 1979 and ascending to the position of fire chief in 1992. He pointed the Canton Fire Department just two years after it became full-time.

The department has grown to three fire stations and 62 firefighters, though it still has fewer employees per 1,000 residents than other metro Detroit fire departments in communities of comparable size.

Tit has been very satisfying to be here almost from day one to what we

Chief Mel Paulun and worked closely for many years with former Public Safety Director John Santomauro, who led the charge to turn the Canton police and fire departments into the nominally consolidated department it remains today.

"John and I worked as a real team, and his influence is going to be here forever," Rorabacher said. "If Julyaed a small part in those changes, I think that's great."
Santomauro retired last year, and though Rorabacher could have retired years ago from his \$115,000-a-year

position, he remained on the job an helped during the last year as Canto made the transition to its new lead-ership under Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek. Rorabacher's successor hasn't yet

Rorabacher's successor hasn't yet been named.
"I think he has been an excellent leader, and he has instilled a lot of professionalism in us," said Battalion Chief Tim Dunn, president of Canton Professional Firefighters Union Local 2289. "He has done a great job of managing our department and improving the quality of life for Canton residents. His leadership and the professionalism he mandates filters down in our department."

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Wildcat royalty

Christina Winkler are Plymouth High School's Homecoming king and queen. The halftime crowning kicks off ig fun for students.

# **Conduct code** stays, with compromises

With an apology from Supt. Dr. Craig
Fiegel for providing "adequate time"
for review of the 2010 Student Code of
Conduct and a promise to continue to
bring "serious drug offenses" up for potential expulsion hearings, the PlymouthCanton Community Schools Board of
Education voted to leave the new code in
place while a review for legal propriety is
conducted.

The 5-2 vote (Trustee Dianne Gonzalez
and Treasurer Judy Mardigian cast the no
votes) leaves the code, which had drawn
the ire of some board members for what
they felt was a relaxing of the district's
drug policy, in force.

"Board policy does not require the board
to approve the Code of Conduct, but they
should review it in a timely fashion," Fiegel
told board members at Tuesday's meeting.
"While it is being reviewed, we will continue to bring drug questions to the board."

The code created some controversy in
the last few weeks because it no longer
makes what administrators deem "minor"
drug offenses, such as sharing over-thecounter medicines such as Midol, cause for
expulsion. While the code still mandates
suspension for all drug offenses, administrators have leeway to determine "the

# Hopefuls battle for 20th District House seat

## Heise: Record shows success, bipartisanship

According to Heise, Snyder's popula ity — polls show him with a significan lead over Democrat Virg Bernero, the mayor of Lansing — represents voters desire to have lawmakers of both parties find centrist ideas and work together. That's how Snyder has portrayed himself, and it's something Heise says he can do, too. "Michigan is in a state of crisis right now, and it's about more than merely (electing) people we've heard of, or who live down the street," he said.

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## Wadsworth says she'd bridge partisan divide

State government is paralyzed by partisanship, with Democrats and Republicans unable to step toward the middle and compromise as revenues dwindle, problems mount and Michigan's economy continues to limp along.

That's a perception Joan Wadsworth said she routinely encounters among voters in Plymouth, Plymouth and Canton townships and neighboring communities as she campaigns for the

Michigan House of Representatives. Wadsworth aims to change all that. "I will be a legislator who will work well with others," said Wadsworth, of Northville, during a recent interview. "Folks are sick of the gridlock." Democrat Wadsworth, a community activist and 16-year member of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, faces Republican Kurt Heise, an attorney and former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, in the Tuesday, Nov. 2, election in the 20th District.

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# CHIEF

or very good. Only 2 percent rated it as fair or poor.

"We're very happy with the results," Nemecek has said, giving accolades to employees such as Rorabacher, his firefighters and the township's police officers for the Canton Public Safety Department's reputation and image.

Rorabacher has been involved as his department became much more highly trained to provide top-tier services not only in fighting fires, but also in Advanced Life Support medical help.

"We've just helped thousands of people over the years," Rorabacher said. "Even though the fire part is the most visible, to watch our people out there working their magic with Advanced Life Support is probably the most saifsfying thing there is. They go out there and save lives every day and provide such a high level of service."

Rorabacher conceded his life will be much different when he hangs up his uniform and no longer oversees the fire department. He will have more time to spend with wife Darlene, whom he married in 1973, and their 25-year-old son, Bradley.

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he married in 1979, and then 2019 Bradley.

"I'll be going from a position that comes with a high level of respect to the wife telling me to take out the garbage," Rorbacher said.

And, he's fine with that.

"I've been here a long time," he said, "and it's time to go."



Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher was happy when the new station opened in 2007.

# SOS meeting to focus on school funding issue

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local school officials are putting out an SOS call to Wayne County residents to get informed about school financing at a informational presentation Thursday, Oct. 14.

SOS - Save Our Students, Schools and State will have its chair Tom White and Mary DeYoung-Smith, president of the Michigan PTSA, as the speakers at the program, planned for 7-8:30 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

"Parents need to go there so they can understand what's going on and what needs to be done to fix this crisis," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We are supporting this so everyone of our parents, employees and stakeholders in the district can attend."

The program will look at the results of a Citizens Research Council of Michigan report on the issues the state is facing and at education's funding mechanism set under Proposal A.

The primary goals of SOS are to create a grassroots network of school personnel and community members to promote change through legislative action, assist schools to operate more efficiently and effectively and create a reformed system for funding K-12 education that yields equitable, adequate and predictable funding.

According to SOS, "Michigan's school funding system is failing. It needs to be reformed. In the 15 years since the inception of Proposal A school funding system our economy has changed, our students have changed and our world has changed. Our school funding system needs to change as well. The needs are

record number of school districts in deficit (bankruptcy) and the many more that are at the edge of a financial cliff. Both short- and long-term strategies are urgently needed to address the challenges faced by Michigan's schools."

According to Baracy, the meeting "is extremely important."

"It will contain information some of us may have forgotten or are not aware of because we weren't old enough to vote when Proposal A was passed," said Baracy. "I truly believe this will be an eye-opener for folks and will certainly give people a better understanding of how schools are funded, when the funding mechanism and formula changed and why we have a 40-year-old antiquated tax system to support education."

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For more information about SOS, visit its website at www. sosmichigan.org.



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# TOUR SEASONS REHABILITATION

GREAT STAFF GREAT CARE.

Families talk about the quality care available to residents and short-term patients at Four Seasons Rehab & Nursing



There were two reasons Montique Harris chose Four Seasons when seeking rehabilitative therapy for her mother. Janice Harris was suffering from complications that included bedsores and renal failure in addition to recovering from back surgery before coming to Four Seasons. Two weeks later she was sitting up for the first time after three long months in the hospital. Janice Harris receives inpatient dialysis as well as physical therapy. At Four Seasons, Montique doesn't have to worry about Janice receiving the care that is saving her life. Montique is a nurses! aide and knows first hand the importance sign these requisity scheduled recordures.

(6 I couldn't be happier with the care my mother is receiving at Four Seasons. I looked at other facilities, many which didn't offer dialysis, and would recommend Four Seasons to family and friends.

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On-site dialysis eliminates the need for transport by ambulance to an outpatient center. That means no missed meals and medication, an advantage especially important for diabetics. "We're the only ones in Michigan to provide this," said Nancy Riegler, a LPN with Fresenius Medical Care. "Home treatments promote health, decrease hospitalization."

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"We're making a difference in someone's life," added Four Seasons RN Janet Doyle. "Consistent care improves quality of life. We're starting a trend. We meet the patients' schedules instead of them working around ours. Patients may also require physical therapy and we work closely with Four Seasons' physical therapy team."

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#### Wrestling boosters

Wrestling boosters

The Salem Wrestling
Boosters are sponsoring a
Euchre Tournament Saturday,
Nov. 6, 2010 at The Elks Club
in Plymouth, located at 41700
Ann Arbor Road.
Players must be 21 years of
age to participate. The player/
registration fee is \$25 and
includes cash prizes, 50/50
drawing, raffles and complimentary food along with a
cash bar. The top (3) individuals will share 30 percent of the
total entry fees. Limited space
is available.
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is available.
Contact Rich Rohn at
rrohn@tmgwest.com or visit
the Salem Wrestling web site
at "wrestling.salemrocks.com"
for more information.

#### Service salute

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

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@cantonmi.org or call (734) 3945472.

5472.
The focus this year will be on Korean War veterans. The Canton Cable Studiq will be recording interviews with Korean veterans. Veterans who are interested in vol-

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.

#### Newcomers meet

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An evening filled with socializing, refreshments from LaPita, opportunities to shop for greeting cards/stationary with Phoenix Trading, win a raffle prize by donating to Angel's Place and review your emergency preparedness and the role insurance can play in making a bad situation so much better is all on the agenda at the Canton Newcomers' Wednesday, Oct. 6, adult general meeting.

Those interested in meeting their neighbors and exploring interest groups that include Book Club, Bunko, Scrapbooking, Canista, Walking, Chick Flick, Parents & Kids, and many more are encouraged to attend. The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. and is held at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford Road. A complimentary October newsletter can be requested at www.cantonnewcomers.org.

For further information

comers.org.
For further information
or to RSVP for the meeting,
e-mail Noreen at nrybar@
zahoo.com or call (734) 981-

#### Book signing

Award-winning author and photographer Cheryl Vatcher-Martin of Canton

on each individual change and a formal legal opinion is rendered.

"Most of the (discipline cases) in the system were for prescription drugs," Gonzalez said. "It's a huge problem."

Trustees John Jackson and Adrienne Davis, who had initially expressed concerns similar to Gonzalez's, were satisfied with progress the policy committee made on the subject and voted to leave the 2010 policy in place, with Fiegel's promises intact.

"Communication is the key," Davis said. "There were some communication issues, but I'm encouraged with where we are going forward."



## Helping hands

Canton resident Michele Dickerson (left) hands off a packed bag of food to volunteer Natasha Sanchez of Allen Park at the Gleaners Distribution Center in Taylor. Dickerson was just one of the hundreds of Comerica employees who volunteered on Comerica's National Day of Service Sept. 25.

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.

"TII 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

Her brand new Writers'
Club debuted Sept. 27 at the
William P. Faust Library in
Westland.

#### Grief support

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 pro

cess.
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 Bereawement 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.

#### Check out Canton

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

munity "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.

participating in this program can call Canton's Economic Development office at (734) 394-5182.

# CODE

seriousness of the offense,"
before recommending students
caught for expulsion.
Some trustees had trouble
granting that discretion, without solid policy behind them,
to 13 different administrators at the three-high school
park. Mardigian expressed
concern the policy would leave
the board out of the loop on
enforcement of the district's
policies against drugs.
"The board doesn't have to
expel, but the board has to hear
the cases," Mardigian said.
"When kids are distributing illegal substances, there are significant issues ... it's a cry for help.
My concern is ... we wouldn't
know about these cases, and
there would be wide discretion
among administrators."

In a memo to board members, Fiegel agreed to bring
cases of illegal substance use,
possession or distribution forward for potential expulsion
hearings, even while the policy
is being reviewed.

Small amounts and cases
involving over-the-coun-

ter medicines — several people used the Midol anal-ogy Tuesday — would still be handled at the discretion of administration, be said

will come to the board automatically," he said. "Smaller amounts would be at the discretion of administrators. I think the administration is more than capable of making those decisions. We need to do our job. I have the confidence they can be consistent."

Gonzalez, who expressed concern because studies show the most popular drugs of choice among teens these days are prescription drugs like Xanax, Vicodin and OxyContin, wanted the 2009 policy reinstated until the board could hold a pair of public hearings on the matter, an affirmative vote by the board on each individual change and a formal legal opinion is rendered.
"Most of the (discipline



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## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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# Tailgate event hopes to be alumni attraction

Hoping to bring former Plymouth-Canton students of all ages back into the fold, school officials last year formed an alumni-committee charged with making the dis-trict a more graduate-friendly atmosphere.

The committee's first move

charged with making the district a more graduate-friendly atmosphere.

The committee's first move was putting together a website (alumni.plymouth-canton-schools.net') launched in April 2009. Now, the committee is getting ready for its first alumni-themed event, "Gathering @ the Gridiron," an alumni ailgate party set to take place south of the Canton High School parking lot 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

"The district has never really done a good job of keeping in contact with its alumni," said Steven Sneideman, president of the district's Board of Education. "The first step was to create the website and a newsletter. Now that we've gotten that underway, the next step is to reach out to make our alumni feel they're part of the district again."

The committee figured the game, Canton vs. Salem, would make be a natural for the first alumni event, since it was bound to attract a high number of grads anyway.

The committee will set up a large tent right outside the football field. There will be food, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will perform, and tables will be set up so alumni can purchase apparel from each of the park's three

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high schools.
We know many alumni
are interested in coming to
the Canton-Salem football
game," said Liz VartanianGibbs, the principal at Hoben
Elementary and the facilita-





The former Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School

tor for the alumni event. "We wanted to connect with people before the game."

Alumni will also have an opportunity to record video/ audio answers to a variety of questions — "What's your

favorite memory of the park?"
"What are your memories of
the upper commons?" — for a
video feature to be displayed
on the alumni website (http://
alumni.plymouth-cantonschools.net).

events.
"Our hope is this event will grow, and reunions will be planned around it," Sneideman said.

## Retirement costs offset funds gained in school bill

BY BRAD KADRICH

Jim Larson-Shidler couldn't stifle the chuckle when asked about the news the state Legislature had approved a \$154 addition to the foundation grant for each school district, meaning a \$2.9 million boost to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' general fund budget.

The chuckle came because Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, also found out the state will increase the percentage of payroll school districts pay for retirement from 19.1 percent to 20.66 percent effective Nov. 1.

'In one pocket, out the other,' Larson-Shidler said with the aforementioned chuckle.

The state Senate Wednesday afternoon passed HB \$572 (\$5-5), which

chuckle.
The state Senate
Wednesday afternoon
passed HB 5872 (S-5), which
restores the remaining \$154
of last year's \$165 per student cut in state school aid
as well as the \$4.5 million of
the \$16 million cut in funding for intermediate school
districts. It also would provide between \$23 and \$46
per student as a 2X addition
for districts receiving the
minimum foundation grant.
Plymouth-Canton will
receive \$2.9 million with
the \$154 per pupil increase
and another \$816,000 for a
2X addition based on \$38
per student.

lion, according to Larson-Shidler.

The money is one time only funding. It will disappear next year just federal stimulus money runs out. Estimates are that at that time districts could face a per-pupil loss of \$500-\$700. In Plymouth-Canton, the money will help cover, among other things, a potential \$2.7 million in Step increases for teachers, a figure that wasn't included when the district put its 2010-2011 budget together, Larson-Shidler explained, because the district and its teachers are still negotiating a contract.

"It's definitely a temporary fix," said Larson-Shidler as of the Legislature's move. "This \$2.9 million covers that \$2.7 million and keeps our budget balanced."

The 19.1 percent retirement took effect Friday, Oct. 1, and was the amount stricts used in planning their 2010-2011 budget. And looks like there is the possibility of yet another increase to 23 percent as soon as January. Administrators have heard the rate could climb to 26 percent next year.

Wayne-Westland Schools Supt. Greg Baracy, whose districts includes students from Canton and stands to gain \$2.4 million, said he fears if that happens, "the money may be used up before we get it."

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# Ross students share 'all kinds of stories'

Laid-off workers, teens just out of high school and employ-ees tired of dead-end jobs will share a common goal Monday when classes start for the first time at the new Ross Medical Education Center in Canton. They will pursue a new

time at the new Ross Medical Education Center in Canton. They will pursue a new career, a fresh start, in jobs that are expected to witness a nearly 30-percent growth within the next decade, said Don Klobucar, Ross director of new campus development. "Our students come here with a dream and walk away with a career with advancement potential." Klobucar said, giving a tour of the newest Ross school, 44958 Ford Road, tucked away in an office enter north of Ford between Sheldon and Canton Center. Ross offers morning and evening programs ranging from 30-42 weeks as it prepares students to become medical assistants, dental assistants, medical insurance billers and office administrators.
"A lot of our students

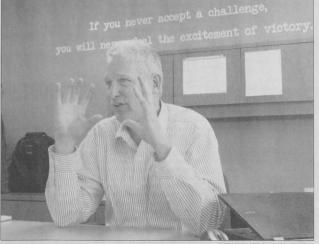
billers and office administrators.

"A lot of our students don't like the jobs they have or they're fresh out of high school," said Ciera Ratliff, the Canton center's admissions representative. "Some of them are unemployed and need a new career. Our students have all kinds of stories."

Canton-based classes start Monday for 11 students enrolled in the medical assistant program, though Klobucar said enrollment is expected to increase rapidly as word spreads and as the dental assistant and medical insurance billing courses start in late October to mid-November.

The 11 0001-square-front.

The 11,000-square-toot Canton campus can accommodate as many as 220 students. Starting out, it has six staffers and 11 faculty members teaching courses and lab procedures 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. — hours designed to accommodate people who continue working



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while they learn a new career.
"Some of our students are
not happy with their jobs
or they don't see room for
advancement," Klobucar said

or they don't see room for advancement," Klobucar said. "We're also getting more students because of the economy and the number of displaced workers."

Though 90 percent of Ross students are women, Klobuca said single fathers and students ranging in age from 18 to 65 are increasingly turning to allied health fields to start anew. Accordingly, Ross plans to open three to five nev campuses each year in the Midwest.

Ross chose Canton for its 19th campus after research-

Ross chose Canton for its 19th campus after researching demographics and deciding that the township and its neighbors — communities such as Plymouth, Livonia and Westland — offered a desirable market for the school's programs.

The new campus has an



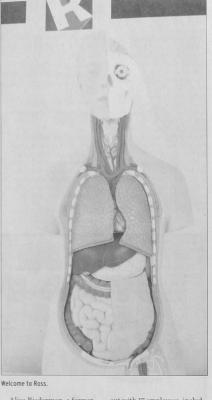
Medical Assistant classroom features hands-on equipment

admissions department, a financial aid office and a career development section – all designed to offer one-stop shopping for students. Everyone who attends Ross also participates in a six-we "externship" — an off-site

internship — and 50 percent of them get hired full-time that way.

Overall, Ross has a goal of placing 80 percent of its students.

"We're far above that every year," Klobucar said.



Alisa Biederman, a former high school teacher, works in job placement at the Canton-based campus. She's eager to help people who have lost their former jobs or who need a new career path.
"I'm very excited about it," she said.
In all, Ross has 14 campuses in Michigan, three in Ohio and two in Indiana. While the Canton campus has started

out with 17 employees, including faculty and other staffers, Klobucar said the center will, undoubtedly, create more jobs

"That number will only grow as enrollment goes up," he said.

For more information, call (734) 459-1723 or log on to www.rossmedicaleducation.com.

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# HEISE

Heise, 44, is the Republican nominee in the 20th District Michigan House of Representatives race. An attorney and the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, he faces Democrat Joan Wadsworth of Northville, a community activist and veteran school board member there, in the Tuesday, Nov. 2, election.

The district is represented by two-term Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, who is not seeking re-election. It is made of up Plymouth, the Wayne County portion of Northville, Northville and Plymouth townships, part of eastern Canton Township and the city of Wayne.

Heise spoke the the Observer in two separate interviews, one in June and the other Thursday.

in two separate interviews, one in June and the other Thursday He contends state government needs to be completely restructured.

#### THE HEISE FILE

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, October 3, 2010

Who. Kurt Heise, 44
What: Republican candidate, 20th state House
(Plymouth, Canton, Northville)
Family: Married 15 years to Catherine; children Katie,

Residency: Lived in Plymouth Township four years,

Residency: Lived in Plymouth Township four years, lifetime in Wayne County.

Profession: Municipal, environmental and labor attorney with Hemming Polaczyk, Cronin, Smith, Witthoff Bennett in Plymouth; adjunct professor, U-M-Dearborn and Wayne State University; environmental and energy consultant for the Wayne State School of Civil Environmental Engineering and other private and public sector clients.

Education: Bachelor's degree in political science, University of Michigar (1988), Wayne State Law School, juris doctor (1991) and master's in labor Jaw (1993).

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Lawmakers should cut business taxes, streamline regulations, stabilize public education funding, make structural reforms to reduce the cost of government and trim the budget in order to point Michigan toward economic growth, Heise said.

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Heise said his experience with local governments on policy details, and his knowledge of western Wayne County, has given him the skills the district needs in Lansing. He has specialized in environmental law and has negotiated with the Detroit Water and Sewerage

Department.

He was hired by Democrat
County Executive Robert
Ficano's administration, and
says he was able to implement conservative principals
in running the environment
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department while putting the customers — which he defined as the communities that make up the county — first. 

'I think people see it as a plus if you have demonstrated the ability to work with the other party to get the job done,' he said.

Reducing what he calls barriers to economic growth top Heise's priority list. The Michigan Business Tax is too burdensome, he said, and needs to be scrapped in favor of lower taxes.

"You have to lower taxes on business' and run the state with less revenue, despite the budget-cutting of recent years, he said." There is more cutting that can be done and should be done."

He also favors state budgeting for two years at a time, as is done in Oakland County. He said the state needs to make structural changes in government — like reducing the pension and health care costs of state employees — in order to cut the budget.

Privatizing some services in areas like corrections, social services and mental health could also save morey, as could consolidating school districts and local district courts, he said.

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triets and local district courts, he said.

"The next several years for the state are going to be very challenging," he said.

But the Legislature should lead by example, he said — by cutting its own pay in half. (State House and Senate members currently earn nearly \$80,000 a year, plus get \$1,000 a month for expenses. A 10-percent pay cut will take effect next year.)

That, plus limiting in-session days to 75 a year — legislators would not get paid for going over that — would force the Legislature to focus, he said.

That would move everybody

"That would move everybody, in a sense of urgency, to get the job done," he said. Heise would also be open to revisiting term limits in the future.

Heise also said the state should make better use of its resources — such as its fresh water, which could be used to lure companies that need water. He supports the Aerotropolis plan at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, which would develop the airport area as a shipping and business hub. "We've got a lot of room to grow," he said.

#### THE WADSWORTH FILE

Who: Joan Wadsworth, 56
Residence: Northville; lived in district 25 years
Family: Husband, Steve Calkins; children Tim, Geoff

and Virgina

Education: Bachelors degree, Wells College, 1976;
master's degree, University of Michigan, 1991

Professional background: American University,
Director of Noncredit Programs; American Association of State Colleges

Web site: www.ioanwadsworth.com

## WADSWORTH

Now represented by twoterm Rep. Marc Corriveau,
D-Northville, who is not seeking re-election, the district
is made up of Plymouth, the
Wayne County portion of
Northville, Northville and
Plymouth townships, part of
eastern Canton Township and
the city of Wayne.
If elected, Wadsworth said,
the economy and job-creation
would be her top priorities. She
would encourage colleagues
to spend the first weeks of the
next legislative session focusing on ways to address those
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issues.

"Are there a series of steps in the middle we could agree to?"
Wadsworth asked rhetorically. She thinks there are.

Her ideas for reviving the economy include:

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pusiness 1ax (including eliminating a nearly 22-per-cent MBT surcharge) and making the tax simpler. "Do that as a little piece of saying Michigan is open for business Wadsworth said. \*Streamlings regulation."

\*Streamlining regulations, and offering businesses a more positive, customer-service-oriented attitude. Michigan is hurt by the perception that it has a poor business climate, she said.
 \*Touting Michigan's business advantages, which she sees as a work force with manufacturing expertise, a growing entrepreneurial class and three major research universities.

neurial class and three major research universities. Wadsworth also sees potential in the ongoing development of southeastern Michigan as a transportation center. With a freeway system already in place, projects like Aerotropolis at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport and a second bridge over the Detroit River could pay off, she said. "We have the basis for seeing the Detroit metro area as a major transportation hub," Wadsworth said. She also argues that

Michigan should be "much more judicious" in handing out tax incentives in order to spur business investment. Fewer tax breaks could help close the budget gap, she said, and perhaps lead to a cut in taxes for all businesses, thereby also encouraging broader investment.

ment.
Public education is another priority for Wadsworth.
School districts have been faced with declining state funding in recent years, and Wadsworth proposes that all districts be allowed, at least temporarily, to ask local voters for a tax increase (which would be capped) in order to get through rough times.

In the long term, however, she wants the state to adopt a way of paying for schools that's more certain and equitable than the one Michigan adopted in 1994 with Proposal A, which raised the state sales tax and cut property taxes.

"I'm always a glass-half-full person," Wadsworth said." I see an opportunity for the state to kind of leverage a discussion about how to create stable and equitable school funding."

She also favors a June 1 dead-line for the education portion of the state budget, in order to give school districts, which begin their fiscal years in July, enough information to work state funding into their budgets.

Wadsworth also favors school district consolidation in some cases but would stop short of mandating it. Districts school district consolidation in some cases but would stop short of mandating it. Districts who wadsworth also favors school district consolidation in some cases but would stop short of mandating it. Districts who wadsworth also favors and widely ranging points of view, and come up with consensus on key issues.

State lawmakers need to do that, too, she said, by focusing first on issues about which they agree.

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they agree.
"You find the things that you can work on together," she said.



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# Confusing estate tax laws may be changing soon

O: Dear Rick: Earlier this year my cousin passed away. He had a rather sizeable estate and he was single without children at his death. He had a living trust and therefore there no probate was needed. I recently received a check for my inheritance and there was a note attached that said that the trustee of his trust was withholding money for potential estate taxes. I know there are no estate taxes this year, so I called the trustee. He said the estate still could be subject to estate taxes. Do you think the trustee is right and, if not, what sort of legal action can I bring to get the rest of my inheritance?

A: You are correct in that at the present time there are no estate taxes in 2010. However, and this is where it gets confusing, there is no guarantee that we won't have the return of the estate tax this year and, furthermore, there is no guarantee that the estate tax won't be retroactive to the beginning of the year.

This doesn't seem fair and it's not right, however, equity and fairness generally have nothing to do with taxes. Therefore, because your cousin's estate was a large estate, it is possible that Congress could pass a new estate tax law which could impact your cousin's estate was a large ottate, it is possible of the trustee to withhold money for potential estate taxes. After all, if the law changes and the estate was subject to taxes, the trustee could potentially have personal liability if the money was already distributed.

I know many people who are reading this would say you can't have a tax law passed at the end



of the year that is retroactive to the beginning of the year. Although it does seem unfair and un-American, it has happened before. When it has been challenged in courts, the courts have allowed these retroactive tax laws. In fact, when President Bill Clinton took office, he signed a tax law that was actually retroactive to before he even took office. Once again, the courts determined that it was legal.

This (2010) is an unusual year when it comes to estate taxes. Since the advent of the estate tax decades ago, there has never been a year where the tax has been non-existent and yet, that is exactly what we have this year.

I have no doubt that Congress anticipated that when the current estate tax law passed, it would be amended by now. It wasn't and that is why the confusion. Congress has tried a number of times throughout the years to correct the situation, however, politics gets in the way. It is still possible that after the elections (in the lame-duck session), a new law will get passed. That is why! believe the trustee is being prudent by withholding money for the potential tax liability.

There is always much confusion regarding estate taxes. The great majority of Americans will not have to worry about estate taxes, how-

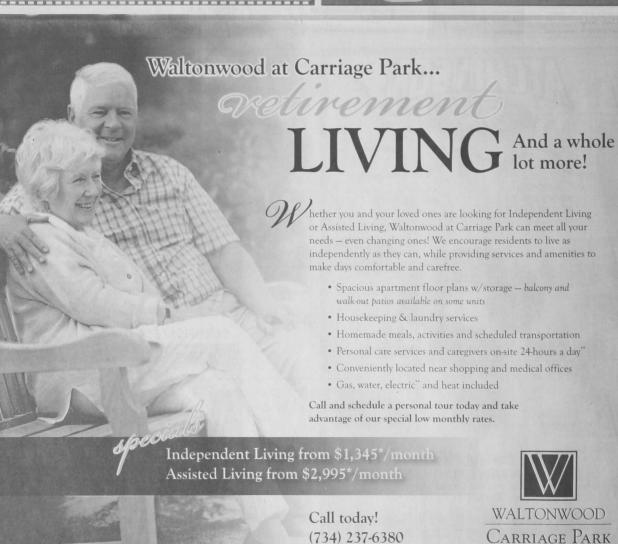
ever, if the present law is not amended, more Americans will be subject to the tax. Nevertheless, whether you are potentially subject to the estate tax or not, it is still important for everyone, no matter what your means, to do some sort of estate planning. Whether it is a living trust, a will, a durable power of attorney or a medical durable power of attorney or a medical durable power of attorney, every adult needs some sort of estate plan. Reducing or eliminating taxes is important, however, what is even more important is protecting your family. The relatively straightforward needs of simple wills such as the Michigan Statutory Will can be sufficient for many people. To download a free copy, go to www.bloomassetmanagement.com and click on the Legal Forms tab. Also available under the Legal Forms tab on my website is a Medical Durable Power of Attorney form, something that I recommend all adults 18 years of age or older complete. After all, when it comes to health care decisions. That is what a medical durable power of attorney accomplishes.

When it comes to estate taxes, laws are going to change. What the new law will be and when it takes effect, no one knows at this point in time. Good luck!

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# Couple's classic car featured in 'Flipped'

# Love story similar to their own

of the classic cars used in the movie.

The viewing was the culmination of a 15-month-long experience with the movie, said Judy Sarns.

"Our group of family and friends were faithful readers of my blog detailing our experiences with the movie," she said. "They were delighted to finally get to view the film and see our car parked out in front of AMC and also in several scenes in the film. We gave each attended a small magnet with a picture of our car and the words, I flipped over the movie, Flipped-September, 2010."

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The whole thing started in the spring of 2009 when Russ, her husband of 46 years, saw an article in his Camaro Club newsletter asking if anyone owned a car from the mid 1950s to early 1960s. Film makers were looking for a vehicle for a movie being filmed that summer in Ann Arbor set in that time period. "The article asked for a pic-



Judy and Russ Sarns' love story is similar to the one told in the movie 'Flipped,' which features their 1955 coral and gray Chevrolet Bel Air.

ture and description of our car. So we sent it in and a few months later were called and asked to bring our car to a warehouse in Ann Arbor to be looked at," Judy Sarns said.

The car spent eight days on the set in Ann Arbor that summer. The Sarns watched the fascinating process of movie making, anxiously awaited the completion of the film and went to the premier of Flipped in Indianapolis on Aug. 2.

The movie is based on the coming-of-age book Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen about a second-grade girl who

who moved in across the street from her. He, of course, did not feel the same way about her. They go through grade school and middle school together when he then realizes he does have feelings for her. The story depicts strong family values, according to Sarns.

The story is reminiscent of her and her husband's romance, she said.

"We met at age 10 in Sunday School, and I had a big crush on him. I invited him to my eighth-grade graduation dance in January of 1956 and five months later, he invited me to his. His father picked me up

in the family's 1955 coral and gray Chevrolet Bel Air, which I thought was a beautiful car."
Even though they saw each other each week in Sunday School and in the halls of Detroit's Mackenzie High School, they didn't date again until Judy's last semester at Mackenzie.
"We had all our dates in that car," she said of the Bel Air. "His parents gave us the car when we got married in 1964 and we sold the "rusty old car" in the early 1970s for \$75. Years later, Russ wished he could find a car just like that and in 1998, he did."





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# Library's Contemporary Books marks 20th with visit by Zaslow

Maggie Zakem of Plymouth Township has 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, marked on her calendar That night, Wall Street Journal columnist and author Jeffrey Zaslow of West Bloomfield will visit the Plymouth District Library.

Zaslow of West Bloomfield will visit the Plymouth District Library.

The occasion? The 20th anniversary of the Contemporary Books discussion group at the library, 223 S. Main.

Zakem was hard-pressed to pick her top three from her years in the group but lists When We Were Orphans by Kazuo Ishiguro, a fiction title. "I called Vicki Sistek (another member) who was in Cleveland at the time," she recalled.

Zakem read the 93 Amazon comments on the book. "I was just looking forward so much to the discussion," she said. "It was wonderful. It was great. I really love the book group. I don't know what I would do without it."

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The group began in 1990 under the tutlelage of now-retired librarian Darlene Ursel. Group members meet each July to suggest titles, which Ursel and now current librarian Sue Patterson pick based on availability and interest.

Zakem recalled her former job at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church which kept her from Contemporary Books for awhile. "I just love and need to be able to discuss books," she said.

She likes tossing aside a book if she doesn't enjoy it, giving it just 10-15 pages. Cormac McCarthy's All the Pretty Horses got a Zakem toss after two pages.

"The never read Danielle."



Patterson, an adult ser-vices librarian and Plymouth resident, has led the group for seven years. She tips her hat to Ursel who started it at a

time when book groups were less common.
"She was as usual before her time," Patterson said. "She in many ways set the model. I've really continued her good work." Group members read Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility from the 19th century as well as such 20th century novels as To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee and The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger.
"It's a very elastic definition," Patterson said of Contemporary Books. "We occasionally dip back into the classics. Basically, I use my experience and judgment."
Group members have asked

ment." Group members have asked about Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*, a current fiction best seller dealing with racial issues due out soon in paperback. "We borrow, we buy," Patterson said. The first *Harry Potter* book by J.K. Rowling generated a lively discussion.

#### GENERATING DISCUSSION

She looks at plotting and theme. "If it's too clear-cut, there's really nothing to say," said Patterson of the fiction and nonfiction, which need to generate a discussion. Group members take turns moderating

in Grand Rapids. That author spoke at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth and was well-received.

"Twe never had an author appeal to me," said Patterson of being approached to have members discuss an author's book. She chooses titles to appeal to a lot of people and get them outside their reading comfort zone. "We try as much as possible to get a variety of points of view," Patterson said. Group members have read a couple of graphic novels. They also read Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer, a fiction title about 9/11's impact on a family.

The group meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thesday of the month at the Plymouth library, and has had younger attendees. A 22-year-old man recently attended the discussion of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Gallaxy by Douglas Adams. "He was the authority on the book," Patterson said.

There are few rules at Contemporary Books, with members asked to listen and respect others. Attendance rul 13-20 monthly, with the only requirement being to read the book.

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Zakem joined with friend and neighbor Vicki Sistek of Plymouth Township, who also moved from Detroit's Rosedale Park in the 1990s.

"What I've found books that everybody loves don't generate a good discussion," Zakem said. "I will plow through a book I don't like such as A Reliable Wife" by Robert Goolrick, a fiction title about a not-all-she-seems mail order bride in rural Wisconsin of the early 1900s.

Susan Stoney, public relations specialist for the library and a Plymouth resident, noted people look in the newsletter for group titles to read on their own. Patrons often use those for

library book kits, books in a bag also started by retiree Ursel.

A few years back, the library hosted a program on how to start your own book group. A Brown Bags lunchtime group started about 10 years ago and helps daytime patrons.

Pat Thomas, library director, is proud of her staff and the group's longevity. "Time flies, doesn't it?" said Thomas of Ann Arbor. 'Absolutely, it's a point of pride but I have very little to do with it."

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Thomas noted people talk about TV shows as well. It's great if they can talk about books," seeing life in others' shoes. "I just think it's great. Plymouth reads. Plymouth always has read."

The Tuesday, Oct. 19, celebration with author Zaslow requires advance registration at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary. org. Group members are reading Zaslow's nonfiction The Girls From Ames now, to be discussed Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The Oct. 19 party will include cake and refreshments as well as prizes. For information, call Sue Patterson at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org. Zaslow is married to Fox 2 anchorwoman Sherry Margolis. He co-wrote with Randy Pausch The Last Lecture as well as being coauthor with Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger of Highest Duty.

The Friends of the Plymouth

"Sully" Sullenberger of Highest Duty.

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library are sponsoring Zaslow's Plymouth appearance, at which all three of his books will be sold and signed. Sullenberger is the airline pilot who landed a plane safely on the Hudson River in New York City in 2009. In addition to that heroic act, Sullenberger drew praise from librarians for worrying about leaving a library book on the plane in the river.

## W-W administrators press board for respect

A group of Wayne-Westland building administrators has put the district's school board on notice that it expects to be treated with the same respect it shows trustees and other school officials.

In a prepared statement read at last week's school board meeting, Stephanie Acord, co-president of the Wayne-Westland Building Association, told trustees that "as our principals work to do what is best for kids, members of this board have condoned, if not participated in the disrespectful treatment of our membership."

ship."
"Our membership feels that we are respectful of the needs of the district and Board of Education, and asks only for that same level of respect in return to our membership." she said. "Public attacks against our membership are indeed public whether they happen inside the walls of this room, or in an electronic format on social networking websites."
Acord was referencing parent comments posted on a wall on Facebook as well as a posting by a board member that can be construed as condoning the "inflammatory" remarks. "The Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association will no longer silently tolerate this treatment of our membership and to that end will use any means within our legal rights as a collective bargaining unit to address individuals that engage in activities that compromise the integrity of our membership and our learning community," she said. Her comments are

the latest in a series of exchanges between the union and the school board in regard to a discussion at the April 26 meeting about the salary Mark Cesarz would receive as the newly appointed co-principal at Adams Upper Elementary School. The issue was raised by Trustee Carol Middel, who questioned what Cesarz would make in his new position and then pressed him to consider foregoing the pay increase, estimated at \$6,000, in light of the district's financial difficulties.

WWBAA protested the discussion, saying that was "disrespectful and certainly out of place in such a public forum." That was followed by a statement from school board President Skip Monit, acknowledging that "the board, as a whole, overstepped our boundaries" and offering "deepest apologies."

Acord told the board

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Acord told the board that it's expected that emotions and passions would be high during the transition to the K-4/5-6 elementary program and that "we all want to focus on what's best for kids." However, that is difficult "by the continued erosion of unity between the elected officials in our learning community."

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Acord said that the union has been approached about working out the differences that have surfaced since the April 26 meeting and is hopeful that the issue can be resolved.

"We're more than willing to do what's best for our stu-dents and the school district and to continue to support its initiatives," she said. "All we expect is respect."





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# County beefs up rules to protect nature preserve

Some people apparently are unclear on the concept of a nature preserve. Wayne County Parks staff recently cut up three bridges, part of a 2,500-foot illegal mountain bike trail that had been built across the Holliday Nature Preserve. Mountain bikes are prohibited from the 500-acre preserve of wetlands and forests due to the damage caused to the vegetation and habitats.

When there is one mountain bike doing something in the preserve, there is not much to do. We had a crisis over the summer, said Bill Craig of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. They were not content with the existing trail system. They weren't supposed to be there. They made a long cut through the wood where there never was a trail. It was very disappointing when I saw this.

Whoever did the damage — Craig calls them rouge

mountain bikers — spent a lot of time building their trail, including three illegal bridges, one 23 feet long.

"This wasn't kids. These are adult men who want to ride mountain bikes through the nature preserve," said Craig. "I'm sure they were proud of what they did."

The illegal bridges were well-built using boards and the trail was marked with the initials MBT and an arrow sprayed on trees. The illegal trail was constructed near the Central City Parkway entrance to the preserve.

Central City Parkway entrance to the preserve.

Once they were alerted to the illegal trail, Craig said he was pleased with the response from Wayne County Parks, which quickly cut up the bridges, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which has ticketed at least one mountain biker for being in the preserve. Mounted officers are patrolling the park in an effort to catch the mountain bikers.

adopted by the Wayne County Commission that we put up o Earth Day," said Craig, "That had been a weak link — peop would say they didn't know it was illegal."

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The association also received support from the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. An e-mail from Dave Thompson, a member of the MBA state board of directors, stated that "the MMBA does not condone this type of activity and is concerned for the reputation of mountain bikers as a whole that can suffer at the hands of a few who, through either ignorance or malice, fail to play by the rules."

ficult.
"It's hard to get the police in there," said Craig. "People will say that they heard guys with chainsaws but people don't get involved or they thought it was something we were doing."



The bikers not only built bridges, they cut down trees and vegetation to create their 2,500-foot trail in the prese









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# Local firm racks up miles, donations to help M.S. patients

dent.

Blickle founded the Metro
Wings and is the team's captain emeritus. He participated
this year in the M.S. Society's
Mid-Michigan Breakaway, a
round trip between Fenton
and Michigan State University
in July (Blickle put in 175
miles). Cyclists spent a night
in an MSU dormitory, and ate
in the cafeteria, before making
the trek back.

others and helping your community."
The CRA Metro Wings cocaptains this year are Jeni Quigley, an environmental engineer, and Matt Abdallah, a construction superintendent who took part in the Bavarian Breakaway.
Abdallah, of Commerce Township, has a personal

motivation for his involvement: three aunts suffer from multiple sclerosis. For one of them, "just making toast in the morning is like a 75-mile bike ride," he said.

"Puts a lump in my throat," Abdallah said of his involvement. "When I'm struggling on the bike, there're no excuses.

"It's nothing compared to the everyday — just getting out of bed" for his aunts, he said.

The CRA Metro Wings

mean a lot to Pam Beaudry of Fenton, who was diagnosed with M.S. 14 years ago. Beaudry is a "power partner," or honorary team member, for three cycling teams, including the Metro Wings. Her job is to provide inspiration and motivation to the cyclists. "These guys and girls are just incredible," Beaudry said. "Their hearts, they have the kindest hearts, and the love that I give them I get in return

and it strengthens me."

Beaudry and her husband,
Doug, each year use a car to
follow cyclists during the MidMichigan Breakaway, with
Pam taking photographs of the
moving cyclists and offering
them hugs and encouragement
during rest stops.
"I do a lot of crying cause
I'm so overwhelmed at what
they're doing," Beaudry said.



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mouth senior Adedamola Adebiyi (No. 15) eludes Westland John Glenn defenders Donnell Brewer (No. 3) and Duron Govantes (No. 24), et

# Wildcats' aerial game on target in rout

This time, there was no end-ofgame craziness or footage that might
wind up on ESPN.
Yes, Plymouth and Westland John
Glenn renewed acquaintances Friday
night. But unlike the 2009 game, this
year's was a flat-out whipping as the
host Wildcats won 48-0.
Plymouth, now one win from
clinching a state playoff berth, scored
28 points in the second quarter — all
on touchdown passes from junior
quarterback Shaun Austin — to
make the team's homecoming game
a festive one at Plymouth-Canton
Educational Park.
That pretty much told the tale
of the KLAA South contest, which
finished with a running clock after
Plymouth made it 35-0 early in the
third quarter.
T don't know if it's payback,"

Rockets for last season's strange loss.
"You try to learn from those mistakes and learn from what happened. We just came out and played well."
John Glenn head coach Tim
Hardin said what transpired last year had no bearing on Friday's game, "none whatsoever." Hardin said his defense simply couldn't stop Plymouth's aerial attack, which accounted for 323 yards and five TDs from Austin.
"I don't think it was an effort thing, it was an execution thing," Hardin said. "They threw the ball on us like crazy, but they didn't pound us, they didn't outplay us physically."
Meanwhile, the Rockets could only muster 185 yards on offense.

### FEELING GOOD

Sawchuk didn't think there was an emotional carryover, but senior running back Jerel Jenkins (nine rushes, 47 yards, one TD) did.

"That was the only thing on our minds," Jenkins said. 'Just thinking about what they did to us last year and how that happened."

Jenkins also said the team's seniors "knew it was homecoming and we just had the feeling" things would work out this time.

It did take a while, with the teams scoreless after one quarter. But with 9:09 to go in the half, Austin fired the ball over the middle to wide-open junior Donte Fox and he did the rest. Fox raced to a 76-yard touchdown, easily outdistancing John Glenn defensive back Duron Govantes.

Plymouth senior Philip Emminger then intercepted Rockets quarterback Jeff Kuhary (11-6-20, 74 yards) inside the John Glenn 40-yard line.

That led to a 23-yard strike from Austin to senior wideout Brennen

Several players enjoyed productive nights for Canton, now 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South division.

# **Canton romps** again, 48-7

Canton clinched a state playoff berth, as expected, with Friday's 48-7 victory over Livoina Churchill.

The Chiefs rolled out to a 21-0 lead after one quarter at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park junior varsity field, and had a 41-0 edge before the Chargers got on the board just before halftime.

Several players enjoyed productive nights for Canton, now 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South division.

Seniors Davion Stackhouse and Kevin Buford scored three and two touchdowns, respectively — with each player finding paydirt from 60 yards out or longer.

Stackhouse (9 rushes, 168 yards) and Buford (8-79) had help from junior Zac Merillat, who scored a touchdown, rushed for 63 yards in nine attempts and made 12 tackles.

Braden Price (14 tackles) and Jeff Straub (11 tackles) also had strong defensive games while senior Ryan Powell scored on a 61-yard punt return in the second.

Churchill's record dipped to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the KLAA South.

#### 2nd half dooms Salem

Visiting Salem led 14-13 over South Lyon East at halftime on Friday night, but it went all downhill after that for the Rocks in a 31-14 loss.

loss.

Salem (0-6, 0-4 in the KLAA Central) spoiled an excellent all-around game by Marcus Houston, who ran 31 times for 174 yards (including a 55-yard touchdown) and picked off two South Lyon East passes.

Other bright spots included senior Ethan Walsh (30-yard TD, 11 tackles) and Tommy Rodriguez (10 tackles).

### PCA takes drubbing

Still looking for their first win as a varsity high school program, Plymouth Christian lost 64-14 at Saginaw Buena Vista on Friday night to fall to 0-5.

Scoring for the Eagles were Matt Dodson (30-yard TD) and Eric Jipping, who tallied 106 yards (including a 35-yard TD) in 20 rushes.

## SIDELINES

## Olympic medalists to skate Friday

to skate Friday
Arctic Edge of Canton and its figure skaters will be holding a dress rehearsal for the upcoming figure skating season 10 a.m. Friday and the general public is welcome (admission is free).

Olympic Gold Medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir will be performing their routines along with Olympic Silver Medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White and a host of up and coming skaters from the Arctic Edge. For more information, please contact the Arctic Edge Lec Arena at (734) 487-7777

Victory for

## Victory for **Canton netters**

Canton's boys tennis team had a strong tuneup for Saturday's KLAA conference meet, knocking off Walled Lake Central 7-2 on Tuesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The match was a crossover of No.1 teams.
Scoring wins in singles play for the Chiefs were No. 1 Ryan Hansz (6-1, 6-4 over Glenn Miller), No. 2 Adam Payne (6-3, 6-1 over David Arnold) and No. 3 Varun Bandri (6-3, 7-6(2) over Matt Saperstein). In doubles play, the No. 2 tandem of Rocky Willette-Josh Wendel won 6-3, 7-6(3) over Central's Mike Kinoyan-Blake Boedecker, No. 3's Alan Halim-Ashwin Kumar won 6-1, 4-6,

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# 'Cats, Chiefs get most out of friendly rivalry

The KLAA conference golf meet looms Tuesday. But, for campus rivals Plymouth and Canton, Wednesday's dual match at Hilltop Golf Course was also a pretty big

Hilltop Golf Course was also a pretty big deal.

Plymouth, sparked by sophomore All-State hopeful Kelsey Murphy (35, match medalist) and sophomore stalwart Sarah Thompson (45), defeated the host Chiefs 180-204.

The Wildcats improved to 8-0 overall while Canton dropped to 5-5.

"This is a great warmup' for the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, said Plymouth head coach Chris Moore. "It's always fun playing our cross-campus rivals. It's good, they're playing well."
Concurring was Canton head coach Tom Alles, whose squad featured a 45-stroke performance by Paige Osler.

"This will be good competition for them, to see who they have to beat out there. (on Tuesday, at Pheasant Run Golf

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Miscellany: Abigail, whose parents are John and Patrice forzalski, carries a 3.8 gradepoint average and is a member of the National Honor Society. She also helps coach cross country during the spring at Canton Charter Academy, Middle School. Captain's job: "I believe my job consists of encouraging my teammates, making sure that the team is doing all that needs to be accomplished to put us in a good position for regionals, also to be a role model and give new runners tips on how to improve."



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# Whalers' Brown on NHL mission

Last year, Tyler Brown was all over the ice as a forward for the Plymouth Whalers.
But his role with the OHL club was more Kris Draper than Henrik Zetterberg, and he came through with 14 goals among 39 points while being a highly effective penalty killer for Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci.
This time around, at age 20, Brown seems to be bigger, stronger and a dangerous offensive force — something the Whalers will need to overcome the probable departure of overall No. 2 NHL draft pick Tyler Seguin.
Fresh off a successful stint at Pittsburgh's NHL training camp, Brown had two goals and two assists in Plymouth's first three games, teamed up on a potent line with Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi (7 goals) and Garrett Meurs.
"He had a great Pittsburgh

Aleardi (7 goals) and Garrett Meurs.

"He had a great Pittsburgh camp, I think it improved his confidence quite a bit, too," sai Vellucci about Brown. "When he got back from Pittsburgh they talked to us and said he had an awesome camp and if he performs early this year he may get a contract from them. Currently a free agent and one of Plymouth's four overage players (those who begin the season at age 20), Brown indeed might have bigger fish to fry.

#### **TAKING NOTES**

HAKING NOTES
Brown, a Canton resident
during the hockey season, said
rubbing elbows with the likes of
Sidney Crosby definitely helped
him see there is a big-butattainable hockey world away
from Compuware Arena.
"I thought I played pretty
well in the rookie tournament,
I didn't show that I was too
nervous," Brown said. "I actually was pretty composed out
there and playing with those
type of guys just definitely
helps you out."



lyler Brown (left), shown during Saturday's home opener, is back with the Plymouth Whalers as an overage player. But a National Hockey League team night soon come calling if he continues his excellent all-around play.

The speedster talked to anybody he could find for pointers about being a professional. He morphed into a sponge—soaking in the big-league experience—and finding out what steps he'll need to someday get that contract.

They noticed my defensive kind of game, they saw that," Brown said. "They'd like me to put more points up this year. I'm three games back now and I have a couple goals, a couple assists, so I'm trying to show them I can play an all-around game and see what happens."

#### MORE CONFIDENT

Now, for as long as it takes before hopefully signing a NHL contract (which he can do all season with permission from the Whalers), he is trying to utilize what he learned.

"When you're at Pittsburgh the game is definitely a lot faster," said Brown, no relation to former Whaler and Westland native Tyler J. Brown. "Coming back to the 'O,' you're just picking up what you got from Pittsburgh and applying it to your game."

Compulware fans observed.

Compuware fans observed a different Brown his first shift of the Sept. 25 home opener against Barrie.

"I feel I have more confidence playing in this league now," he emphasized. "I know the coaches are relying on me to have a big year, so I'm going to do what I can to maybe get a contract this season. And if not, just keep doing what I'm doing."

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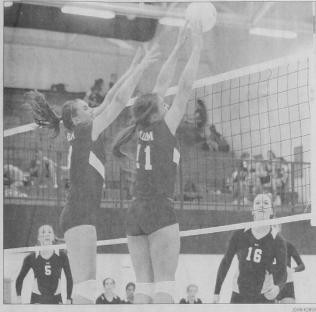
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Salem's Jillian Sommerville (middle) and Madeleine Vala (No. 11) jump in unison to put a block on the ball duri Fhursdav's KLAA Central vollevball matchup against Livonia Stevenson.

# Different paths to victory for Salem, Plymouth spikers

If her team's inconsistency Thursday bugged Salem vol-leyball coach Amanda Nies, it didn't keep the Rocks out of the victory column. Salem won 3-2 in a roller-coaster-like KLAA Central contest against visiting

Salem won 3-2 in a roller-coaster-like KLAA Central contest against visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The Rocks lost the opener 26-24, but came back with 25-9 and 25-16 wins in Games 2-3 to go up in the match. Stevenson squared things with a 25-23 win in Game 4 but Salem took care of matters in the decisive game, 15-8.

"We were very up and down the whole night," Nies said. "We would play well one game and then another way the next. "We really need to keep our momentum. It has been a problem all year."

She said her team received a great performance from Jillian Sommerville, with 12 kills and five blocks. Also strong as usual was Nicole Merget (20 kills, 14 digs, 6 blocks) and Kerry MacDonald (43 assists, 12 digs, 5 aces).

Other Salem contributors

## Plymouth wins in 3

Excellent work from the serving stripe Thursday night paid off for visiting Plymouth, with a 3-0 win at Livonia

Franklin.

The Wildcats took the first game of the KLAA South contest, 25-10, and followed up with 25-22 and 25-5 wins to finish off the Patriots.
Plymouth (14-41, 3-1) benefited from the serving of Lindsay Stemberger and Madelyn Betts, who ran up strings of 10 and 11 points, respectively.

Coach Kelly McCausland also praised her team's work up front and on defense.

"Our blockers got a lot of touches on the ball," she said, listing Emilee Beyer (4 solo blocks, 12 block touches). Betts and Alex Roberts (the latter two combined for 15 block touches).

On defense, Mariah Tesarz (16 digs), Kewla Bridge (13 digs), Stemberger and Laura Schmid (each with 10 digs) helped bottle up the Pats (0-4 in the division).

## PCA prevails

PCA prevails
Continuing overall excellence Thursday night was
Plymouth Christian, with a
convincing 3-0 volleyball win
over Michigan Independent
Athletic Conference rival
Lutheran Westland.
The Eagles (13-3, 3-0 in the
MIAC) featured power (17 kills
from middle blocker Kristin
Malcolm), defense (11 digs
from libero Abby Bartes), slick
offense (20 assists from setter
Brianna Harris) and serving
prowess (19 service points
from Bartes).
Harris also tallied seven

chipped in with nine digs and two kills while middle blocker Folake Olojo (7 kills, 2 blocks) and defensive specialist Jessica Rich (8 digs) helped the PCA

### Tuesday's action

Tuesday's action

On Tuesday, Salem dropped a five-game match to Northville (21-25, 25-17, 22-25, 25-21, 13-15) despite 37 kills from Merget and a team-high 22 digs and 45 assists from MacDonald.

Abigail Dworzanin (14 digs), Sommerville (6 kills) and Madeleine Vala (7 digs, 5 kills) all helped the Rocks push Northville to the limit.
Despite a sluggish start Tuesday, Canton defeated KLAA South opponent Livonia Frankin in four games.
The Chiefs (13-3-1, 3-0) dropped the opener, 25-23, but rallied with 25-16, 25-19 and 25-23 wins.
Canton coach Mary Kryska said highlights included Alaina Turner's net presence (15 kills with no errors, 4 blocks) and Kristen Muir's 11 kills, 11 digs and perfect record in serve receive.

on defense.

Chipping in with six kills wa.
Maggie Deloy while Tori denBoer added three blocks.

# **Mercy dominates Rock Maurer invite**

fourth heat of the 100 backstroke (1:03.05).
Farmington Hills Mercy dominated the proceedings with 351 total points. Finishing behind the Marlins were Northville (214), Livonia Stevenson (197), Salem (141.5), Canton (137.5) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (137).
The Chiefs also had a first-place performance, as senior Sara Krebs topped the field in the fourth heat of the 100 breaststroke (1:12.07). Coming in second for Canton was the 200-yard freestyle relay team, with a mark of 1:50.68 in the third heat. That quartet included seniors Paige Goodwin, Kelly Bedro, Maddy McLean and freshman Hannah Jenkins.

#### **GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS**

Event 13C/50 freestyle: 1. Schinella IM), 26.63: 4. McLean (C), 27.57: 6. Nilles

, 28.23. Event 14B/50 freestyle: 1. Steffl (FHM) 20: 2. Speideman (S), 27.73; 4. Bedro (C),

Event 15A/50 freestyle: 1. Nikki Barczal HM). 24.40: 2. Destinee Barmore-Hicks (C). 13; 3. Suriano (S), 26.42. Event 16D/1-meter diving: 1. Erica Allor

M), 273.87 points.
Event 17C/1-meter diving: 1. Christine
15COD (EHM), 259.26; 5. Bridget Maul (S).

.10. Event 18B/1-meter diving: 1. Lauren Berts (FHM), 387.66: 3. Sarah Rudelic (S)

8.55.

Event 19A/1-meter diving: 1. Emmy rico (FIM), 369.12; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 0.01; 6. Erica Bolz (S), 173.91.

Event 20D/100 butterfly: 1. Briana hoenek (N), 106.11; 3. Barszcz (C), 1.09.87

Cross (S), 1:17.34. Event 21C/100 butterfly: 1. Lia Nagata 1:02.72: 3. Kaitlyn Dugas (C), 1:09.24; 5.

les (S), 1:12.61. **Event 22B/100 butterfly:** 1, Valentine 1:10. 1:01.41:4. Orr (C), 1:08.74; 6. Brenna

ortal (S), 1:20:40. Event 23A/100 butterfly: 1. Steffl

ams (C), 1:05.66. **Event 24D/100 freestyle:** 1, Noel uffman (FHM), 56.94; 3, McLean (C), 1:00.83; uffmair (FHM), 26.2%, 35. missean Jenny Schwark (S), 105, 02. Event 25C/100 Treestyle: 1. Christine twards (FHM), 56.44; 4. P. Goodwin (C), 01,09; 6. Kelley Zimmerman (S), 106.09, Event 26B/100 Treestyle: 1. Olivai 6, 100 Treestyle: 1. Olivai 6, 100 Treestyle: 1. Christian (C), 59.07; Event 27A/100 Treestyle: 1. Barczak HM), 5144; 5, Barmore-Hicks (C), 5916; 6.

Li (S), 5:54.71. Event 30B/500 freestyle: 1. Kaylee Event 30B/500 freestyle: 1. Kaylee

Zaia (S), 6:05:80.

Event 31A/500 freestyle: 1. Savannah.

att (LS), 5:09.82: 4. Lamoureux (S), 5:39.17;

onsul), 2:00.11. Event 33B/200-free relay: 1. Mercy ert Michalzuk, Carlee Jackson, Rachel ack, Emma Craig), 147.24; 2. Canton oodwin, Bedro, McLean, Lenkins), 150.68 Salem (Nilles, Tabbey, Zimmerman, Zaia)

. M. Madison (C), 5:39.45 Event 32C/200-free relay: 1. Northville: Event Section (A), 15:33 (A), 2006 (A), 2006 laeve Nichols), 15:33 (A), 2006 (A), 2006 Ladison, Dugas, Caroline Wall, Lindsey buckl), 15:79:5. 5. Salem (Brenna Shortal, b) Collingwood, Maddie Maikowski, Natasha

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Event 34A/200-free relay: 1.Mercy
teffl, Samoray, Huffman, Barczak), 1:41.46
Canton (Adams, Eyster, M. Madison,
rmore-Hicks), 1:49.34; 6. Salem (Amin, rmore-Hicks), 1:49.34; 6, Salem (Amin, rman, Li, Lamoureux), 1:52.95. Event 35D/100 backstroke: 1, Jordan -14 (EUM), 1:03.21; 4, Sneideman (S),

ald (FHM), 1:03.21; 4. Sneideman (S), 9.01; 6. Laura Weisz (C), 1:15.10. Event 36C/100 backstroke: 1. Aumiller

, 1:01.96; 4. F. Goodwin (C), 1:15.12. **Event 37B/100 backstroke:** 1. Edwards 1:02.15: 2. Suriano (S), 1:03.90; 6. gas (C), 1:12.58. Event 38A/100 backstroke: 1. Bargardi 1:10.102.09: 2. Nelson (S), 1:03.05; 4. Orr

), 1:05,75. **Event 39D/100 breaststroke**: 1, Sarah ane (FHM), 1:17.86; 5, Dugas (C), 1:22.87. **Event 40C/100 breaststroke**: 1, Kayla erchall (LS), 1:14.20; 3, Madison (C), 1:19.60 Kristy Rupp (S), 1:27.31. Event 41B/100 breaststroke: 1.

Radzwion (S), 1:20,29. **Event 42A/100 breaststroke:** 1. Krebs

Event 4.64/100. J. 112.07.6 Micek (S). 117.75. Event 43C/400-free relay: 1. Mercy mma Baldus, Valentine, Ewald, Schinella), 58.82; 4. Salem (Tabbey, Amin, Zaia, 1. Haman). 413.83; 5. Canton (Irwin, Dugas)

## GIRLS SWIMMING DUAL MEET RESULTS

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-M.), 2:06.48; 3: Trene-tally, 10dwin (C), 2:13.74; Event 5./200 freestyle: 1. Noel Iffman (FHM), 2:02.41; 4: Jocey Lamoureu, 2:10.68; 5: Kayla Eyster (C), 2:10.80; -Fuent 6.8/200 freestyle: 1. Savannah 4. Maddle Gorman (S), 2:10.68; 5: Kayla Eyster (C), 2:10.68; 5: Kayla Eys

odison (C), 2:34.46. Event 9C/200 IM: 1. Annie Valentine HM), 2:21.63: 3. Krebs (C), 2:28.74: 4. Micek

), 2:28.86. Event 10B/200 IM: 1. Kakihara (FHM) 6:39-3. Nelson (S), 2:20.81; 6. Irwin (C) 28.64. **Event 11A/200 IM:** 1. Bargardi (FHM), 3.78: 2. Seroka (S), 2:16.44; 5. Adams (C)

23.90. Event 12D/50 freestyle: 1, Mack (FHM .96; 4. Claire Amin (S), 28.07; 5. Paige odwin (C), 28.08.

r, Kelly Bedro, Delaney Adams, Maddy Lean), 2:04,08; 2. Canton (Catherine Irwin, ra Krebs, Madeline Madison, Kayla Eyster), 07,50; 3. Canton (Laura Weisz, Faith Goodwin, chelle Wiggins, Paige Goodwin), 2:16,85, 200 freestyle: 1, Kaillyn Kozyn (F), 2:06,53; Kaillyn Dugas (C), 2:12,87; 3. Hannah Jenkins

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04.99. **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Franklin (Colleen thony, Douglas, Kozyn, Clarissa Roberts), 3.31; 2. Canton (Jenkins, Rachel Barszcz, F owin, McLean), 1:56.47; 3. Canton (M. Duga elby Lefferts, Christine Pray, Alexandria

.31. 100 breaststroke: 1. Abby Madison (C), 28; 2. M. Madison (C), 1:19.87; 3. Kristine

Dual meet record: Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-(
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Plymouth's Carolyn Stoddard, shown from a dual meet last month, is among Wildcats having a successful season so far.

1-meter diving: 1. Rachel Eckler (SL), 220.65 points; 11. Kalie Telega (P), 120.55 100 butterfly; 1. Casey Edwards (D), 0.53; 3. Erickson (P), 104.81 100 Treestyle; 10 Tarda (SL), 53.90; 6. 00dard (P), 59.08 500 Treestyle; 10 Tarda (SL), 511.3; 2 500 Treestyle; 10 Tarda (SL), 511.3; 2 200 Treestyle; 10 Tarda (SL), 511.3; 2 200 Treestyle; 10 Tarda (SL), 511.3; 2 10 Treestyle; 10 Treestyle;

Itsul), 1:47.16. 100 backstroke: 1. Chanel Bonin (SL), 3.84; S. Huhta (P), 1:10.12. 100 breaststroke: 1. McCurry (SL), 1:13.66 Erickson (P), 1:16.69; S. Lydia Matson (P), 8.32

3.32. **400 freestyle relay:** 1. South Lyon onin, Drazga, VanBuskirk, Green), 3:44.49 Plymouth (Toro, Huhta, Matsui, Erickson).

200 freestyle: 1. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:07.07; 2. Emily Toro (P), 2:07.68; 3. Lydia Matson (P), 2:23.36. 200 individual medley: 1. Rachel Huhta (P), 2:33.98; 2. Wing (P), 2:39.04; 3. Ethier (P),

200 individual medley: I Bachel Hunta (P.) 2339; 2. Ehiter (P.) 2339; 2. Ehiter (P.) 2394. 
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# **SIDELINES**

## Canton kickers blank Glenn

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of the season.

Budlong now has 10 goals and 11 assists. He leads the Chiefs in assists, total points and is tied with Mitch Posuniak for the goal-scoring lead.

### All-WHAC golfer

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Madonna University golfer Michelle
Hall is headed to the 2011 NAIA National
Championship next May after claiming individual medalist honors by a single stroke in the
Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.
The sophomore from Flushing also earned
All-WHAC first-team honors for the second
straight year after averaging 79 in four WHAC
jamboree 18-hole tourneys this fall.

## Lady Ocelots fall

In an MCCAA Eastern Conference women's volleyball match Thursday, host Macomb Community College defeated Schoolcraft College in four sets, 25-15, 25-22, 19-25, 25-13. The loss drops the Lady Ocelots to 11-7 overall and 3-3 in the conference, while Macomb improves to 13-10 and 5-1.

# GOLF

Club in Canton)," Alles said.
"Plymouth will certainly
be in the mix for that. I'd say
were an average team for the
KLAA right now."
For the Wildcats, Murphy
and Thompson were followed
in the scorecard by Lindsay
bean and Christy Pattison
(50 for each) and Stefania
Sgamboti (60).
In addition to Osler, the
Chiefs received good performances from Chloe Luyet (52)
Ariel Alber (53), McDougall
(54), Kaylie Lobb (56) and
Mary Elizabeth Winther (59).

Alles said Wednesday's contest against the Wildcats at the Plymouth-based Hilltop could get the competitive juices stirred up — something that can be beneficial both in meetings between teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and tourneys.

"They'll be playing with some heart today, I'm sure,"

Alles said. "... I've been coaching the boys for 16 years and they're very competitive (against Plymouth). And the girls are beginning to learn that a little bit more.

"But they've got to play with some heart in order to compete with this Plymouth team because they're very competitive."

"They come focused every match," Moore emphasized "We've had a good year so far, and they haven't lost and they want to continue that

that.

"They want to finish the yar undefeated, that's one of our goals. They come prepared every day."

According to Alles, who has a young, improving squad, Osler and McDougall have consistently been his top players with averages in the low 50s. "They've probably emerged as our two best players this year."

### Plymouth wins again

On Thursday at Fox Hills, the Wildcats defeated Livonia Franklin 175-229 to up their record to 9-0. Once again, Murphy was the medalist, with a round of 36 for the day. Pattison and Thompson each tallied scores of 45 while Danielle Allen (49), Carly Curvin (56) and Sarah Uhlian (67) rounded out the card.



# WILDCATS

Beyer. That combo struck again for a 14-yarder, with 1:08 remaining in the half.

Plymouth made it 28-0 with just five seconds left when Austin and senior Adedamola Adebiyi teamed up for a 45-yar

Adebiyi teamed up for a 45-yar score.

In the first minute of the third quarter, Austin and Beyer worked their magic for the thirt time, expanding the margin to 35 points. Beyer (three catches, 128 yards, three TDs) caught the pass at his own 45 and raced down the right sideline for a 91-yard six-pointer.

"What a weapon to have out there at 6-5," Sawchuk said about Beyer. "And Shaun delivers the ball well, too. We've got

a couple weapons out there, but if they're going to one-on-one him, we're gonna throw it up to

him, we're gonna throw it up to him."

Austin downplayed his slow start, adding that having receivers such as Beyer, Fox and others makes his job a lot of fun.
"They make me look good every night, every one of them," Austin said. "Not just Donte and Beyer, every one of them will make the play."

After Jenkins recovered a John Glenn fumble, he tallied a 10-yard touchdown run with 9:17 remaining in the third.

Plymouth's final points were scored in the fourth, on a 4-yard run by junior Frederick Dunbar.

The Rockets, whose lead-

yard run by junior Frederick Dunbar.

The Rockets, whose lead-ing rusher was Jimmy Perez with 52 yards in seven carries, dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-3 with the defeat.

# **Heading to the hall**

## Green's diamond heroics has him part of elite class

If you've walked through the hallways of Redford Union High School sometime over the past 40 years it may be hard to believe that your vocational drafting instructor was also one of southeast Michigan's premier men's softball players.

Longtime Redford resident Bob Green — who not only attended RU as a student, but later taught and eventually served as assistant principal — spent plenty of his hours outside the classroom slamming hits, running bases and scooping up hot shots for many of metro Detroit's premier softball clubs.

For his longtime involvement and outstanding play throughout, Green will be honored Tuesday evening along with five other inductees into the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

"I found out earlier this year and I'm very excited to become a part of it," said Green, 65, who will comprise the hall's 19th class along with Tom Fitzsimmons, Carol Hutchins, Mike McDowell, Evelyn Micol and Dennis Troshak. "Many of the players already in there I either played with, or against, and I feel honored to be joining them."



Canton resident Bob Green, who spent more than 30 years as a teacher and assistant principal at Redford Union High School, will join five other inductees Tuesday night into the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

such as Rinaldo's, Miller of Redford, Gatsby's Nothdurft Tool, National Trails, Liberty Construction and Northwest

As member of the
Nothdurft 45 & Over squad
in 1991, Green helped propel
the team to the ASA national
title. Green also suited up
for Northwest Pipe when
the team captured the ASA
Men's 55 & Over national
crown in 2001.

"Every team had its joy to
play for," responded Green
when asked if one squad
ranked ahead of another.
"When I started out with
Snyder's I made lifelong
friends. We grew up playing ball and we still get
together. The same can be
said with the other teams —
Nothdurft, Miller, Rinaldo's,
I know I've developed a lot
of friendships with people
I played alongside with, or
suited up against."

And that list continues to
grow today as Green, who
presently resides in Canton,
played in some 30 games
over the summer for Bench
Pub in Men's 50 & Over
league play.
"It's still very competitive,
"It's still very competitive,

over the summer for Bench Pub in Men's 50 & Over league play. "It's still very competitive, but at this age it's also exercise," Green said. "The enjoyment now is building lifelong friendships. We go out after and get a bite to eat and talk and just have a lot of fun." Green still has fond memories of Redford where he joined the school district in 1969 teaching vocational drafting. In 2000 he became assistant principal at the school where he served in that manner upon his retirement in 2005. "It was a wonderful community and a great area to grow up," Green said.

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# BONEYARDS

## Writer looks at 3 centuries of death in Detroit area

OBE STAFF WRITER

Richard Bak wouldn't mind going to his grave seated and with a cup of coffee in hand.

'I like that idea. My wife threatens to do that to me. I haven't decided what cemetery, probably St. Hedwig.

Bak, 56, a prolific Detroitarea author and free-lance writer, lives near three potential final resting places and has written about dozens more in his new book, Boneyards:

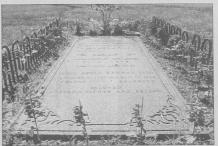
Detroit Underground, (384-95) published last month by Wayne State University Press and released in book stores last week. Its more than 200 pages of text and images take readers on a historical journey from early Native American burial mounds to contemporary street shrines, through cemeteries

— including some in western Wayne County — into funeral homes and memorial services.

Bak accumulated photos and researched cemeteries for a documentary he had hoped to write.

"About that time my father

write.
"About that time my father passed away, too. You start faing your own mortality and I said, well, maybe I should do a book. I found that no one had done a book like this in Detroit."
The more he researched the





William Ganog Cemetery in Westland is a favorite site for ghost hunters

hundreds of burial grounds statewide, he knew he had to narrow the focus to mostly metro Detroit. He mentions 60 cemeteries in the book. If he couldn't visit a particular site, he found a photograph. Many photographers donated their work for Boneyards and some images also came from historical collections. The art drives the text on the page in some cases. In others, Bak unearthed interesting stories and found an image to match.

#### IN GOOD TASTE

"I told my editor at Wayne
State that I wanted to do a
certain kind of book, not to be
gross or disrespectful. There
are some really creepy ones,"
he said, referring to photos of
the deceased in their caskets. "I
tried to keep it in as good taste
as possible."

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\$5,000 veterinarian bill is

A \$5,000 veterinarian bill is no joke.
But Guardian Angels
Animal Rescue hopes supporters will have a good laugh
while fund-raising that sum,
which will pay for surgery on
a dog that was stabbed in the
eye.

re.
The Livonia-based rescuill benefit from "For the ove of Animals," a comed how with eight perform-

Over the summer it worked with Livingston County Animal Control, pulling cats, that would otherwise have been euthanized, from its shelter.

"We had a lot of people e-mailing us, desperate because they were killing so many. It was a ridiculous amount, like 25 a day. I stepped in to help and found out we were the only group helping," Mezza said. "Now we're hoping other groups step in because Detroit really needs us."
Guardian Angels works with a family in Detroit that helps it find strays in abandoned buildings and rescue abused or injured pets.
"It's sad. We just pulled a cat out of an abandoned house and someone had taken off its ail. She was declawed, so she was a pet at one time."

#### NO KILL

ability.
"Working in Detroit, we've had a lot of messed up dogs and cats. A lot of groups pick and choose who they take.
We're the opposite. We tend to



time I showed him I placed him (in a home)."

When she heard about Metro, the Detroit dog with the injured eye, she arranged for a vet appointment. The dog was tested and treated for heartworm, vaccinated, deleased and wormed. The vet called the condition of Metro's eye life-threatening and in need of surgery.

That's when Franklin comedian Connie Ettinger stepped in to help raise money for the operation. She'll emee the show on Oct. 5, that features comedians Bob Phillips, Dave Bell, Julie Lyons, Terri Stearn, Dean Mink, Russ Brown and Mike Bobbitt.

#### ANIMAL LOVERS

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"I have four cats, aged 19, 18, 6 and 3. I think the last two were left behind after Detroit's economic crisis hit and someone in foreclosure simply decided they had too much to handle," Ettinger said. "And, apparently, I have the word "sucker" tattooed on my forehead in ink only cats can



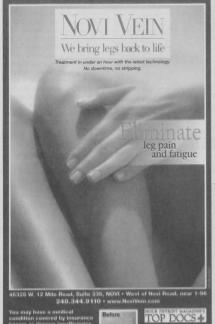
read. But there are simply too many unwanted animals out there and if I could take them all in, I would. But, since I can't, God bless the people at GAAR."

She said all of the performers are animal lovers. Bobbith has four cats, for example. Landau owns two dogs. "Comedians are generous with their time if there is a good cause behind it and I hink the sheer number of comedians performing, plus the talent level of this show—which is extraordinary—is a testament to their recognition of what Gandhi said: "The greatness of a nation and its—moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.'

"We just hope we can make some other animal lovers smile



and raise some funds for a ter rific organization that is reall feeling the economic crunch.<sup>1</sup> For more about Guardian Angels Animal Rescue visit www.gaarmichigan.org. The organization shows its adoptable pets from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at Petsmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.



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# Lots of love: Preschool marks 60 years with open house

While cleaning toys at Livonia Co-op Nursery School, Rebecca Kritzman heard a useful parenting idea.

idea.

Another member suggested she allow her daughter to have a "half' sleep over, allowing friends to visit in their pajamas, but go home by 8:30 p.m.

"They felt like they'd had a sleep

8:30 p.m.
"They felt like they'd had a sleep over, but without the sleeping," said Kritzman, who was reluctant to allow her four-year-old to stay the night elsewhere." I got that idea all because I was there cleaning toys. Little things like that you get when you sit and talk to other parents."

ing toys. Little things like that you get when you sit and talk to other parents."

It's one of the perks of membership in a co-op preschool according to Kritzman, co-president of Livonia Nursery, Inc., the parent organization of Livonia Co-op Nursery School.

Talking with other parents and sharing ideas is unavoidable because parents volunteer for hands-on work in the classroom. They pitch in with chores after school, such as monthly toy cleaning, and with organizational tasks, hiring and curriculum.

'I think with co-op you end up with a good community of other kids for your children to play with and to be around. It gives them a good start to school and it gives you a good network of parents to support you. You learn a lot about how your kids grow and function and what they need to learn. You learn how your children learn while you're helping them. It's a cool place to be."

Livonia Co-op Nursery School, 9601 Hubbard, will be the nostal-gic place to be, 2-4 p.m. Saturday,



Children at Livonia Co-op Nursery School show off their talent at an annual show. The co-op preschool is celebrating its 60th



Reading time is extra comfy on Pajama Day at Livonia Co-op Nursery Sch Members will hold an open house and celebrate the school's 60th annive Oct. 10.

There's also a combined class for both ages.
Kritzman isn't certain how the school was started 60 years ago.
About 30 years ago it absorbed another preschool.
"I don't know of any other co-op that has been around that long. The concept has been around for a long time. I went to a co-op when I was a child. It was a co-op I eventually taught in."
Kritzman said co-op nursery schools teach parents how to "get involved" and she finds that many from the Livonia school have gone on to volunteer for PTA and serve on PTA boards.
"During my year off I couldn't believe how much I missed it," said Kritzman, who has children age 4, 7, and 8. "It can be a very fun experience. You really do make friends."

## **BONEYARDS**

the door and a floral arrangement with a clock set to the time of death.

"It was hard to pin down the switch from home funerals to funeral homes, but basically by the early 1950s, more people were being laid out in funeral homes. My grandfather was laid out at home. I remember my brother saying he couldn't sleep for two mights. People still are laid out at home. I talked to a couple of funeral directors who said it's rare, but they still get requests."

#### CREEPED OUT

CREEPED OUT

Bak said most of the stories he encountered were more interesting than creepy, but there were a few spine-tingling tales.

He was fascinated by the "pervasive fear" of being buried alive during the 19th century, and he recounts stories in the book about individuals who were mistakenly declared dead and readied for hurial

burial.

"I think probably one of the creepiest things is the unknowable number of empty graves because the bodies have been stolen in the middle of the night by 'resurrectionists,'" Bak said. The grave robbers trafficked in corpses for medical schools and dug up the newly-buried in the middle of the night.

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"The graveyard shift is where we get the term from. Families would assign a member to look over the grave at night."

Ganong Cemetery in Westland, which legend says is haunted, didn't even rattle the author, although a photographer was stung by wasps during a visit.

Bak said he accumulated enough images and stories for a second book about burial grounds statewide. Meanwhile he's also juggling magazine articles and two other books on Detroit history. He said the graveyard project "makes you realize life is short and it doesn't matter if you are president of General Motors or some guy who is a normal joe."

"We all wind up in the same place. You can't take your money and your fancy cars with you."

He'll speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms and at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 Eleven Mile, St. Clair Shores.

# Detroit Zoo Boo brings some less scary Halloween fun to town

"merry-not-scary" Zoo Boo celebration returns this Halloween season, featuring a festively decorated half-mile trick-or-treat trail through the front of the Zoo. Presented by Meijer, Zoo Boo will beheld on the evenings of Oct. 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine. Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a spooky graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House, where friendly witches, vampires and other monsters have taken up residence for the Halloween season.

The Ghouly Games Tent, sponsored by Blue Care Network of Michigan, will feature Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts and a hay maze. The popular live minimusical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed in the Main Picnic Grove.

New to Zoo Boo is the Zombie

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Zone, sponsored by Tim Hortons,
featuring ghastly games, spooky
activities and pumpkin-carving
demonstrations. Costumed kiddies can enter the Tim Hortons
costume contest and have their
photo taken and posted on the

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zoo's website. The community will vote and a zoo-themed prize will be awarded for the best costume. Also new this year is the limited-release movie "The Curse of Skull Rock" at the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater in the Ford Education Center. The 3-D pirate adventure enhanced with 4-D special effects will have guests jumping out of their seats. Tickets for the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater are an additional \$3 per person; children under 2 are free.

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### **GARDEN EVENTS**

LIVONIA GARDEN CLUB

An expert from the Horticulture Department at English Gardens will speak at the next meeting of the

Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Livoni Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. The club welcomes visitors.

AT ENGLISH GARDENS

Learn to make an herb win dow garden at 7 p.m. Oct. 13. The workshop fee is \$19.99

and includes four herbs in a decorative window box. English Gardens has seven locations. Nearby stores are at 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple in West Bloomfield; and 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor.



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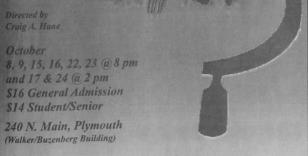




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## OCT. 3-6

Discussion series

Time/Date: 7 p.m., first and third Mondays, beginning Oct. 4 Location: Convent Meeting Room at St. Michael the Archangel Church

at st. Michael the Archangel Churc 11441 Hubbard, Livonia Details: DVD series, "the Teaching of Jesus Christ: Reflections by Fr. John Corapi," will be shown. A facilitator will lead the discussion based on the series. Aimed at those interested in going step-by-step through the teachings and theology

Contact: (734) 261-1455. Ext. 200 or

Lecture

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 6 Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph at 14 Mile, Bloomfield

Hills
Details: Melvin I. Urofsky, Professor
of Law, Professor Emeritus of
History at Virginia Commonwealth
University will discuss Supreme
Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis'
life, career and enduring contributions to the American legal system.
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Contact: (248) 865-0628

Life chain

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Oct. 3 Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Right-to-Life-LIFESPAN
sponsors a demonstration of quiel
witness and prayer to show their opposition to abortion. Signs will be provided. Participants will stand outside the church, along Plymouth

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Time/Date: Oct 3-6

Location: St. John Bosco, 12100

Location: St. John Bosco, [2100 Beech Daly, Redford Details: Mass at 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday; mission talk at 7 p.m., Sunday; 8 a.m. Mass and 7 p.m. mission talk Monday:Wednesday Contact: (313) 937-9690

Senior lunch

Time/Date: Noon, Wednesday, Oct

Bloomfield

Details: 24th Annual Inter Details: 24th Annual Inter-Congregational Seniors Luncheon, co-sponsored by Beth Ahm Seniors, the Beth Elders, ChaZaKah, Emes, Pace Setters, Shaarey Zedek Seniors, and Temple Israel Treasures. The event will feature entertainment by former Miss Michigan Stacey Mason. \$20 for members of the sponsoring seniors groups, \$22 for others. Open seat-ing. RSVP by Oct. 3 Contact: Charlotte Jonap at (248)

OCT 7-13

Angels program Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Location: St. Aidan Parish, Bixmar Hall, 17500 Farmington Road,

Details: David J. Conrad, M.A.

from human beings, reflecting the diversity of God's creative work **Contact**: RSVP to (734) 425-5950

Baseball story

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road,

Details: Former Detroit Tiger player, Frank Tanana, and his wife, Cathy, will present "Riches Beyond the Diamond," the story of their journey through baseball life. A din ner will be held at 6 p.m. Advance dinner and program reservations are \$10; \$12 at the door.

Contact: (248) 646-5041 or e-mail imcmichael@bslcmi.org for more information or to reserve for dinner and the program

Book study Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday

through Nov. 13 **Location**: Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymout 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth
Details: Living Peace Church presents a study of Harvey Cox' book,
The Future of Faith. The church
meets for fellowship and worship
at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings at
Field Elementary School, 1000 S.
Haggerty in Canton
Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail
to info@livingpeacechurch.org

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Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9
and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10
Location: Temple Shir Shalom,
3999 Walnut Lake Road, West
Bloomfield
Details: Two programs honor

Cantor Penny Steyer for her 20 years service to the temple, Saturday event includes hors d'ouvres and desserts, along with a

nusical tribute by seven perform ers and two choirs; Sunday event is a concert by Opus Two, a duo, play-ing music by Leonard Bernstein. Student admission on Sunday is \$10; adult admission each day, \$36 Contact: (248) 737-8700

Revival

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct

Details: Rev. Jimmy Mitchell chaplain of the West Virginia State Police, is the guest speaker. He spoke at the memorial service for miners who died in the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion in Montcoal, W.V. He also attended many of their

Contact: (734) 721-9040

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Time/Date: 9 a.m.:5 p.m. Friday,
Oct. 8, 9 a.m.:noon, Saturday,
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Farmington High School Class of 1970

## Garden City High School Class of 1960

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Send information about your upcoming craft show to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com. Remember to include a telephone number readers can call for more information.

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Frost Middle School Craft Show is set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the school, 14041 Stark, west of Farmington Road, north of I-96. Admission is \$2. No strollers. (734) 744-2670

#### **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.

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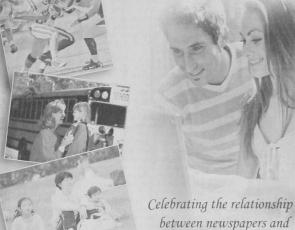
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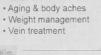
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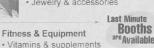
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## **BEACH WEDDING**

Jackie Phelps and Mike
McGue were married Aug. 28,
2010 on the beach at Mission
Point Lighthouse, Traverse
City, The Rev. Karen Marrs
officiated.
The bride is a graduate
of Wayne Memorial High
School and Central Michigan
University, She is employed
as a Paralegal at Ford Motor
Credit.
Her husband also graduated from Wayne Memorial
High School. He is employed
at Infrasource Underground
Construction.
The couple resides in



Phelps-McGue

Faith Nicole Kozak was born Aug. 10, 2010 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins parents, April and Chaim Kozak, and siblings, Jason, 7, and Jordan, 2, at home in Westland. Proud grandparentrs are

James Jablonicky of Westland, Pamela Jablonicky of Garden City, and Bongchae and Tom Kozak of Westland. Great-grandparents are Shirley Daly and Ki Suk Chon, both of Westland.



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FRANKLIN JAMES MATTISON

Franklin James Mattison weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 1/2 inches when he was born Sept. 18, 2010 at Prentice Hospital, Chicago, Ill. Proud parents are Jordan and Jena (Lerash) Mattison of Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Jason and Carol Mattison of Livonia and Tom and Debbie Lerash of Bad Axe.

Great-grandma is Frances Mattison of Northville.



## **OLDANI-HANNER**

Carly Ann Hanner and Christopher John Oldani were married June 12, 2010 at St. James Presbyterian Church, Redford. The bride, daughter of Patricia Manns of Livonia, is a 2006 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 2007 grad-uate of L'Esprit Academy. She is a cosmetologist at Trimmers in Westland.

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The groom, son of John and Karen Oldani of Livonia, is a 2005 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 2006 graduate of Lincoln Tech, in Indianapolis, Ind. He is an auto mechanic at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

Laura Prieskorn, friend of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Oldani, sister of the groom and the brides friends, Malina James, Lauren Hash and Angela Waldowski. Flower Girl was Emily Waldowski.

John Clarey, friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Tyler Manns, brother of the bride, Michael Horn, cousin of the



groom and friends of the groom, Michael McWhinnie and Ryan Nickerson. Ushers were friends of the groom, Jason Prieskorn, Joseph Mihela and Casey Sillanpaa. A reception was held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. The couple took a hon-eymoon trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They reside in Livonia.

## **BUCHANAN-BALKO**

Dawn Marie Balko and Adam Buchanan were married Oct. 2, 2010 at Connection

Adam Buchanan were marrie Oct. 2, 2010 at Connection Church.
The bride, daughter of Denise Balko of Westland, is a graduate of Kettering University and works for Terumo Cardiovascular. The groom, son of Rena Buchanan of Bryan, Ohio, is a graduate of the University of Toledo. He works for TRW Automotive.

The couple lives in Belleville



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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!



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# Welcome boys and girls to Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights!

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper. The page will feature photos of you and Scoop at local events. This month's contest features Scoop and Sparky the Fire Dog ™ urging everyone to place and test smoke alarms in every room of your house. Make sure everyone in your home knows the family fire escape plan.

For more on fire safety games and activities check out wwwsparky.org.

# Hey kids!

# Coloring Contest

Youth ages 5-10 are invited to color Scoop by his fire engine.

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Ages - 7-8

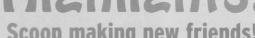
Ages - 9-10

Winners will receive tickets to the Emagine Theater in Canton or Novi.

Everyone who enters will receive a Buddy's Pizza Coupon and a letter from Scoop.

Send your entries for the Scoop Fire Prevention Coloring Contest to:

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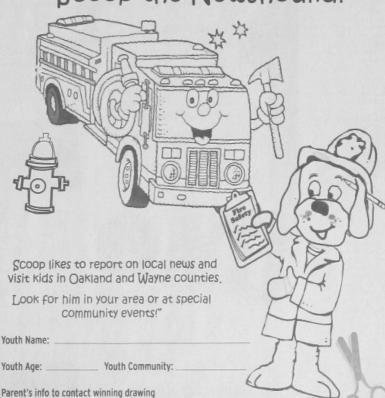
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# Skip processed foods when adding fiber to your diet, experts urge

For years, any weight-loss aficionado could easily tell you the best sources of dietary fiber: whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables. But grocery store shelves are crowded with traditionally low-fiber foods that are now packed with fiber, like candy, ice cream, and artificial sweeteners.

According to TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, these 'new fiber' foods may not yield the same health benefits as their traditional high-fiber food counterparts.

Dietary fiber – also called roughage – is defined by the Institute of Medicine as the edible, nondigestible component of carbohydrate and lignin found naturally in plant food. Fiber is not digested or absorbed in the small intestine, and it does not contribute calories; rather, bacteria in the stomach metabolize the fibrous parts of food. When you eat a food that contains a natural source of dietary fiber, you are eating intact fiber.

Added fiber consists of isolated, nondigestible carbohydrates that

detay fiber, you are eating intact fiber.

Added fiber consists of isolated, nondigestible carbohydrates that have beneficial physiological effects in humans. These fibers can be synthetically manufactured or derived from other plant or animal sources. An example of an added fiber is pectin extracted from citrus peel and used as a gel in making jam or jelly. Generally, added fiber is referred to



fiber.
Nutrition facts on food packaging can be confusing because they include all sources of fiber, whether they are from intact or isolated sources. It's why you might see upwards of 10 grams of dietary fiber listed for a fiber-fortified flour tortilla that tra-

nally would have only one or two

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Fiber can help lower cholesterol, regulate blood sugar, and promote a feeling of fullness.
According to The Institute of Medicine, women ages 50 and younger should consume 25 grams of fiber per day. Women ages 51 and older should aim for 21 grams per day.
Males, 50 and under, need 38 grams

#### ISOLATED VS. INTACT FIBER

ISOLATED VS. INTACT FIBER

According to Katie Clark, assistant clinical professor of nutrition at the University of California-San Francisco and nutrition expert for TOPS, the health benefits of intact fiber are widely accepted among health professionals.

Researchers who study the effects of fiber have focused on dietary fiber that occurs naturally in high-fiber foods. But do the health benefits of dietary fiber extend to synthetically manufactured or extracted fibers added to traditionally low-fiber foods? The American Dietetic Association (ADA) maintains that, "Whether isolated, functional fibers provide protection against cardiovascular disease remains controversial."

"Because we don't know to what degree the health benefits of dietary fiber are attributable to intact fibers, most dietitians and nutrition professionals are recommending that consumers focus on eating foods that are naturally high in fiber," Clark says.

Whole foods such as whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables are not only high in fiber, but low in salt, devoid of added sugar, and tend to be lower in calories than processed and packaged foods. Many of the isolated fiber foods on the market are highly

processed and are high in salt, added sugars, and extra calories. "Much like the notion that 'organic junk food is still junk food,' keep in mind that a 'high-fiber cookie is still a cookie!" notes Clark.

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To determine whether the fiber in a food product comes from an intact or isolated source, you should search the ingredients list on food packaging.

The most common isolated fibers that manufacturers use to bulk-up traditionally low-fiber foods are maltodextrin, inulin (chicory root), polydextrose, oat fiber, resistant start, pectin and gum.

By increasing the amount of whole grains and legumes in your diet and making sure to eat five to seven servings of fruits per day, it's possible to meet your dietary fiber needs without eating fiber-fortified or isolated fiber foods.

"Fiber can be an important tool in

foods.

"Fiber can be an important tool in weight loss, diabetes management, and reducing the risk for other chronic diseases," says Clark. "When selecting high-fiber foods, look for whole fiber foods over fake fiber foods to maximize your health potential."

TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call (800) 932:

## **Participants** sought for fibroid study

A clinical research study is under way by obstetrician and gyne-cologist, Jay Berman, of Wayne State University Physician Group, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in effort to identify an alternative treatment for uterine fibroids.

The typical treatment is a hysterectomy, the second most common surgery among women in the United States.

Berman is the only surgeon in Michigan who performs this technique and was chosen for his expertise during laparoscopic procedures.

This clinical research study, evaluation of the "Halt System in Laparoscopic Treatment of Symptomatic Uterine Fibroids with Radiofrequency Ablation," aims to preserve the uterus rather than remove it through a traditional hysterectomy. This procedure is an alternative to a myomectomy as well as a traditional hysterectomy. It is estimated that as many as 70 percent of women develop uterine fibroids at some point in their lives. Most women do not experience symptoms and will never be aware that they have or had a fibroid. However, about one-third of women, predominantly African American, experience pain in the lower abdomen, back and pelvis, heavy bleeding during menstrual periods and severe bloating. Some of the bower abdomen, back and pelvis, heavy bleeding during menstrual periods and severe bloating. Some of the size of a basketball in or outside the uterus. The Halt study, sponsored by Halt Medical, seeks to enroll up to 30 local women and 150 women nationally who are premenopausal and 25 years of age or older, have a history of menorrhagia (heavy bleeding) and have completed child bearing. To date, very little information is known about what causes fibroids, and this procedure is an alternative to more invasive surgery. Eligible participants will undergo an outpatient laparoscopic is an alternative to more invasive surgery. Eligible participants will undergo an outpatient laparoscopic fically for uterine fibroids and consists of a radiofrequency (RF) generator and a RF probe with deployable needle electrodes. An intra-abdominal ultrasound is then used to locate and visualize the fibroids. Participants return home the same day and are usually able to work within a week.

able to work within a week Screening for this study is being performed at Wayne State University Physician Group, 26400 V. 12 Mile, Suite 140, Southfield For more information about the study or to participate, call Julie McQueeney, research coordinator, at (248) 263-3571.



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Twitter Job Search 101

Selena Dehne, JIST Publishing

You can gain a wealth of advantages when turning to Twitter for help in the job search. You can research companies and organizations, uncover little-known job leads, connect with recruiters and employers and learn up-to-the-minute news about the industries and employers that interest you.

It's important to note, however, that your activities on Twitter won't pay off until you've invested some time learning how to use it best. Those new to the social networking site often complain that Twitter is too overwhelming, time-consuming and intimidating to be a useful tool in their job search campaign.

That's why Chandlee Bryan, coauthor of "The Twitter Job Search Guide," has developed a blueprint to help job seekers ease into the Twitter experience.

"It takes some time to gain momentum on Twitter," Bryan explains. "I recommend phasing into your plan. Doing so, you'll find that your network will grow, your relationships will deepen, your job search will become more productive and you'll just have more fun."

Bryan outlines her four-week blueprint for easing into the

Twitterverse:

#### Week One: Twitter Boot Camp

Allow yourself time for a learning curve.

Create your account, claim your username and design your background.

Set goals for your job search: How do

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you want to use Twitter? As a source of job leads, for company research, to expand your network ...? Write your Twitter bio. This should identify what makes you unique and

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what you want. You may also want to mention a special achievement or unusual accomplishment.

Write 10 to 12 tweets offline. Then, tweet one or two of them each time you log in.

Follow 15 people you know who won't be judging your account.

## Week Two: Lurking And Cultural

Search for hashtags and industries of interest to you. (Example of a

nashtag: #greeniobs)

Actively begin following people you don't know in your field.

Observe posts of others and how they use hashtags.

Subscribe to job feeds.

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"A feed is Web content from a source such as Twitter that can be delivered to your cell phone, e-mail or a

designated Web page you set up. You can subscribe to a feed with services like Feedreader.com or Google.com/reader," Bryan explains.

"Feeds enable you to actively review new content on a relevant topic without having to search for it on your own; once you've established a

feed, the information will be delivered to you automatically. Feeds can help you optimize your time in conducting employer research, monitoring trends in your field and finding job openings.

Subscribe to Twitter lists. According to Bryan, "Lists enable you to organize users into groups. Through lists, you can view tweets from users you don't follow. If you don't want updates from hundreds of users in your stream, creating or subscribing

to lists by subject area is a great way to optimize your time on Twitter."

#### Week Three: Full Throttle

Ask engaging questions that start conversations.

Retweet others

Tweet blog posts and other items of interest that align with your brand or career goals (save space by shortening URLs in your links). Don't forget the 75/25 rule:

Approximately 75 percent of content should be professional and 25 percent can be personal.

#### Week Four And Beyond: Onward, In 15 Minutes A Day

Expand your reputation, including creating lists.

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When it comes to a classic American icon, you can't beat the Ford Mustang. And the 2010 Ford Mustang takes a retro return to its roots with a refreshing design that bears a striking resemblance to the iconic 1969 Mustang.

The redesign for 2010 takes the Mustang up a notch, with changes to the trademark coupe. This year, the Mustang debuts with a fierce front and rear fascia, four-light grille, forward fender lines, a stronger, more muscular shape and a curvier rear. If you've always longed for the Mustang to look like it did 40 years ago, this is it.

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America's long love affair with the Mustang began in 1964. With the 2010 model, Ford improves many of the changes that began when the Mustang was outfitted with a new platform in 2005. This model comes in rear wheel drive – would you expect anything less—and in a coupe and soft-top convertible.

The 2010 Ford Mustang comes in four models; Ve, Ve Premium, GT, and GT
Premium. Tilt steering wheel, cruise control, air condition, a CD audio with MP-3 comes standard, along with split rear folding seats and power windows.

We also liked the options – a Shaker 1000 audio system and a voice-activated Sirius
NAV system with Travel Link, just to name a few. What we liked about the Mustang is the raft of safety features, including ABS, traction control, electronic stability control, four airbags, a remote keyless entry and a tire pressure monitoring system.

Add even more safety features with an optional rear view camera. All these safety features may help explain why the Mustang got a five-star government safety rating.

Now for the look.

The Mustang bears a very close resemblance to last year's model in size and shape. This is not a complete design overhaul; it's a revision with changes in noticeable areas. Let's start with the obvious area

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The new Mustang borrows the roof and A pillars from the previous year's model. But that's where the similarities end. The front and rear of the 'Stang are slightly tapered. The fender flares aren't so obvious and are

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It's muscle – after all, it is a Ford Mustang – yet it's with a 21st century modern touch. With the exception of the roofline, everything is brand new. The headlamps are new, with a four-light grille. The rear end design has strong angled fenders along with a new tail lamp design with three LED bulbs.

The Mustang looks, well, more muscular. Which is why this model is getting so many comparisons to the 1969 model. That's because of the power dome over the hood, raised areas over the rear wheels and strong, bolder front and rear fascias.

Even the wheels and three are new, with 1-inch bigger dimensions ranging from 17 to 19 inches for better handling and braking. The more muscular design makes the current model appear smaller.

Yet, Ford is careful not to change too much on the Mustang. This is, after all, the Ford Mustang. And so the Mustang keeps many of the classic lines that signal the popular Pony muscle car.

And while the Mustang borrows from a retro look, it also seemingly borrows from of the Chesvier of an era gone by It musters a paltry 210 horsepower and 240 pound feet from 3.6 liters; the Hyundai Genesis Coupe, which gets 304 horsepower and 273 pound feet from 3.6 liters; the Hyundai Genesis Coupe, which gets 304 horsepower and 266 pound feet from 3.6 liters. The V8 GT comes with more horsepower for a galloping start.

Translation: The V6 Ford Mustang will get left in the dust from even a V6 Honda Accord. Now that's embarrassing. The Mustang



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accelerates from 0 to 60 in 6.6 seconds. While a standard sports car enthusiast might snub their nose, the horsepower clearly falls into two camps – the V6 for the set who don't feel the need to speed and the V8 for everyone else

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Don't buy the V6 if you're looking for a fast muscle car; you won't get it.

Now let's look at the interior, which also has been refreshed.

The cabin is still retro, but there are much higher quality materials used. Just goes to show you that a sports car doesn't have to be utilitarian. Now, the Mustang won't fool you to thinking that you're driving a luxury car. Yet, it is definitely a much needed improvement. The coupe and the convertible offer seating that holds four. You can fit adults in the backseat, but just to warm you, it might be a close fit. Which, if you're buying a sports car for room, it might be time to buy as edan.

Trunk space is ample, with 12.3 cubic feet in the coupe and 9.7 in the convertible.

Inside, there are a number of things that caught our attention. There's a new dashboard made of soft plastic molding – a vast improvement over the piecemeal, hard plastic dash that it replaced.

There's metallic trim with different textures depending on if you get the V6 or V8 model. The metal look doesn't end there. There's a new fake's metall; it's the real thing, not some metallic plastic. Ford gets major kudos for its tasteful black dashboard and wealth of aluminum trim and panels.

Don't forget the beautifully stitched leather seats and a navigation system that boasts an

eight-screen, reverse camera. The only thing that should be reconsidered are the main gauges, which can be hard to see when

eight-screen, reverse admerat. In 6 only infinite and in the V6, but the GT is built on the Bullit model. The GT has a few powertrain changes, including a cold air intake, a 250-rpm increase and 3.5-inch exhaust tips. The V6 is just OK for horsepower, the Bullit model is more than satisfactory when it comes to what's underneath the hood. The redesign, however, reduces the drag on the GT and base model by 4 to 7 percent. Improved window and door seals have reduced wind noise as well. We weren't quite sure what to expect when it came to the ride, but new chassis bracing and recalibrated suspension give the Mustang a better, more comfortable ride with a bit more sticking when cornering.

Overall, the Ford Mustang boasts changes that give it a better ride and a better look. Classic muscle car enthusiasts will be pleased with the Mustang's nod to the nostalgic 1969 model. But if you're looking for speed, it's best to stick with the V8.

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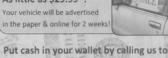
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