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Road construction in the area has already been creating havoc for area drivers, and with Tuesday's opening of school, it's only going to get more complicated.

Construction crews will close the overpass on Cherry Hill over I-275 beginning Tuesday, and it's set to stay closed until mid-October. Warren Road (the bridge over I-275) has been closed for weeks, and is also set to stay that way until mid-October. And while the Ford Road/I-275 intersection remains open, construction projects there are slowing things, as well.

As a result, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are warning parents that bus runs almost certainly will be behind Tuesday. They used the district's rapid-call system to remind parents this weekend.

Whalers support

The Plymouth Whalers have a great offer for library supporters. Library lovers who want to support library programs can do so by buying a ticket to the Sept. 29 game against Sudbury. Half the ticket price for that game will support the Canton Public Library.

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Election forums

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County hosts a pair of candidate forums in the next few weeks to give voters a chance to learn about candidates for state House and U.S. Congressional seats.

A forum for candidates in both the 20th (which serves Plymouth and Canton) and 21st (Canton) House districts takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at the Canton Public Library.

Candidates for the 11th U.S. Congressional district have been invited to an LWV forum 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at the Plymouth District Library.

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District wants to 'offer more flavors' as new year opens

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Dr. Jeremy Hughes is proud of the curriculum offered in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools buildings.

It covers all the basics and then some, and district students are among the top-achieving students in the state on standard-

ized tests like the MEAP, the ACT and the SAT.

But Hughes, the district's superintendent, likens the curriculum to vanilla ice cream — tasty but pretty straightforward.

"We think we do a good job here... We have a lot to offer," Hughes said, smiling. "We have a great vanilla. But we want to

offer more flavors."

Toward that end, the district is offering a broader slate of curricular offerings than at any time in recent memory, according to Hughes. Topping the list are the three academies — an International Academy, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Academy and an arts academy — approved ear-

lier this year by the district's Board of Education.

Plenty of interest

There was some concern at the time how much interest would be generated, but district officials are happy with the results. The International Academy is full

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Marybeth Levine continues to collect diapers as part of her efforts to help the Detroit Area Diaper Bank provide diapers for families who can't afford them.

Drive aims to ease diaper deficit

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Calling it "a labor of love," Canton volunteer Marybeth Levine has distributed nearly 1.4 million diapers to social service agencies and non-profits across southeast Michigan since she founded the Detroit Area

Diaper Bank in 2009.

An impassioned advocate for struggling families, Levine needs help of her own as she launches her campaign to collect 200,000 diapers by Thanksgiving to restock supplies and help children and incontinent adults.

"The demand never

decreases," she said. "It's always up."

Though the diaper bank already helps over 60 agencies serving Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Redford, Livonia, Garden City, Farmington and numerous other communities, Levine has a waiting list of other groups needing help.

Yet, she never seems to tire of helping people, such as struggling, single mothers who burst into tears when they realize the diapers they can't afford will be provided by an agency Levine assists.

"That gets me going," said Levine, who, with husband Steven, has

three elementary-age boys.

Safety net

Levine started her volunteer work to help agencies meet a need not covered by safety-net programs such as WIC (Women, Infants & Children).

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Canton Leisure Services bucks job trend

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton Township isn't exactly on a hiring binge for full-time jobs as local officials continue to rein in spending.

"We're not in hiring mode," Human Resources Gwyn Belcher said.

Yet one department, Canton Leisure Services, has bucked

the trend by posting a flurry of part-time positions for programs based at Summit on the Park and the local youth and teen center known as The B.L.O.C.K., or Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids.

Several college-educated employees have left part-time Canton jobs for full-time positions elsewhere.

"I don't know if it's a sign

of the economy," Recreation Supervisor Jon LaFever said. "But we've had some really talented people leave (for full-time work) who couldn't find jobs for a few years."

That has opened doors for part-time Canton jobs ranging from \$8.76 an hour for lifeguards and a B.L.O.C.K. senior counselor to \$12.36 for a B.L.O.C.K. supervisory coord-

inator earning \$12.36 an hour, LaFever said.

While most of the jobs top out at 30 hours a week, local officials say it's work that might fill a void for students, stay-at-home parents or college-educated people looking for a stepping stone to full-time work.

Officials say the jobs provide

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dren), food stamps and Medicare.

Her website, www.detroitreadiaperbank.org, keeps a running tally of donated diapers but, just as importantly, it offers myriad ways people and businesses can help by donating diapers or money, setting up diaper drop-off locations or organizing diaper drives. Partial containers of diapers are accepted.

One of the diaper bank's biggest supporters, the Canton Public Library, plans to help again by parking a donated truck outside the library 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 14-15 for its annual Stuff the Truck diaper drive.

Library Director Eva Davis hopes to collect a record-shattering 40,000 diapers this season.

"We have had such a great response every year that we have done the diaper drive, and it has grown steadily," she said. "I'm willing to bet we're going to make (our goal)."

Library patrons include children, seniors and disabled people, many of whom Davis said "are acutely aware of how much these diaper supplies cost and how great the need is," especially during tough economic times.

Levine has doubled the diaper bank's distribution tally since last fall's campaign, when the *Observer* reported that 639,000 diapers had been donated to nonprofits, charities and social service agencies. The latest total of nearly 1.4 million diapers has helped organizations such as Starfish Family Services, which serves much of Wayne County; the Westland-based Wayne County Family Center; The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps; the Redford Pregnancy Counseling Center;



Marybeth Levine's Detroit Area Diaper Bank got a huge boost from Huggies last year when the company gave her some 250,000 diapers.

and the regional Senior Alliance, among many others.

"Marybeth and the Detroit Area Diaper Bank have provided over 30,000 diapers to us since they started," Paula Brown, Starfish chief development officer, said. "That's 30,000 wet bottoms that would not have been covered without her."

Need for help

Diaper bank recipients say many struggling families face decisions whether to buy food

or diapers, and often they don't have the facilities to wash cloth diapers and reuse them.

"I don't know what we would do without Marybeth," Brown said. "This lets us focus on other problems such as getting resources to help stabilize families. One of our goals is making sure young students arrive at school ready to succeed."

Levine has said parents who can't afford diapers can't leave a child at day care to go to work or school. Some children

with disabilities never outgrow the need for diapers, she said, and seniors who can't afford incontinence supplies are pushed closer to becoming homebound or in a nursing home.

Levine initiates a fall campaign to help the diaper bank's recipients survive a holiday season when demand for supplies grows and donations can slow down. She has repeatedly acknowledged the help she receives from supporters such as Canton-based Extra

Storage Space and MSA Delivery Service — companies where she stores diapers and receives shipments.

Levine relies on diaper drives from schools, community organizations, places of worship and other entities to help the diaper bank, which she said will be needed as long there's no other safety net.

"The diapers go out just as quickly as they come in," she said.

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opportunities in a challenging economy.

"That's a good thing," Belcher said.

Canton Leisure Services is looking for 10 or more Summit lifeguards, at least 16 years old, who can be hired and then trained without paying the typical \$150 fee for classes — an amount the Summit is picking up, LaFever said.

"For high school students that (cost) is a big deal," he said.

Over at The B.L.O.C.K. on Michigan Avenue, Leisure Services hopes to hire a senior counselor and a supervisory employee to oversee counselors and scheduling.

Leisure Services also hopes to fill senior counselor and program supervisor positions for a Summit-based therapeutic recreation program for people with disabilities, LaFever said. The program involves swimming pool activities, day trips, camp programs, exercise classes and dining out.

"It promotes independence," LaFever said.

The latest part-time jobs come as Canton Leisure Services gears up for its fall programs.

"These jobs aren't for everybody," LaFever said. "They're for people who like working with other people."

LaFever said the goal is to fill the jobs by late September. For more information, go to www.canton-mi.org. LaFever said there's a link on the front page, and more details also are available by going under the Government tab to Human Resources.

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(with 75 students; there's a waiting list), and the STEM academy has 240 students, and also has a waiting list.

The Arts Academy, meanwhile, still has a little room, with 70 students.

The district has moved to an all-day kindergartens while still offering a couple of sections of half-day kindergarten. The move to all-day kindergarten was required by the state, which decreed districts that offered half-day kindergarten would only get half the per-pupil funding for those students.

While the bulk of kindergarten students will be all-day students, the district, being pressured by some parents to continue to offer a half-day option for parents who wanted it, did just that. Some 44 students will attend half-day sessions.

Another two sections — including some 44 students — of "Young 5s" instruction will be offered for parents who think their students might still be a year away from being ready for the rigors of kindergarten.

Hughes thinks the additions will give parents who choose Plymouth-Canton a more definitive reason why.

"People are asked 'Why did you choose Plymouth-Canton,' and they give a kind of generic, 'They've got good schools,'" Hughes said. "I want people to say, 'We went there for the academics.' I want to put some gems we can hang things on."

Character kids

One of the key changes this year, according to Hughes, is not really a curricular change. It's more of a philosophical change. Driven in part by challenges from local charter schools and

in part by a belief the district should be turning out quality people as well as good students, Plymouth-Canton will institute a "character" component to its teaching this year.

Hughes is forming a character education committee that will determine how best to instill values such as honesty and integrity, making good decisions, etc., into what students learn in school. The district's media specialists are being asked to search for materials that will help incorporate character into lesson plans.

"We expect good behavior, but we've gotten away from teaching good behavior," Hughes said. "In this community, I think we can do that. I think we can get support, regardless of religion or politics, for teaching that. We want our kids to be good learners with great character."

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New charter hopes to meet challenge

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

In a long career, much of it spent with National Heritage Academies, Jaclyn Jeffrey had tackled every challenge but one. On Tuesday, the former principal at Keystone Academy in Belleville and a former assistant principal and teacher, gets to meet that final challenge when she opens the doors at the new Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy in Plymouth Township.

The school, chartered by Bay Mills Community College in Michigan's upper peninsula, welcomes its first students — along with schools all over the state — on Tuesday.

"I wanted the next challenge, and that's opening a new school," said Jeffrey, who taught at Keystone for five years before spending the last three as its principal. "I wanted the chance to learn a new community, an opportunity to build what I had already created (in Belleville)."

She was confident work crews would have the building, and the road in front of it, ready for opening day. Road crews were still busy widening North Territorial and paving parts of the drive-ways and parking lots as late as Friday and over the weekend.

Plymouth Scholars will open as a K-6 school, and



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Plymouth Scholars principal Jaclyn Jeffrey is eager for her new charter school to open its doors Tuesday.

will add a seventh grade next year and an eighth grade in 2014/15. The school already has established a "Young 5s" program, and will have three kindergarten classrooms.

As of Thursday, the school had some 605 students registered, Jaclyn said there's also a waiting list. The school is built to handle some 750 students when the sixth and seventh grades are added, she said.

Jaclyn said the school, like all NHA facilities, will not only focus on the learning, but on character development. To help get there, she said, the school will focus on a "Virtue of the Month" — September's is wisdom — with

assemblies to help instill these virtues in students.

"NHA has created a curriculum for each moral code," Jaclyn explained. "It's based on state standards, federal standards and now the Core Curriculum. We really believe in having our students come out as citizens of society, not just academic achievers."

The academic achievers part is important, too, she said. Students get the focus — Plymouth Scholars will have a 25-1 ratio in its kindergarten classrooms, a 28-1 in first- through sixth-grade classes. Their academic progress will be mapped not only by state tests such as the MEAP, but

also by periodic in-house MAP tests that measure academic progress.

Jaclyn said those test results will be compared on a spring-to-spring basis, meaning teachers and students will have some accountability over the summer months as well as during the school year. The tests measure programs in English-Language arts, reading, science, and math.

"We get an accurate, immediate assessment of where students are," said Jaclyn, who has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's in special education from Madonna University. "We get a breakdown on where each



Finishing touches in the gymnasium include lighting and paint.

student is at, and we can gauge each student's individual needs from there."

Jaclyn is eager to set it all in motion, now that she's conquered the challenges — big and small — of getting started.

"Some of the biggest challenges are the little

unexpected things," she said. "You prepare for certain things, and then timelines get changed and dates change. All those little things are the challenge."

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Firm delivers on web ads promise

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials hooked up with Troy-based Alternative Revenue Development a couple of years ago to try to drum up new revenue via advertising on the district's website, ARD representatives promised an estimated \$30,000 in the first year.

Last week, ARD delivered on the promise, handing Plymouth-Canton a check for some \$22,000 derived from website advertising. Combined with a check delivered earlier in the school year for nearly \$8,000, the payment met the partnership's goals.

"The district has made a commitment to identifying alternative revenue resources," said Brodie Killian, the district's executive director for finance. "ARD has delivered on that."

The district's Board of Education has made alternative sources of revenue a priority, tar-

geting not only website advertising, but things like new grant initiatives and sponsorship and other advertising opportunities.

Toward that end, they became one of 42 Michigan school districts to sign up with ARD. The first were mostly downriver, but also include Waterford and Farmington, along with districts in Muskegon, Washtenaw and Kent counties.

ARD's primary program is UNITE, which provides sponsorship signage on rotating banners on the district's website. Plymouth-Canton hooked up with ARD in September 2011.

"(ARD) moved very quickly to acquire sponsors for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools," said Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent. "We are very pleased with their progress on our behalf and look forward to a long and beneficial partnership."

Plymouth-Canton's board has set \$100,000 as the number they'd

like to see the district get in alternative revenues. Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations, said ARD has projected some \$75,000 of that from UNITE in the 2012/13 school year.

ARD founder, president and CEO Sam Curcuro called UNITE "valuable" to local businesses it gets to buy into the program, because the audience is so targeted and there is significant website use by local families.

"I knew I could make a difference for schools, providing them with a big boost for their discretionary spending," said Curcuro, 50, who lives in Bloomfield Hills and who has an advertising and sales background. "A school district might have a \$150 million budget, but out of that there may only be \$50,000 left for principals and superintendents to use for programs and equipment that they feel is important. That doesn't go far."

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Voters decide Wednesday who advances to finish McCotter's term

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Voters in the current 11th Congressional District will tend to some unexpected civic business on Wednesday when they decide among five candidates on the Republican ballot or one on the Democratic side in a special primary election.

The special primary, estimated to cost taxpayers \$650,000, was scheduled by Gov. Rick Snyder's office to fill the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6.

McCotter ended his term six months early after what he called a "nightmarish month and a half," an apparent reference to duplicated signatures on his nominating petitions that resulted in criminal charges against four staffers. Snyder's office cited state law in scheduling the election to ensure voters had representation through the end of the year.

'Your voting right'

Livonia City Clerk Terry Marecki estimates that 10 per-



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cent of the city's registered voters will go to the polls Wednesday and acknowledge that residents are angry over the special election costs.

"We have devoted voters, but that will be low (turnout) for Livonia," Marecki said. "I've heard people say, 'I'm not voting,' but (this election) is your voting right."

The candidates in Wednesday's election are Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, Nancy Cassis of Novi and Ken Crider, Carolyn Kavanagh and Steve King, all of Livonia, who are running for the Republican nomination. The winner will face David Curson of Belleville, who is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket; as well as Libertarian John Tatar of Livonia and

U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan candidate Marc Sosnowski of Dearborn Heights, in the Nov. 6 general election.

According to the Secretary of State, primary elections are for Republicans and Democrats only because they are considered major parties. In order for a minor party to make it on a primary ballot, the party's candidate needs to receive at least 5 percent of the vote in the election for the Secretary of State's office, last held in 2010. Neither the Libertarian or U.S. Taxpayers party met that threshold so their candidates' names will not be on Wednesday's ballot.

The winner of the Nov. 6 general election for McCotter's unexpired term will be sworn in

cial election will cost Livonia \$45,000.

"We've cut down on workers at each poll because we think it will be a small turnout," Marecki said.

As of Thursday morning, her office had received 2,592 requests for absentee ballot applications and had received about 1,300 back. "We usually have about 20,000 of those for the presidential election," Marecki said. For a regular election, absentee voters total about 5,000 or 6,000, she said.

"It is a little bit low," Marecki said.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters at elementary school precincts will be directed to side doors of buildings to enter and exit, and should not use the front doors because the schools will be back in session. Officials were redirecting the voters because officials wanted the front doors used by parents and children.

Signs will direct voters to the proper entry doors, Marecki said.

Special election tab

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urday, Sept. 8, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Reservations are required by Wednesday, Sept. 5. Attorney Robert J. Muise, who has spent the past 13 years defending religious liberties, the freedom of speech, and the right to life in

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Right to Life-LIFSPAN, mail in registration form to: 32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305. Tickets will be held at the door for all registered attendees. For more information, go to www.rtl-lifspan.org (click on Events), or call (734) 524-0162.

W-W's Goci fends off calls for his resignation

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



Goci

Wayne-Westland school board Vice President John Goci is making it perfectly clear that he is confident he will be cleared of allegations that he lied to federal agents about a loan he had with Tomo Duhanaj, the owner of Bray's Hamburgers in Westland.

Goci is free on bond after being arraigned Aug. 22 on the charge, a five-year felony. Duhanaj was also charged with lying to federal agents. However, federal officials have moved to dismiss charges against him, citing the need for time to obtain evidence against him and investigate other suspects.

"At this time my case is still proceeding, and as I stated before, I look forward with the utmost confidence of being vindicated of the false allegations being made against me," Goci said at last week's school board meeting.

His comments came after two fellow board members — Frederick Weaver and Cindy Schofield — and resident Chris Staley called on him to resign.

Staley expressed "utter disappointment in lack of integrity displayed by a board member" saying that "every human is born with a conscience and, therefore, the ability to know right from wrong. Choosing the right, regardless of the consequences, is the hallmark of integrity."

He also told the board that among its responsibilities is the creation of a "set of sound ethical policies," communicating

them to the staff and students and letting them know deviation from any of them will not be tolerated. "The problem for the leaders that create and implement the policies is that they must then live by them," he said. "You cannot set policies that employees and students need to live by and not live by them yourself." Saying that the federal charge is "incompatible with the duties of an elected official," Staley called on school board members "to rise to the occasion."

"Examine your values and principles and join with us to call for this board member's immediate resignation," he said.

The federal indictment charges that Goci lied to federal agents, who found paperwork indicating he had obtained a \$30,000 loan from Duhanaj at a more than 45-percent interest rate. A recent unsuccessful congressional candidate, Goci told federal agents that the interest was 15 percent.

In wiretaps placed on Duhanaj's phone, the indictment charges Goci contradicted his statements made to federal agents.

Goci remains free on \$10,000 unsecured bond, while Duhanaj, a Troy resident, remains in federal custody as an illegal alien and faces deportation.

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Pet show always a Fall Festival favorite

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Unlike most events at the Plymouth Community Fall Festival, the Optimist Club of Plymouth's pet show is just for fun.

Pet owners — mostly kids — get to enter their pets in the show at no charge, then show them off onstage at Kellogg Park, where the animals compete in categories like largest, smallest, longest ears (for dogs) and best trick (also for dogs). There's a section for dogs, another for cats and a third for everything else — and the Optimists have seen goats, a horse and even a boa constrictor, said Michael Cox, the Optimist Club president.

"You get a great feeling," hosting the event, said Cox, of Plymouth, the master of ceremonies for this year's show. "These kids have a great time... It's seeing the



The Optimist Pet Show annual draws dogs, cats and other, more unique, pets to the Plymouth Fall Festival.

smiles on their faces, how proud they are of their pets."

The audience appreciates it, too, cheering on the pets, and the dogs get

to show off their tricks, Cox said. "Some of them are quite talented," he said. There are ribbons for first, second and third place in each category,

and all participants get a ribbon, he said.

This year's pet show — Cox estimated the event has been at Fall Festival for at least 40 years — is on Saturday at the stage in front of the Penn Theatre. There are three separate times: 9 a.m. (for dogs), 10 a.m. (unusual pets) and 10:45 a.m. (for cats). Registration is on the morning of the show.

Judges for this year's pet show are Jill Andra Young, who specializes in photographing pets, and Karen Ochman, who recalls entering a pet goat in the Optimists' show years ago, Cox said.

The annual Fall Festival, which dates to the 1950s, features an array of civic organizations, service clubs, churches and athletic booster clubs that sell food or trinkets to raise money for their programs. There are famous, bigger-tick-

et events, like the Rotary Club of Plymouth's Sunday chicken dinner (\$10 in advance, \$12 at the event, with 10,500 dinners available), and smaller food booths, such as the one sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America that will be selling corn on the cob.

But the Optimists don't make the pet show a fundraiser.

"We don't ask for anything. We just tell them what the Optimists do," Cox said.

The Optimist Club of Plymouth dates from the late 1940s and works to support programs for local young people.

The club has donated to local food banks and the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps, to the Miracle League of Plymouth, the radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, and toward the restoration of the Penn Theatre, and sponsors an

essay contest that could land winners a \$2,500 college scholarship sponsored by the regional Optimist organization. Closer to home, there is a \$1,000 annual college scholarship for a graduate from one of the PCPE high schools who also attended Allen Elementary.

The club has only about 15 current members and is always looking for more, Allen said. It meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at Station 885 in Old Village; dues are \$75 a year.

The club raises money by parking vehicles at Saxton's Garden Center during special events, and by a Christmas-time white elephant sale.

"Everything we donate is for the betterment of children," Cox said.

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Run/walk to benefit Madonna students

The Crusader 5K and Madonna Mile, a 3.1-mile run or one-mile walk benefiting the Student Emergency Relief Fund at Madonna University in Livonia, will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

The cost is \$45 for the 5K, \$25 for the walk. The Student Emergency Relief Fund helps students experiencing a financial emergency while attending classes. The Crusader 5K will be run on a paved USATF-certified course and will be timed electronically by Running

Fit Timing. Medals will be awarded to the top three 5K finishers in six age groups.

The race starts at Madonna University's Activities Center. Runners and walkers will be routed through the Felician Sisters' properties of the Central Convent, Ladywood High School, the Montessori and back to the University Activities Center.

For more information or to register, visit www.tinyurl.com/Crusader5K or call (734) 432-5426.

Center celebrates with sweepstakes

The Huntington Learning Center in Canton, a supplementary academic services provider which offers K-12 tutoring in reading, writing, math, phonics, study skills, test prep and exam prep, is commemorating the company's 35 years in education with a sweepstakes.

Contest entrants will get a chance to win one of two \$500 Huntington scholarships redeemable at any Huntington Learning Center, or an iPad. To enter sweepstakes, contestants may pick up a form at the center, which is located at 44630 Ford Road. The entry form should be completed and returned to the mailing

address indicated on the form. This sweepstakes ends Oct. 30. Winners will be notified by email Nov. 15. Sweepstakes terms and conditions apply.

"We're very happy to provide this sweepstakes opportunity for students," executive director Wie Pan said. "We are committed to offering academic programs that can really help students who may be struggling in school, but we also provide enrichment programs to those students who may wish to challenge themselves academically as well."

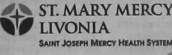

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Center offers individualized programs to students after conducting an in-depth academic evaluation that helps identify a child's performance level in school. The center discusses the results and its recommendations with parents, and builds a customized program that focuses exactly on the child's academic needs. The certified instructors work with children individually at their own pace, to master each skill before moving on to more difficult tasks and more advanced learning.

The Huntington Learning Center provides sub-

ject tutoring as well, in areas such as pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus, earth science, biology, chemistry and physics.

"Our mission is to give every student the best education possible," Pan said. "With our extensive curriculum at the center, we are able to tailor a program to each student's specific academic needs. We also want to help students aim for the college of their dreams, so designing a program that can assist with reaching their goal score is very important for us."

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Ford buyout offer puzzles another reader

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I am a Ford retiree and have received a buyout package from Ford. So far I've attended a couple of seminars and plan to attend yours. It seems that the more information I get, the more confused I am. My situation is that my wife has a pension from a school system and that money, along with our Social Security, more than covers our living expenses. We have taken the money from my pension and have invested it. Our thought is that we will not need to touch that money and we'll just leave it to our kids. We also have some other investments, including an IRA. I think it makes sense to accept the buyout and my wife generally agrees. I only have one question: if I have good genes and my family generally lives into their mid-90s. Based on that, does



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

it make sense to keep what I have?
A: Life expectancy enters into the equation. However, that is only one element. The other key ingredient is how you invest the money. It would probably make more sense for investors who only want to invest in things such as CDs, U.S. Treasuries and fixed annuities to keep what they have. Interest rates are very low and will stay that way for at least another couple of years. On the other hand, if you have no problem investing in equities, whether it's individual stocks or mutual funds, I would lean that

way. Over the long run, if you have a well-balanced, diversified portfolio of equities and fixed-income investments, you will do much better by taking the buyout.
Another factor to consider is when you currently receive your pension, it is immediately subject to income tax. Since you don't need the income, you can let your lump sum reinvest and grow within your IRA. However, the money would be subject to required minimum distribution rules. In addition, by taking the lump-sum distribution, if the numbers work, you could consider converting that money into a Roth IRA. I have heard that a lot of people make the decision of whether to accept the buyout from Ford or General Motors based upon life

expectancy. To me, it's a double-edged sword. First, if your health was such that you didn't have much longer to live, then taking the buyout is the way to go. However, it doesn't work the other way.
On Oct. 3, the Observer & Eccentric will be sponsoring my free educational seminars regarding the Ford buyout. My goal is to educate participants so they can make a personal decision. For more information about the seminars, visit www.bloomassetmanagement.com or email your reservation to seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com. Make sure you specify which seminar you'd like to attend. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com.

W-W ready to honor Glenn's Chuck Gordon

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

For Bud Somerville, Friday, Sept. 7, can't get here soon enough.
The Westland resident has spent three years working on having the John Glenn High School football field renamed to honor his former coach, Chuck Gordon.



Somerville, it was a "no brainer" when Lloyd got involved." Gordon will be honored on the football field and part of the ceremony will be the presentation of a plaque from the Football Boosters organizations. Westland Mayor William Wild has already proclaimed Sept. 7 Chuck Gordon Day in the city, and Somerville has hopes of the mayor presenting Gordon with a key to the city.

"I've known Chuck for 40 years, I played for him," said Somerville, a 1975 Glenn graduate. "He was an assistant coach for Lloyd Carr in 1973 and 1974. He had 27 years as head coach and was with the program for 32 years."

A special rededication ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. that day to rename the football field as the Irma Kionka-Chuck Gordon Field. Gordon and his family will be there as well as school and elected officials and a large contingent of his former players.

The field was originally named in honor of late Irma Kionka, who was hired in 1943 as a physical education teacher. She taught at Wayne Memorial High School and finished her career at John Glenn High School, where she also coached volleyball, tennis and women's sports. She retired from the district in 1972.

During his tenure at Glenn, Gordon amassed a 211-64 win-loss record. He had 25 winning seasons, coached two undefeated regular season teams and made the playoffs 15 times. He was voted the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year 11 times and was inducted into the MHSFCA Coaches Hall of Fame in 1996. He retired in November 2003.

Somerville worked with former athletic director Brian Swinehart and current AD Greg Ambrose, but it was when Carr took an interest in the recognition, things started happening. According to

In proclaiming the day, Wild, a John Glenn alum, said, "Coach Gordon found a way to relate to every student, parent and colleague and was one of the most respected teachers at the high school."

"The dedication happens to be on Alumni Night, and Somerville is hoping to get even more former players to come back to their alma mater that evening. He already has more than 100 ex-players committed to coming and is looking for more."

"We've got that many through word of mouth, we have a Facebook page and I'm putting my phone number out wherever I can," said Somerville.

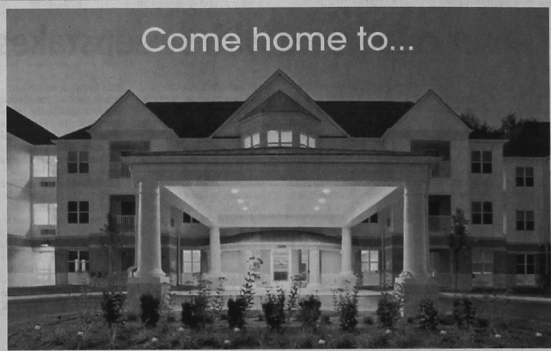
Former players can call him at (734) 658-1251 and then show up at the field at 5 p.m. Sept. 7 to register for Alumni Night.

There also will be a meet and greet with Gordon following the festivities and the football game. That will begin at 10 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wayne Road north of Hunter.

Somerville knows the rededication of the field is important. He needs only look to former U-M football coach Gary Moeller.

"When you have people like Gary ask how Chuck is doing, you know this is a big thing," he said.

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Sun-soaked crowd takes in full flavor of Arts, Beats and Eats

By Nathan Mueller
Eccentric Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK—Steamy summer temperatures greeted the first wave of festival goers when Arts, Beats and Eats kicked off Friday in downtown Royal Oak.

But despite the 95-degree heat, Washington Avenue was filling up by late afternoon with people looking to try new food, pick up some art work for the home or listen to some of their favorite music.

Dom Schulz, who just moved to Detroit from Akron, Ohio, was attending the festival for the first time Friday and waiting with Sarah Wojcik to see Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers perform on the alternative stage.

"It's pretty awesome," Schulz said of the festival. "I have never seen a better selection of food and music."

Some of the biggest lines Friday were at the ice cream, lemonade and Snoballs stands as people tried to stay cool.

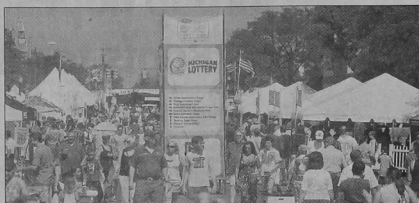
Sarah Wirthlin, who missed the trip to Royal Oak from Bloomfield Hills with her sister, Heidi, and friend Katie Robinson, had already checked out a few music stages before taking a seat in the shade.

"We wanted to end summer right and thought this would be a good end of summer activity," Wirthlin said, noting that school starts Tuesday. "We listened to some great bands, and there is so much good food you cannot go wrong with anything."

Set up for four-day event was still taking place in the early afternoon Friday as vendor lines were relatively short. That will likely change over the weekend as temperatures are expected to drop into the



The Swank Club played jazz at the festival Friday afternoon.



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Arts, Beats and Eats opened Friday afternoon for crowds who used the torrid day to get outside. The festival continues through Monday.

mid-80s.

The cost to enter Arts, Beats and Eats increased to \$5 after 5 p.m. (it's \$3 before), but food and drink voucher tickets remained the same at \$10 for 16 tickets. Most food and drink items start in the six ticket range and higher.

Canton resident Shannon Barrick and co-worker Shannon Morgan from Ann Arbor got out of work early for Labor Day weekend and stopped at the festival for lunch.

"We picked what smelled good," Barrick said of their food choices, which included a stop at the Northville-based Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse.

The music lineup for Sunday and Monday is jam packed with artist like Travis Tritt (6 p.m. Sunday). The Guess Who (9-30 p.m. Sunday), Sayin' Abel (4:30 p.m. Monday) and Theory of a Deadman (5:15 p.m. Monday).

Morris Day & The Time close out the festival with

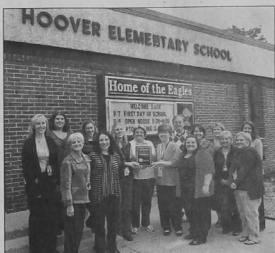
their set at 8:15 p.m. on Monday.

There also is a Kids Zone and stage that features magic shows, clowns, tricks, illusions and more.

Parking for the event is \$15, and there are numerous options near the festival entrances.

"It's a good time to come hang out and eat," Wojcik said. "And it's good for people watching too."

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The staff of Wayne-Westland's Hoover Elementary School in Wayne — Lisa Rotenheiser, Diane Deluca-Smith, Linda Goodin, Andrea D'Amico, Maureen Twomey, Amy Morse, Cheryl Rujan, Katherine Brake, Principal Jennifer Chambers, Kim Renas, Rachel Dean, Pamela Cusumano, Kimberly Lepish, Donna Carol and Rachel Slovian — show off the Muth Award the school received for excellence in leadership in school improvement.

Hat trick: W-W wins third Muth Award

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has scored a hat trick, when it comes to student achievement.

For the third time in as many years, one of the district's elementary schools has been awarded the Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Leadership Award by the Middle Cities Education Association.

Wildwood Elementary in Westland is the latest recipient of the award that comes with \$1,500 prize to be used for school improvement. Hoover Elementary in Wayne received the award in 2010 and Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton in 2011.

"We are honored to have one of our schools selected for the Muth Award," said Greg Baracy, Wildwood Elementary school superintendent. "The team at Wildwood is a dedicated group, who are committed to their students. The whole community is proud of their

efforts." "Wildwood Elementary School serves as an excellent example of how effective school improvement efforts can make a real difference in student learning," said Ray Telman, executive director of Middle Cities, who presented the 2012 honor to Wildwood Principal Shannon Black.

"Thank very much for this opportunity," said Black. "I can't tell you how proud I am, it was just an incredible process to go through with this team."

Joining her in accepting the award were Julie Rutherford, intervention specialist, second-grade teacher Lisa Sheppard and kindergarten teacher Jennifer Ferris, members of the leadership team who helped developed the plan to improve student learning.

The award honors K-12 schools in Michigan's urban school systems that demonstrate leadership in school improvement, specifically improvements that reflect gains in student achievement.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Hagerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Suspect gets new pretrial date

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of sexually molesting a young girl in his neighborhood has been scheduled for a new pretrial after a hospital visit caused him to miss his Aug. 20 trial on charges of first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct, authorities said.

Robert Carl Kahler, 57, faces a Sept. 20 pretrial hearing in front of Wayne County Cynthia Gray Hathaway, who has reinstated Kahler's \$150,000/10 percent bond and ordered him monitored by an electronic tether, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Mark Bernardi said Friday.

Without calling the



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court, Kahler missed his trial, though it was learned he has been in a hospital, authorities have said.

Formerly jailed, Kahler had been released June 28 on a \$150,000/10-percent bond, meaning he was freed pending trial after \$15,000 was paid for his release, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller has said.

Kahler faces trial after he has been ruled competent to aid in his own defense. If convicted as charged, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

His trial was set to begin 10 months after he was charged amid accusations he molested the girl when she was 7 to 10 years old and living in his neighborhood. She and her family have since moved.

The girl testified last November during a closed-door hearing in 35th District Court that Kahler molested her, prompting Judge Michael Geroto to order him to stand trial.

Canton police have alleged Kahler befriended the girl's family when they lived near his home. Charges stem from allegations he molested the girl between 2007 and 2011.

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Detroit Dog Rescue is teaming up with Home Depot in Canton to try to build 100 doghouses in the 'Roofs for Woofs' campaign Sept. 8.

AROUND CANTON

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DANCE AUDITIONS

Date/Time: Sunday, Sept. 9 or Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Central City Dance, 6700 N. Canton Center, Canton

Details: Central City Dance is holding open auditions for the 2012 Central City Christmas Spectacular Show. Auditions are open to the public and to all area dancers ages 6 to adult, gymnasts of all ages, and singers age 10 to adult. There is a \$10 fee to audition. Dancers will be taught a dance combination as a group, and performers will be chosen not only on their dance skills, but ability to listen. Gymnasts should be able to demonstrate three different passes across the floor and will be chosen based on their technique and originality. Singers are encouraged to bring along a DVD of their favorite holiday music and be able to perform for one minute.

Contact: For specific information regarding the 2012 open audition process for the Central City Christmas Spectacular Show, please visit www.CentralCityDance.com, click on the Christmas Spectacular tab, and 2012 Open Auditions Process. To contact them via phone, call Central City Dance at (734) 459-0400.



Miss Michigan winners

During the weekend of July 23, six young ladies from the state of Michigan were crowned 2012 winners of the National American Miss Pageant in Dearborn. The ladies will be traveling around Michigan during the next year performing charity work, participating in parades, visiting leaders of local governments, and volunteering. The winners are (from left back row) Danielle Purtell of Midland, NAM Miss Michigan Teen; Regan Castle of Pleasant Ridge, NAM Miss Michigan Pre-Teen; Christina Zitkus of Northville, NAM Miss Michigan Jr. Teen; Victoria Mangham of Detroit, NAM Miss Michigan; (front row) Sella Rendon of Canton, NAM Miss Michigan Jr. Pre-Teen. Not pictured is winner Maddison Kott of Redford, Miss Michigan Princess.

Group hopes for 100 'Roofs for Woofs'

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Mobilizing to help dogs that are living — and dying — in deplorable conditions, a Canton-based Home Depot store and Detroit Dog Rescue are hoping to marshal a small army of volunteers to build 100 doghouses.

An event dubbed 100 Roofs for Woofs happens 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, outside the Home Depot store at 45900 Michigan Avenue, just west of Canton Center.

"We're excited to have an event for needy dogs," store operations manager Laura Chavette said. Kelly McLaughlin, Detroit Dog Rescue's director of programs and development, cited a dire need for housing to protect dogs, often in poor neighborhoods, that are penned in or chained up in places with no escape from scorching summer weather and frigid winter conditions.

"We have found dogs that have frozen to death or died from the heat," McLaughlin said.

The first 100 Roofs for

Woofs comes as Detroit Dog Rescue launches an effort. In The Dog House, to encourage dog owners to provide proper shelter, though some have difficulty affording housing for outdoor pets.

"Dog houses are expensive," McLaughlin said.

"There's a huge demand."

Doghouse-building volunteers or those willing to donate to 100 Roofs for Woofs can go to www.detroitdogrescue.com, call McLaughlin at (313) 458-8014, ext. 308, or send an e-mail to kellymddr@gmail.com. Detroit Dog Rescue also has a Facebook page.

DDR is asking for a minimum four-hour commitment for the event. Organizers also advise donors that even \$1 can help save a life, while \$50 can build an entire dog house.

Chavette said 20 Home Depot associates already have signed up for the all-ages 100 Roofs for Woofs. Company employees already have been involved in outreach programs to benefit schools, veterans and Canton's Christmas in Action event, which provides

home repairs for low-income seniors and the disabled.

Chavette said 100 Roofs for Woofs is set to happen outside the Home Depot store's garden gates. Though no dogs will be on site, she said, pictures will be available for rescued dogs that need homes.

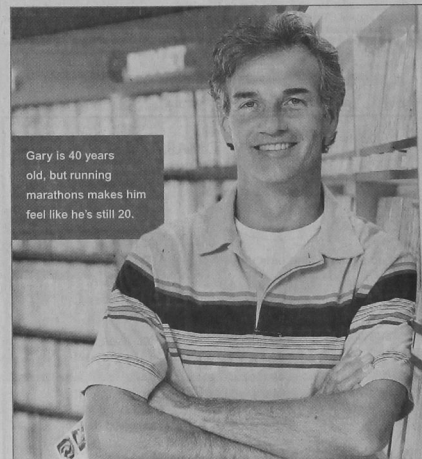
This marks the first time the doghouse-building event has occurred without being linked to another effort, such as DDR's Pet Pantry Project, which offers free dog-food distribution.

DDR already has 50 pet owners ready to receive 50 of the new doghouses, while the rest will be distributed as colder weather approaches, McLaughlin said.

She said 100 Roofs for Woofs, with a DJ and lunch, promises a fun time for a good cause.

"It's going to be a good time," she said, though most importantly, the effort will help dogs in desperate need of shelter. "The problem is huge."

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Gary is 40 years old, but running marathons makes him feel like he's still 20.

Navy Band's Wind Ensemble presents free concert

The Wind Ensemble of the Navy Band Great Lakes, joined by members of the Marine Corps Band New Orleans, will present a free patriotic concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, on the steps of Livonia City Hall.

The concert will commemorate the 20th anniversary of both the War of 1812 and The Star Spangled Banner. The show is among the area events to mark Detroit Navy Week 2012.

No tickets are required for this free concert, which will be held on the south-facing side of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Visitors are asked to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for seating on the lawn.

For more information on Navy Band Great Lakes, log on to <http://www.1.net.navy.mil/nstc/navyband/index.html>. More information on Marine Corps Band New Orleans can be found at <http://www.marines.mil/unit/marforces/MFRHQ/Band/Default.aspx?MFRBanner>.

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Pastor pleased with turnout for Hope 4 Western Wayne

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



McGhee

"The wheels started turning and that was the genesis of Hope 4 Western Wayne County," said the Canton resident.

People from throughout Wayne County and some from Oakland County attended Hope 4 Western Wayne County Aug. 18. McGhee believes that social media helped "get the word out beyond far beyond what we expected."

"I'm very pleased with what is happening here today, we didn't have any idea as to what to expect," McGhee said. "We put out invitations and waited to see who would come. We

trusted God to bring people here."

"Our prayers were definitely answered here today and our hopes and prayers are to use the whole field not half next year," added Ian Mulvaney.

White canopies dotted the church field, where free services were offered. The event provided families with free bags of groceries, family portraits, medical and dental checkups and a hot dog lunch. The Westland Fire Department had its mobile smoke house on site to help teach fire safety. There also was a children's area with games and inflatables.

Common Ground, a women's ministry of Connections Church in Canton, was there to give out sacks filled with school supplies.

"Our mission is take the love of God from the pew to the pavement and meet people right where they're at," said Tami Frailey. "We have an opportunity to do that with this."

The group held an event and women from 32 different churches gathered more than \$4,000 in school supplies in one night, using them to make up 943 bags to give out.

"A man who was doing the groceries went and got the rest of the stuff so we could give out 1,000 bags," said Frailey.

Close to 300 volunteers from businesses, churches and services organizations helped with the event. It was scheduled to open at 10 a.m., but according to Melissa Mulvaney, the line started

forming at 8 a.m.

"When they come in they're free to go wherever they want, the last place they enter is the prayer tent," said Mulvaney who worked on the project with her husband.

Paul Citkowski of Canton heard about the event in the newspaper. A parishioner at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, he decided to come and help out.

"I'm very impressed with what they're doing here," he said.

"We're doing guest services and security," added Barry Brice of Canton. "We reach out to them, if they look lost, and make them smile. Our principle is that everyone is a guest of honor today."

Among the guests were Daniel and Danielle Rib-

itsch of Garden City and their children Brianna, 4, and Kaden, 7.

Among their stops was the kids play area. Kaden also was scheduled to get his haircut, and the family was waiting to have their picture taken.

"It was something to do to get the kids out of the house," said Danielle Ribitsch. "I think something like this is good for the community, it keeps people together."

"There comments were music to McGhee's ears who was thankful for the all the groups, including 30 churches, that joined in to make Hope 4 Western Wayne a success."

"It's really exciting to have all these folks here," he said. "It's a real joy for us to help the community like this."

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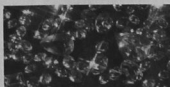
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Canton offers 'Great Artscape' experience

Art lovers can enjoy an exhilarating day of art on Saturday, Sept. 15, when Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Downtown Development Authority, the Canton Public Library, Midwest Sculpture Initiative, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, D&M Art Studio and the Detroit Institute of Arts join forces to offer an unparalleled art experience.

Participants can start the morning off with a refreshing autumn walk along Ford Road as artist Ken Thompson offers an informational walking tour of Canton's 2012 Sculpture Installation. Shuttles will leave from the Summit on the Park,



The Canton Public Library is taking part in the DIA art exhibit initiative.

located at 46000 Summit Parkway, at 9:30 a.m. All registrants will receive a T-shirt and are invited to enjoy refreshments

following the tour. Pre-registration is required. Reserve your spot for just \$5 per person at www.cantonfun.org -just

search "Public Art Tour" under classes and events for more details.

Next, take in Amy DiPlacido's free exhibit on display in the Gallery of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. While you're there, let the kids attend a special art workshop from 1-2 p.m. in the vestibule. No registration is required for this free workshop.

If you still haven't had your fill of art and culture, meet at the Summit on the Park for a tour of four of the Canton DIA Inside/Out masterpieces, which will be led by official DIA museum docents. These unique riding Golf cART tours

will begin at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required for these free tours, which will start from the DIA masterpiece located in the front of the Summit on the Park.

Finish off your day-long art celebration with the talented artists of D&M Art Studio as they host a Fine Art Workshop for Families at their store, located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, from 3-4 p.m. This hands-on program is FREE but space is limited, so call (734) 453-3710 to pre-register.

"We are delighted to offer this special art experience that gives a unique perspective

on these temporary art installations in Canton," said Recreation Specialist Jennifer Provenza. "Our goal is to provide special access and insights into these works and to celebrate the importance of art in our everyday lives."

All of the morning and afternoon docent-led tours require pre-registration, as space is limited. There is a \$5 fee for the Ford Road Sculpture Tours, but the remaining tours and activities are free.

To register for these tours and to find additional details about the Great Artscape, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Barefoot teams with Phoenix theaters

Plymouth's Barefoot Productions, a theatre for the community, and the Phoenix Movie Theatres (Laurel Park, Wayne and Monroe) have united in an attempt to keep the arts alive in local neighborhoods.

On Friday, Sept. 7, Barefoot Productions will be giving an opera chat by noted lecturer Louis Brown, on the Giuseppe Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* (The Masked Ball), which tells a story of romance, fortune telling and the historical assassination of the King Gustav III of Sweden at a masked ball.

At this fund-raising event, audience members garner an appreciation for opera, ask questions, see scene clips, hear anecdotes to learn about this art form.

Participants are then

able to purchase a Phoenix Movie Theatre Ensemble Specialty Programme 2012 ticket for \$15 which is good for one of the HD showings at any of their three movie locations. As a fund-raising event, a third of the ticket price is donated back to Barefoot Productions to help keep theatre doors open.

The rest of the August-October HD ensemble season includes the opera *Love Never Dies* as well as the ballets *Giselle* and *Swan Lake* with dates and times available at phoenixmovies.net.

Tickets for the Opera Chat! are \$10 and may be purchased on Ticket Leap at justgobarefoot.com.

• Improvisation in its purest, unscripted form is what Some Kind of Players will be bringing to the table on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m., at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

"The performance is heavily inspired by Whose Line is it Anyway?," said performer Nathan Corliss. "I grew up on Whose Line? and always loved it. After taking an improvisation class at EMU, I knew that I could do this stuff

myself."

The performers solicit audience involvement prior to and during the show. Suggestions from the audience will be the basis for the improv games that Some Kind of Players have lined up, including familiar Whose Line? games such as "Questions Only," "The Dating Game," and "Change."

Tickets are \$10 at the door or online at www.justgobarefoot.com. Barefoot Productions Theatre is located at 240 N. Main, Plymouth MI. The box office can be reached at (734) 560-1493.



The cast of Some Kind of Players brings improvisation to the Barefoot Productions stage Saturday.

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'Cats pour it on

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth spark plugs Matt Janke and Nate Emminger lit the fuse Thursday night with long punt, kickoff and interception returns.

Quarterback Jamarl Eiland took it from there as the Wildcats routed visiting Milford, 45-0.

It was such a lopsided KLAAC crossover football tilt that almost all of the second half was played with a running clock. The way the game unfolded surprised just about everyone at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field. "I totally did not expect this," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "Because I got the utmost respect for coach (Pat) Fox, he's one of the finest coaches in the state."

"We tried to keep it simple on defense, and let them fly around and not have to think too much. They got it done. We thought we'd be a little faster than they were up front. They're bigger than us, but we figured we could beat them a little bit with some speed." Milford managed just 138 yards of total offense, with quarterback Alex Larson completing just six of 16 passes for 50 yards.

According to Fox, whose team dropped to 1-1 with the loss, the fact that Plymouth kicker Brenton Zuzo consistently drilled kickoffs into the Milford end zone played a role in the way the Mavericks could not get going. Zuzo averaged 59.1 yards in eight kickoffs.

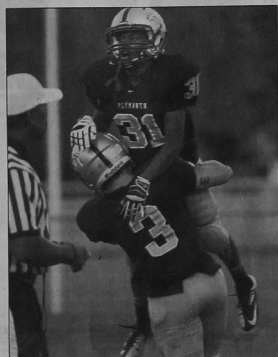
"We made a lot of mistakes, we got pinned in the hole by a great kicking game," Fox said. "We couldn't get our way out of it, couldn't execute our way out of it."

Fox then tipped his hat to the Wildcats, now 2-0, for not allowing Larson to get off the mat.

"Their kids played tre-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth running back DJ Russell (No. 31) leaves Milford defenders (from left) Cameron Bell (No. 36), John Ernst and Danny Wallace in their wake as he scores on an 84-yard run Thursday night.



Plymouth's DJ Russell (No. 31) triumphantly leaps into the arms of teammate Nate Emminger after scoring against Milford.

mendous tonight and our kids made a lot of mental mistakes," he noted. "They did a nice job of taking the ball out of (Larson's) hands."

Quick strike

The die was cast ear-

ly. The Mavericks started the game's first series at their own 20 (following Zuzo's opening kickoff) and were forced to punt after one series.

Janke grabbed a low punt at Plymouth's 27, paused for a seam to open

and burst through it and down the right sidelines. Only a desperate tackle inside Milford's 10 saved a touchdown—momentarily as it turned out as Eiland completed a five-yard TD strike to Jared Davis.

"(Janke's) return, that gave us some confidence," Eiland said. "And then we were (near) the 10-yard line and just punched it in real quick."

After Stefan Turrentine's one-yard plunge opened up a 14-0 lead (following one of Bobby Deeg's seven extra points) with 3:17 to play in the first quarter, the Wildcats tacked on 17 points in the second for a commanding 31-0 edge.

Big plays also comprised the bulk of that scoring. Turrentine bulled his way past defenders and turned second and third efforts into a 36-yard TD with 10:06 to play in the half.

After Zuzo nailed a 42-yard field goal, the Wildcats turned an 84-yard run by DJ Russell (7-105) into another six-pointer.

Simply elusive

Russell made tack-

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VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PT. 2

New-look Chiefs ready to hit, win

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

It's going to be a season of change for Canton's varsity girls volleyball team, but don't take that to mean the Chiefs won't again be a contender in the KLAAC South Division.

Gone from Canton's first-ever regional championship squad is the head coach, Mary Kryska. So too are stalwarts Kristen Muir, Alaina Turner, Maggie Deloy and Lauren Martin.

Enter Steve Johnson as the new varsity head coach, no stranger to several of the 2012 players as he recently coached the Canton junior varsity. Johnson can't wait for Tuesday's KLAAC opener at Salem.

"I know Mary left due to a work schedule that was a little more demanding," noted Johnson, also veteran coach of the Hurricanes club team. "And it enticed me because I've been in the program the past six years, and basically was helping build it from the bottom up."

"... Ever since I've

been here I just fell in love with the growth process that we've had over the last six years and when it came open I felt like it was the right time to apply for it."

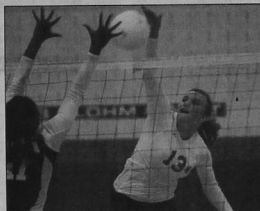
Different look

Johnson said the team dynamic is going to change from 2011. Last year, the Chiefs finished 42-10 but relied heavily on the power game of Muir and Turner to nail down outside hits and victories while making it to the Class A quarterfinals.

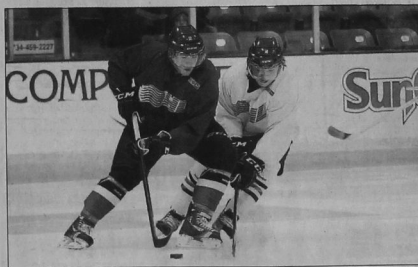
This time around, top returnees and senior captains Erica den Boer (5-9 outside hitter) and Becca Middleton (libero) will look to keep the winning feeling alive.

But the rest of the 15-player roster will also be expected to chip in. "We did lose a lot of key players," Johnson said. "But we are returning a lot of strong players as well, that were both learning under them last year and have gone out and proven themselves since then, playing club

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Making a play up front during a 2011 game is Canton's Erica den Boer (No. 13), one of the team's top returnees.



RENA LAVERTY
Plymouth Whalers JT Miller (left) and Danny Vanderwiel vie for control of the puck Thursday at Compuware Arena.

Whalers crank it up

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers returned to the Compuware Arena ice Thursday for a pair of scrimmages, officially jump-starting training camp.

Players donned blue or white jerseys featuring the OHL logo for the morning and afternoon sessions, which served as spirited tuneups for Saturday's pre-season opener against Windsor in Wyandotte.

In the opening scrimmage, the Blues won 2-0

behind shutout goalkeeping from Plymouth's likely No. 1 goalie — Matt Mahalak of Monroe.

In the afternoon tilt, Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi's penalty shot marker in the second half enabled the Whites to square things with a 5-4 win.

"It's exciting to get training camp started, but I actually think that first scrimmage wasn't very good," said Mike Vellucci, longtime head coach and general manager of the Whalers. "The guys were a little tired

from yesterday's off-ice workouts and testing."

"But the second scrimmage this afternoon was much better. There was a lot more energy, it was more physical, less choppy. It was really choppy early on but I think that's partly due to being off all summer."

Among players competing in the practice games was defenseman Alex Peters, Plymouth's second-round pick in the 2012 Ontario Hockey League draft.

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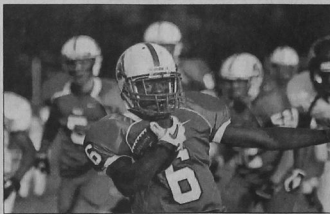
Jordan's record night paces Rocks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

After making enough plays to fill a highlight reel in the opener, Salem running back Drake Jordan tied a school record with five touchdowns in Thursday's 49-42 victory over host Walled Lake Northern.

"It was a track meet it seemed at times, (we) played sloppy again at times but Northern has a good, athletic team," Salem head football coach Kurt Britnell said. "Our guys played with a lot of heart. We need to clean up penalties on offense."

The victory enabled Salem to be 2-0 to start the season for the first time since 2004. Jordan's big game helped the Rocks hang on despite almost letting a 42-21 halftime



Salem junior running back Drake Jordan (No. 6), shown from the season opener, scored five touchdowns Thursday at Walled Lake Northern.

lead evaporate. He scored on runs of 52, six and three yards while reeling in a 74-yard touchdown pass from

Jacob Deprez and taking it to the house on a 93-yard kickoff return.

The 5-7, 155-pound junior

finished with nearly 250 all-purpose yards.

Other Salem TDs were registered by senior wide receiver Ivan Rhodes (4-78) and junior tight end Michael Hoover.

Rhodes scored on a 59-yard pass from Deprez while Hoover (3-68) registered a 30-yard scoring catch-and-run. Deprez was on target most of the night, leading an offense that racked up 422 total yards. The senior connected on 11 of 18 passes for 241 yards and two TD tosses — although he was picked off twice.

Big performances on defense and special teams also contributed to holding off Northern (0-2).

Seniors Mike McNamara and Danny Stropes had nine and five solo tackles. McNamara recovered a fumble and inter-

cepted a pass. Stropes forced a fumble and sacked the Knights' quarterback.

Kicker Alex Kanrick played a major role, going 7-7 in extra points (although he missed a 52-yard field goal). More importantly, he punted the ball inside Northern's 5-yard line in the third quarter, which Britnell said was a key moment for Salem.

The Rocks went up 21-7 after one frame and built that lead to 21-points at intermission. But Northern rallied to trail 42-35 entering the fourth and each team traded a six-point in the final frame.

Salem will try for a third straight victory 6:30 p.m. Friday, against Novi. The game will take place at the JV grass field.

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lers miss him around the Plymouth 20 and took off down the right sideline.

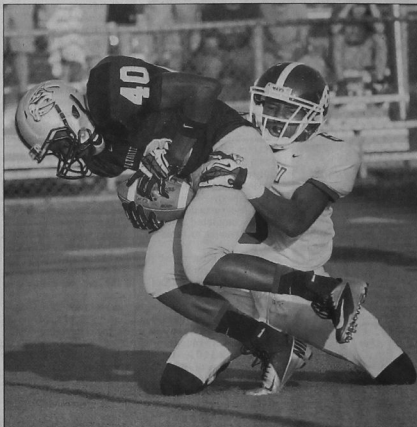
The second half started in similar fashion, with Plymouth making a couple big plays and scoring yet again.

This time, Emminger's 40-yard kickoff return and a face mask penalty against Milford gave the Wildcats a first down at the Mavericks' 37.

On the next play, Eiland faked handoffs to two running backs before shooting up the middle himself for a big-play TD of his own. The play demonstrated his physical talent and versatility.

"Last year was my first year playing wide-out so I'm back to what I'm used to this year," said Eiland, following the blowout. "So I just go out there and do what I need to do. Wide receivers are helping me out, we're returning kicks and all that stuff."

Emminger's 20-yard interception return with 9:12 left in the third capped off the night's scoring.

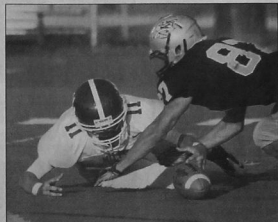


Jared Davis (No. 40) scores a first quarter touchdown in Plymouth's thrashing of Milford. Trying in vain for the tackle is Darrion Spencer of the Mavericks.

Reason to smile
Having seemingly a team filled with spectac-

ular playmakers would make any quarterback smile and Eiland is no

different. "It just takes all the pressure off me," Eiland



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Diving for a loose ball Thursday are Milford quarterback Alex Larson (No. 11) and Plymouth's Gage Fasbender (No. 87).

said, "because I can trust all my other players to go out there and do their job."

"I'm just going to go out there and do my job and we're probably going to win if we all do our jobs and stay focused."

Eiland only needed to make three passes, and he completed all of them while leading the offense to 234 yards rushing.

"He's grown up a lot and he's a good field

general for us," Sawchuk said.

About Janke and Emminger, the coach added that "they're just great kids, on the field and off the field. And it carries over."

Sawchuk, of course, would like to see the entire team's dominance carry over into Week 3 when the Wildcats visit Livonia Churchill (7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7).

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Chiefs save best for last against Brighton, 31-10

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Gutsy defense and a couple long gainers enabled Canton to ward off pesky Brighton 31-10 in a Thursday night KLA A varsity football match-up.

Both teams were tied 10-10 entering the fourth quarter of the game, played on the junior varsity grass field at Plymouth-Can-

ton Educational Park.

But barely a minute after the Bulldogs evened the score on a 29-yard field goal, 5-5 senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth came up huge. He broke free for a 77-yard touchdown to give the Chiefs a 17-10 advantage.

"And then our defense held," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "They had a bad snap and we recovered

on the four-yard line."

Making the fumble recovery was Canton senior Benjamin Slater. A play later, junior tailback Joe Grinage punched it in from one-yard out, opening up a 24-10 lead.

Brighton tried to rally, and drove the ball 77 yards down near Canton's goal line with under three minutes to play.

"They had a great

drive and we had a great goal-line stand,"

Baechler said. "They had it first and goal ... and we stopped them on four downs. And then we drove it out."

Grinage, who augmented Hollingsworth (13 rushes, 173 yards, two TDs) and James Hall (3-48), sealed the victory with a 56-yard touchdown run with 59 seconds on the clock.

Baechler credited the

defense, specifically seniors Matt Suppella (14 tackles, 11 solos) and Matt McKay (12 tackles, nine solo).

On the offensive side of things, the coach singled out Hollingsworth and Grinage.

It was Hollingsworth who got the Chiefs (1-1) off to a 7-0 start just 2:26 into the game. He scored on a 26-yard run to close out an 80-yard march.

Chipping in with a 39-

yard field goal with 2:51 to play in the half was Canton senior kicker Connor Shennan, to make it 10-0.

Brighton (1-1) made it 10-7 at halftime, scoring on a one-yard run with just 12 seconds left before intermission.

Next up for Canton is a Sept. 7 home game against Wayne Memorial.

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"I thought it was pretty fast-paced," Peters said. "It got a little rough and that's always good (but) it felt really good."

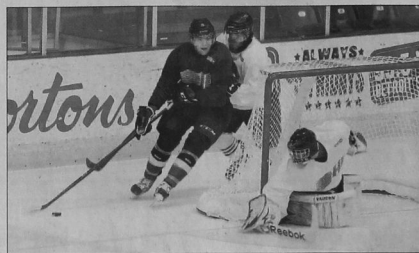
"It's been a while since I played against high-end players."

Pushing the pace

Veteran winger and Washington Capitals prospect Tom Wilson (formerly of Plymouth High School) also got in on the action, scoring twice for the Blues in the afternoon contest.

"I don't think Vellucci was necessarily happy with the first one," Wilson said. "But I think the guys tried and stepped up and got a little more energy, a little more chemistry in the second one for sure."

Thursday's double scrimmage opened up a stretch where the Whalers were slated to play three scrimmages (another one was Friday) and preseason games Saturday night



RENA LAVERTY

Circling the net during a Plymouth Whalers' Thursday scrimmage is forward Tom Wilson (blue jersey), escaping the pursuit of defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto. In goal is Riley Corbin.

there and play as hard as we can.

"I know it's exhibition games but no one likes to lose."

Vellucci, meanwhile, said he and other coaches will be watching closely in the next several days to see which players can or cannot relish such a heavy schedule.

"We're definitely going to be making more decisions and we're going to use those games as tests for the young kids," Vellucci stressed. "Give them a great opportunity to see what it is to play an OHL game."

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Canton Lions off to good start

The Canton Lions varsity football started the 2012 season strong with a 24-12 win over the Westland Comets, overcoming a 12-0 halftime deficit.

Down 12-0, C.J. Wieloch intercepted a pass and returned it 30 yards, setting the Lions first score on an 8-yard touchdown run by Guam Lee, Jr.

The Lions' other two scores to break the game open came on back-to-back 49 and 65 yard touchdown runs by Jason Arnold. Alan Farmer also converted all three extra point attempts, providing the Lions extra scoring punch.

Strong blocking from Roger Ayers III, Kyrese Smith, Trevor Costanzo, Max Mulvaney and David Mason III helped open up big holes for the tailbacks.

Defensively, the Lions went off by strong play from Matt Steeples, Sterling Gingles, Devon Gunn, Jimmy Geams, Kyle Petruski.

• The Lions' junior freshmen defeated the Westland Comets in their first game of the season.

A strong defense led by Luke Mulvaney, Andon Locke, Jacob Richter and Derik Watson helped the team effort.

Offensively, the team was led by touchdowns by Gavin Bobby, Jake Mason and Tyron Bond, Jr., behind great blocking by Tyler Klabeund, Daniel Baldwin and Silas Haden.

The whole team worked hard and their commitment and determination paid off in their first game.

Bye weeks

The Lions now face a bye week and are preparing for Ypsilanti Lincoln Railplitters at the PCEP varsity football stadium on September 16th. First games begin at 10 a.m. for the Junior Freshman team, followed by the Freshman, JV, and Varsity at Noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Canton kickers edge Pioneers

Canton traveled Wednesday to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a rematch of last season's regional championship game, and came away with their third consecutive win over the Pioneers, 2-1.

Pioneer got on the board first, when they converted on a Canton turnover inside their 6-yard goal box. Senior goalkeeper Ian Wingate had no chance on the play, and Canton found itself trailing 1-0 less than three minutes into the game.

Canton senior co-captain Dan Ovesea nearly tied it twice in the half, just missing on shots after taking passes from sophomore Aiden Shennan and senior co-captain Bobby Budlong late in the half.

The second half was a different story for the Chiefs, as they came out of their talk with coach George Tomasso with a lot of energy and aggressiveness.

Canton tied it about three minutes into the half, when Budlong beat a Pioneer defender and slid a pass to his left. Cody Widaluk cut into the goal box and drilled a perfectly-placed shot. The Chiefs kept up the pressure and nearly took the lead on several occasions, but couldn't find the net again until about 15 minutes were left in the game.

On the winner, Budlong chipped a pass to Ovesea, who beat a pair of defenders and muscled a shot past the Pioneer goalkeeper for his sixth goal of the season.

With the win, Canton improves its record to 4-1-2, heading into KLAAS South Division play Tuesday at Livonia Franklin.

PLYMOUTH 2, SALINE 2: The Wildcats bounced back from a pair of tough, shutout losses with Thursday's 2-2 tie against visiting Saline.

Scoring unassisted markers for the Wildcats were Aaron Bergmans and Brian Brown.

Plymouth opened the week falling 3-0 Tuesday against Ann Arbor Skyline and on Wednesday 3-0 to Northville.

Next for the Wildcats is Tuesday's home game against Westland John Glenn.

Eagles ready to soar

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Yes, a Malcolm is still on the Plymouth Christian Academy varsity girls volleyball team.

But the 2012 Eagles have a new coach and a different roster for the most part, with only four players back from the 2011 varsity squad that finished 43-7-4 and tied to eventual Class D state champion Battle Creek St. Philip in the quarterfinals.

At the helm is Katie LeComte, taking over from Kelly Blackney — who got married over the summer and is finishing up a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

"This year's team is a completely different team than what was seen last year," LeComte said. "With only four varsity returners, there is a lot of young, fresh talent on the team."

"The girls have shown that they have a lot of heart and tenacity while playing and a drive to win, which I hope will take them far this year."

Recent teams did just that, led by 2012 graduate Kristin Malcom. She is one of the best players ever to suit up for PCA.

Key performers Amy Zinn, Jessica Rich and Sarah Howard also graduated.

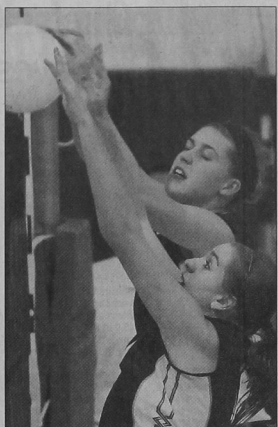
They're back

But junior co-captain Jen Malcom is no slouch. She primarily played the setter's position last year, but LeComte is moving her over to outside hitter to help take advantage of her good height.

"Jen has filled a hole in the team that needed to be filled as a hitter this year," the coach said, adding that Malcom will still be seeing playing time at setter.

Co-captain Mary Anleighter is another essential member of the team. She will start at outside hitter and "has transitioned from being primarily a hitter into an all-around player whose performance is key to the team's success," LeComte said.

Also returning are junior outside hitter Rachael Fuller and sophomore right-side



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There's a new coach for Plymouth Christian Academy's girls volleyball team, but one of last season's top players is back. That would be Jennifer Malcom (top), shown in this 2011 game with Katelyn McCormick.

hitter Kelsey Williamson.

Young talent

When Malcom isn't setting, the job will be handled by freshman Sydney Burton.

Sydney adds a lot to our lineup as both a setter and a dynamic hitter," LeComte continued. "Sydney is a great all-around player and she adds some height and speed to our lineup."

At libero is sophomore Callie Morby, who the coach sees plenty of potential as a floor leader.

"It's great to have such a great player at a young age so that they can develop more quickly and be a staple in the team for many years," she said.

Two others who will be called upon are junior right-side hitter Joy Baustausch and senior right-side hitter Jasmine Lauch.

The young roster will learn from LeComte, a standout volleyball player at Rochester College — where she was an assistant coach the past two seasons.

CHIEFS

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ball.

"I think we'll be extremely competitive. We're very well balanced this year, between offense and defense."

Hard-hitting four-year starter den Boer is a good start.

"She can put the ball down from anywhere on the court," Johnson said. "She brings a nice balance of defense and offense for us."

Another returning senior outside hitter is Jordan Diedrick, described as "a seam hitter (who) does smart placement of the ball."

Lefty righties

Canton will feature two promising right-side hitters who are lefty hitters, in 5-11 junior Sasha Cucuz (a transfer student from Indiana) and sophomore newcomer Courtney Kurkie.

The latter has outstanding jumping ability, touching the 9-8 mark, as well as hitting power and a tough stretch that all coaches like.

"She has the mindset to go with it she is a very mature player," Johnson noted. "She doesn't get intimidated, which is nice to see from such a young player."

Having two lefties in the lineup, on the right side, "keeps the other team's middles honest without cheating over onto our outside when there's that threat..." They have to respect that a player can jump up and hit on the second ball like that," he said.

Starting at middle hitter will be senior Alexis Mader is, beginning her second varsity season. Senior Rebecca LeChevalier and junior Lauren Bedro also will help handle what is an important position.

"Our middles are kind of strong, silent types," he said. "You never know when lightning's going to strike with them. Sometimes they come out of nowhere and really put the ball down and surprise everybody."

"These are blocking middles for the most part, but when they do light up it really opens up the rest of our offense."

Middleton, beginning her third year on the varsity, will be called upon to lead the defense from the libero position.

"I think her years of playing under those other players (Muir, Turner,

etc.) have given her a lot of maturity and a lot of wisdom to be able to steer this team a little bit as to where they need to set up," Johnson said. "... It's like having a coach out on the floor."

Junior setters Madison Kieley, Chelsea Janice and Rachel Buzenberg will help tee up the front-row hitters.

Kieley and Janice (5-8) will see most of the time as the Chiefs run a 6-2 offense, which the coach said "means we utilize two setters at the same time."

Bringing more varsity experience is 5-10 Kieley, who came up during districts last season and can also contribute at defensive specialist if needed.

"They both have different setting styles, different abilities," Johnson went on. "... Chelsea has a little bit more experience with our hitters whereas Madison is taller and runs a very quick offense, but she's still learning the plays."

As for Buzenberg, "She'll see time because we have to work two different lineups with Madison running different positions if need be. But at the moment she is the backup."

Bringing it

Another powerful player is senior defensive specialist Dia Jackson, in her second varsity season.

"You never see her coming, which is nice, because her vertical (jump) is ridiculous," Johnson said. "She jumps up and hits hard. She has a lot of floor speed, lateral speed, front-to-back speed. She reads the ball very well."

Backing up Jackson will be juniors Lauren Khars and Lizzy Desmarais while sophomore Lauren Shornack will help out as a middle hitter.

Regardless of where a player fits on the depth chart, Johnson and assistant coach Harrie den Boer will make sure everybody has the chance to contribute.

"Every player was chosen with depth in mind, as well as intersquad competition to keep everybody providing that competition for the starters," Johnson said. "So our hope is they're not just going in to see what they can do, that when they're going in they're able to contribute immediately."

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Bulldogs champs



The Michigan Bulldogs posted a 15-4-2 division record to place first in the Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association 14-and-under Advanced League. Team members include (front row, from left): Andrew Klopf, Livonia Franklin; Ben Zammit, Livonia Advanced; Cory Linsner, Franklin; Nate Burton, Stevenson; Jack Engel, Franklin; Frank Carlin, Stevenson; Zack Lauer, Novi Detroit Catholic Central; (back row, from left) coach Joe Fetter, coach Jim Hopson, Joe Chinavare, Franklin; Griffin Riley, Livonia Churchill; Gavin McAllister, Canton; Kyle Richards, Stevenson; Jay Hopson, Franklin; Jack Fetter, Stevenson; coach Nick Hopson, manager Scott Linsner and coach Tom Chinavare. (Not pictured Brendan Dudek of University of Detroit Jesuit.)

Oklahoma Baptist edges Madonna in 5

This was no day at the beach Friday for the Madonna University women's volleyball team in the opening round Embury-Riddle (Fla.) Labor Day Tournament.

Oklahoma Baptist's Kristin Pressley proved to be a major thorn in MU's side as she recorded a match-high 22 kills in a 20-25, 25-22, 25-17, 20-25, 15-13 triumph over the Crusaders.

Patricia Moura added 11 kills and

setter Sabra Clark dished out 46 assist-to-kills as the Lady Bison improved to 5-0 overall.

Gabby Samuels was one of four Oklahoma Baptist players to record double-digits in digs with a match-high 28.

The 16th-ranked Crusaders got 12 kills apiece from Taylor Dziwiel, Stacy Catalano and Nastia Baranovska. Emily Freeman (Lutheran High West-

land) added 11.

Setter Evia Predietis finished with a match-best 51 assists.

Defensively, Catalano posted a team-high 25 digs followed by Roxy Ducey and Predietis with 19 and 18, respectively. Samantha Geile added 12.

MU rebounded later in the day to beat Montreat College (N.C.) in straight sets, 25-19, 25-9, 25-15, to improve to 2-2 overall.

GIRLS SWIMMING PREVIEW

Salem senior co-captain Abby Aumiller, shown from last year's Division 1 state championships, is one of the reasons the Rocks can be strong in the KLAASouth Division.



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Salem pumped to continue success

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Lauren Seroka's winning legacy with Salem's varsity girls swimming and diving team could very well carry over to the 2012 squad, and proof is already starting to pile up.

Veteran head coach Chuck Olson said the Rocks captured the 10-team Wayne State Warrior Relays on Aug. 28 with the 200-yard medley team of Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Julia Suriano winning with a time of 1:10.52, 0.09-seconds — qualifying for the Division 1 state meet in the process.

Also winning and qualifying was the 200-free relay team of Aumiller, both Zhangs and Maddie Gorman (1:42.79). "The rest of the girls also had many good swims and competed well for the first competition," Olson said.

Aumiller (free, back, fly), Gorman (free, back, fly) and Jocely Lamoureux (free, IM) are the team's senior co-captains, and Olson said they are more than ready to pick up where 2012 graduate Seroka left off.

"They have had much success individually," Olson said. "The opportunity to observe Lauren Seroka the past three years as captain along with Maria Radzwin and Maggie Snedeman in 2011, the formula is in place for them to lead."

Other seniors are Bridget Maul (diving, free, fly), Abby Collingwood (free, back), Ade Jepperson (diving), Maddie Makowski (free, back), Andrea Ringer (fly, back, free), Cassie Misoek (free, breast), Kristy Rupp (breast, IM), Amber Schmitt (free, back), Melanie Turner (free), Yilka Veseli (breast) and Michelle Gutta (free, back).

Juniors include Claire Amin (fly, IM), Claire Cousino (free, IM), Quintanya Johnson (breast, free), Noelle Milad (free, back), Julia Suriano (free, back, IM) and Vinnie Zaia (free, fly, IM).

The Rocks also have plenty of promise among the sophomore and freshman classes.

Sophomores on the roster include Alyssa Bucciarelli (free, breast), Sami King (diving), Madeline Klokiz (free), Sarah Mapes (free), McKenzie Maurice (free, back, IM), Maddie O'Donnell (breast, free), Hannah Polard (fly, breast, IM), Stephanie Solterman (back, free, IM) and Hannah Tarliff (fly, free).

Freshman swimmers include Rachel Godfrey (breast, IM), Allie Kahler (breast, IM), Annie Patterson (free, fly, IM), Cassidy Sargent (free, back, IM), Linda Zhang (breast, free, IM) and Lisa Zhang (fly, free, IM).

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Chiefs, 'Cats should make waves in KLAASouth

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A number of returning state qualifiers indicates Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team will have another very successful season.

Of course, campus rival Plymouth will want to have something to say about that.

Both teams were among the best of the KLAASouth Division in 2011, with the Chiefs claiming the regular season title (5-0 in the division) and the Wildcats — third during the season with a 3-1 mark — winning the division meet ahead of their campus rivals.

According to Canton head coach Ed Weber, who is assisted by Dave Le and Joe Le, the Chiefs "finished up last year with state qualifiers in every event."

Those include Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks, Claire Green, Hannah Jenkins, Abby Madison, Madeline Madison and Caitlin Orr.

"All those swimmers are returning, so they are looking for a very active 'postseason,'" Weber said. "There is still a lot of work to be done to get the girls ready for swimming at the state level. But I look forward to leading them down that path."

The quartet of Orr, Jenkins, Barmore-Hicks and Adams will reprise the 200 medley relay team that had such success last season. Green and Barmore-Hicks will compete in freestyle events while Orr will take on all comers in the backstroke. Adams and Jenkins are looking to continue outstanding swims in IM events.

With a record of 59, the



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Canton's Hannah Jenkins (above) is one of a number of returning veterans from last season. Jenkins is part of the school-record 200 medley relay team, along with Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks and Caitlin Orr. All are back for 2012.

Chiefs look to have plenty of depth across the board.

So far, so good, as Canton started strong with a second-place showing at the Kenzie Klassic in Howell.

Co-captains will be Adams, Madison, Christine Pray and Erin Bensinger. Other senior swimmers to watch include Neha Bakshi, Melissa Guo, Alexandria Hett, Grace Irwin, Jacquelyne Kuznicki, Emily Petit, Molly Stanford and Meredith White.

Weber listed promising newcomers as Brenna Wayne, Adrienne Paton, Emily Osika, Emily Meier, Rachel McGue, Kelly Hansen, Danielle Drechnovitz, Sydney Darnall, Savannah Byrd, Madeline Brownlee and Raychel Parks.

Plymouth's poised

Also enthusiastic about this season is Plymouth head coach Doug Shadde,

pointing to an impressive nucleus of senior co-captains Emily Toru (IM), Linda Erickson (IM), Lydia Matson (IM), Carolyn Stoddard (freestyle), Emily Weiner (freestyle).

"We have a very strong team this season and we should compete to win the KLAASouth Division," Schade noted. "We are returning over 25 swimmers and divers who scored at the division meet last season."

Others expected to make key contributions for the Wildcats include senior Samidha Visai (IM), juniors Casey Wing (IM), Sarah Dombkowski (freestyle), Lauren Wischer (IM), Abby Humphries (IM), Emily Vos (IM) and sophomore Caylin Waters (freestyle). Plymouth diving will be shared by Katy Teleaga and Megan McKeenan.

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Plymouth's contender status in the KLAASouth Division is bolstered by the return of Linda Erickson, shown during a 2011 meet.

Plymouth Family YMCA programs on tap

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs and leagues this fall. The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Those offerings are as follows:
• Preschool Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball and Martial Arts: Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 3-12. Programs run weeks beginning Sept. 17-Oct. 22 and

are open to YMCA members and community members.

• YMCA Co-Ed Soccer: Leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions from Sept. 10-Nov. 3. Fundamentals will be stressed through one practice and one game (on Saturdays) each week. The Y fee is \$84 or \$115 for community participants.

• YMCA Basketball: Leagues are forming for boys and girls ages 4-11. The first session will run from Oct. 22 through

Dec. 21. Registration begins Sept. 4. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Friday evenings. The Y rate is \$80 or \$112 for community participants.

The second session runs from Jan. 4 - March 15. The Y rate for 2nd session is \$96 and the community rate is \$128. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis. For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadelroit.org /plymouth.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

S. LYON EAST 197

SALEM 200

Aug. 30 at Fox Hills (Classic)

S. Lyon East scores: Sydney Jones, 41 (medalist); Elena Moore, 42; Abbey Bullock, 52; Kylaigh Marshall, 58; Zoe Brown, 59; Mikaila Olson, 62.

Salem scores: Kiley Flynn, 44; Gabby Leblanc, 49; Christine Li, 51; Amanda Bennett, 56; Hope Warkoczski, 57; Katie Vena, 60.

PLYMOUTH 158

LYONIA CHURCHILL 224

Aug. 29 at Fox Hills (Classic)

Plymouth scores: Kiley Murphy, 36 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 37; Sydney Murphy, 42; Danielle Allen, 43; Kayla Whitley, 45; Katie Chipman, 49.

Churchill scores: Maggie McGowan, 45; Jackie

Burdette, 46; Claire Rose, 63; Katie Shereda, 70; Taylor Cutting, 75; Alyssa Mazur, 76.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAASouth Division; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAASouth.

CANTON 178

LYONIA CHURCHILL 250

Aug. 28 at Ivyd Wild

Canton scores: Kiley Flynn, 44 and Kayla Laogla, 43 each (co-medalist); Chloe Luyet, 44; Rachel Piano, 48; Alyce Krumm, 54; Katie Adams, 55.

Franklin scores: Kendall Payne, 57; Jacquelyn Hahn, 59; Allison Karczynski, 64; Adajane Anderson, 69.

Dual match records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAASouth.

In the spotlight

Community, college theaters gear up

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Christy Mayhew is on the hunt for a 1948 Hudson. Or any Hudson — maybe even a Cadillac — for that matter.

Jason Wilhoite will need a dog by spring 2013. Luckily, he has a lead on a chihuahua.

And Pat Hutchison must locate a huge quilt over the next few months. In the meantime, she hopes she'll find enough actors to audition for 15 roles.

Such are the challenges that local theater directors and board members face as the new season of plays gets underway.

Mayhew, who handles marketing for Barefoot Productions in Plymouth, wants to station a Hudson outside the theater during the run of *Driving Miss Daisy* in November. She also hopes to find a car-related interest in sponsoring the show.

In return, the name of the business will be written into dialogue in the play.

"When we do *Strangers on a Train* I'll try to connect with Amtrak," Mayhew said. "If someone sponsors a show we can act out commercials at intermission."

Barefoot, known for its cutting-edge material, will mix a few better-known, mainstream shows into its schedule this year, along with some first-time events, including improv and an opera chat.

"Craig (Hane) the artistic director picks the main-

stage shows. He always picks cutting edge, but he also realizes the need to pick some plays that everyone knows."

Ticket-holders shouldn't be surprised if Barefoot takes a non-traditional approach to well-known works. Last year actresses in *The Vagina Monologues* — which returns this year — spoke their memorized parts while sitting in a living room set that suggested a girl's night out. The play has been performed elsewhere on a bare stage with actresses reading the script.

"It was cute because they interacted with each other," Mayhew said. "At the end, one woman in the cast sang a song and all the women held hands. It wasn't like 'I am woman, here me roar' but it was bonding."

Songs will take center stage in the Farmington Players' new season that will include two musicals in addition to a comedy and a drama.

"We don't normally do two musicals," Wilhoite said. "It's a first in a long time."

From film to stage

The theater will present *The 1940's Radio Hour* and *Legally Blonde*, which is based on the film with the same title. Wilhoite will direct *Legally Blonde*, which includes at least one canine cast member.

"It's a relatively new musical that has not been on the scene for a long time. They did a good job



Some Kind of Players improv troupe will perform Sept. 8 at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

adapting it to stage. I'm looking forward to have that show be the anchor of our season."

Wilhoite said at one point in its history, the Farmington Players shied away from musicals because it didn't have many singers in its membership.

Avenue Q, which it staged during the summer, brought new, young talent to the organization, enabling it to broaden its repertoire.

"We're interested in doing what we do well. If we can't do it well, we don't want to do it."

In Livonia

Wilhoite and Allison Soranno Boufford, both Hutchison's former students, sang love songs in concert earlier this year as a part of Paul's Players first season. Hutchison, a former Livonia public school teacher, founded the theater at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

This year, former Livonia music teacher Jerry Smith will perform with friends

in a mid-season concert for Hutchison's organization.

She also plans to produce *The Man Who Came to Dinner* this fall and *Quilters* next spring.

"We're getting an audience every time.

We're getting 100 people or more and we're pleased," Hutchison said. "Actually, folks auditioning is our hardest thing. But I'm lucky. I taught so long I have resources."

She relies on contacts at St. Paul's and in Livonia schools to help with productions and has offered internships to high school and college students.

Community college

James Hartman and Dennis North never rely entirely on students for their twice-annual productions. Hartman, who heads the drama department at Schoolcraft College, and North, head of Oakland Community College's theater program at the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, open auditions to all.

"It has worked beautifully," Hartman said.

He'll stage two classical pieces this season, a French farce and his own edited version of *Hamlet*.

North said OCC's theater produced serious dramas last year but will take a lighter approach this season with a comedy and a musical.

"Think of a white trash musical and that is what it is," he said, describing *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* that he'll stage this fall. "It's a very funny piece."



Canton resident Christine Kapusky Moore portrays Eliza Doolittle in the much-loved musical "My Fair Lady" at Spotlight Players. David Andrews of Ypsilanti plays Professor Henry Higgins.

Busy theater season gets under way

Here's what is coming up at local theaters:

• Barefoot Productions: Six shows make up the main performance schedule this season. They are *Sleepy Hollow*, Oct. 19-20, 26-27; *Driving Miss Daisy*, Nov. 9-11 and 16-18; *A Christmas Carol*, Dec. 8-9; *Kind Sir*, Feb. 14-17, 22-24, 2013; *The Vagina Monologues*, April 5-7, 2013;

Strangers on a Train, May 10-13, 17-19, 2013. Folk-singer Josh White, Jr., will be in concert Sept. 29. Lecturer Louis Brown talks about Giuseppe Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* Sept. 7. Tickets are \$15. Some Kind of Players, an improv troupe, takes over the Barefoot stage

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Milestones

Brady Andrew Turri

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Grandparents are Jill and Brian Albertsen of Livonia and Gary and Theresa Turri of Westland. Great-grandparents are Marge and Terry Byrd of Livonia.



REUNIONS

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CLASS OF 1957
55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 194 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. Call Donna (Watkins) Gots at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donnagots@aol.com for more details.

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CLASSES OF 1946-47
65th and 66th reunions on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Stitt Hall in Dearborn Heights. Call Earl Berry at (313) 277-7130 or (313) 277-8983.

CLASS OF 1948

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopriv at (734) 421-1485.

CLASS OF 1952

60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. E-mail Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or phone him at (313) 452-9308 or e-mail to Alan M. Smyth at (313) 452-1485. myth@juno.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

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For information about the 30th year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Annapolis, visit the "AHS Class of '82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeshofield@globalnet.net at (313) 365-8523. Jim Linaras at jgoodreau@yahoo.com or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

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CLASS OF 1962
50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee at rebobichaud@aol.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of '62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

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CLASS OF 1962
Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254, NGB@comcast.net.

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Second annual picnic noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs. Not available to pre-register. Call Janet Gable at (734) 377-4009 or e-mail mackenzie50c60@hotmail.com.

DETROIT WESTERN

ALL CLASSES

Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Center, 18100 Merimarian, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and plenty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Leid) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of

Vincent William Johnson

Vincent William Johnson was born June 27, 2012, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Proud parents Rob and Angela Johnson of Westland.

Grandparents are Robert and Norma Johnson and Elias and Sheryl Moran, all of Westland.

Jaeger-Groh

Suzette Jaeger and Justin Groh announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Anny and Dan Jaeger of Howell, graduated in 2005 from Farmington High School. She owns iClean Maid Service in Denver, Colo.

Her fiancé, son of Terry and Robin Groh of Clarkston, is a 1999 Clarkston High School graduate. He earned an AAS degree in business administration and works in the oil and gas industry in Lonetree, Colo.



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GARVER, LOUIS WM, "LOU"

Age 87, of Redford, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2012. Mr. Garver was a graduate of Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from his beloved KSU "GO GREEN!" He proudly served in the Navy during the Korean War as an Intelligence Officer. Mr. Garver retired as a stock broker after 30 years, where he enjoyed his family, especially his beloved grandchildren. Beloved husband of 62 years to Joan, dear father of Diane (Fred) Herman, Mary Ann (Doug) Keschke, Richard (Susan) Garver, (Garth) Cappy, Cathy (Tom) Mertz, Gerald (Julie) Garver, proud grandfather of nine, caring brother of Dan Garver and the late Bladen Rogers. The Memorial Service will be Friday, August 31, 2012, at 11 a.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3920 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI. The family will greet friends at the church on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations suggested to Veterans Administration Hospital Volunteer Program. Ann Arbor: volunteer.va.gov Please visit
www.harrywillfuneralhome.com and share a tribute of Lou.

HENSLEY, (TRAYNE) DIANE

Age 68 of the Tellico Village Community, London, TN lost her battle with cancer on August 29th. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jack, daughters Marci Hensley - Tate (Ryan) of Chicago, IL; Karri Hensley - Stern (Jacob) of Carlsbad, CA; son Bill Hensley of Chicago, IL; grandchildren Reagan, Zachary and Emma Stern all of Carlsbad, CA; brothers John Trayne (Brenda) of Rhineclaire, WI; James Trayne (Leona) of Calumet City, IL; Susan Bakker (Richard) of Schererville, IN; Laura Thornton of Bald Knob, AR; Jeanne Vanderfield (Chuck) of Eagle River, WI; many nephews, nieces and cousins, one uncle, Thomas Vanderfield (Mike) of Hammond, IN and two special cousins, Norrene Marnen and Frank, Kiska. A Memorial Service will be held September 15 at 2pm at the Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive guests immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in memory of Diane Hensley. Call Funeral Home, Tellico Village, is handling arrangements. Memories or condolences may be shared at
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HOWE, STELLA

Aug. 28, 2012 Age 93. Beloved wife of the late Harry, Loving mother of Lawrence Howe and Kathryn (the late Michael) Howe-Vanderleider. Dear grandmother of Derek and Katie. Aunt of Joan Walker. Predeceased by her siblings William, Edward and Helen. Visitation: Tues Sept. 4, 1-3pm. Funeral Service immediate following at 2:00pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 3700 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152.
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LIVEY, WILLIAM E.

Age 88 of Tecumseh passed away Saturday, August 25, 2012. A full obituary may be viewed at www.HandlerFuneralHomes.com

MIELKE, DELORES A.

August 30, 2012. Loving wife of Donald for 64 years. Beloved mother of Bruce (Jenifer) Mielke and Janet (Stephen) Finkham. Proud grandmother of Matthew (Angela), Andrew and Hannah Mielke, and Alyssa Finkham. Dear sister-in-law of Lillian Vale. Long time member of the Plymouth Newcomers Church, and volunteer with the American Red Cross, and the Plymouth Library. Private family services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Assoc., Detroit MI, or to the 30200 Telegraph Road Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. To share a memory, please visit vermelenfuneralhome.com

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SCHLESING, DOROTHY L.

Age 84, died Thursday, August 23, 2012, at her home, 100 Living In The Woodlands, Born in St. Louis, Mo, she was the daughter of the late George and Audrey Heideck. She was predeceased by her husband Daniel Schlesing. She is survived by her son, Bill Schlesing, and his wife, Michelle; her daughter, Nancy Stock, and her husband Mark; her sister, Marie Heideck, and grandchildren, Erin Schlesing, Elyse Schlesing, Janet Stock and her husband, and her husband, Joseph. A memorial service was held on Monday, August 27th at the Terrace with the Rev. Cliff Ritter officiating. There will also be a second memorial service held in Greenwood, SC at Wesley Community Center, December, officiated by the Rev. Carol Peppers Way. It is respectfully requested that flowers be omitted. Memorials be made to the American Heart Association, American Arthritis Foundation, or Hospice. Condolences can be sent to Bill Schlesing at 76 N. Chandler Creek Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77381 or Nancy Stock at 5203 Miner St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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Class benefits parish

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The class will run from 10-11:15 a.m. and costs \$36. A portion of all class fees will be donated to the parish.

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Dr. John Ilijas, D.O., limb salvage specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will speak from 6:30-8 p.m.

St. John Neumann Parish is located at 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Call (734) 455-5910 with questions or to register.

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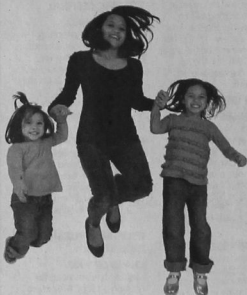
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- 14 Jumble
- 15 TV knob
- 16 Pasta dish
- 18 Follow
- 20 Hoedown
- 21 Storyline
- 24 Price tag
- 28 Lucy Lawless role
- 31 Sorority letter
- 33 Pessimist's lack
- 34 Narrow inlet
- 35 Heifer's mouthful
- 36 Eel-sized
- 37 Rainbow shapes
- 39 Left Bank pal
- 40 Net surfer

DOWN

- 1 Possess
- 2 Mouse target?
- 3 Sushi fish
- 4 Desert transport
- 5 Ex of Frank and Mickey
- 6 Appetit
- 7 Quaff
- 8 Dough
- 9 Mt. above sea

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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UMA WANE ALLOU
TUNAMI LIND
SONAR TIEBAGS
GMC TAI
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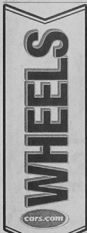
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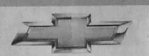
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