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## Voter forum

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County hosts a forum for 11th Congressional District candidates 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at the Plymouth District Library. The candidates for both the partial term (to fill the remaining term of Thaddeus McCotter) and those running for the full term of the newly drawn 11th district have been invited to attend.

The public can submit questions in advance through the League's email address: lwvmail@yahoo.com.



## Difference makers

Plymouth Community United Way seeks volunteers to clean yards and do light chores in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton on Make a Difference Day Saturday, Nov. 3.

Volunteers will meet on the day of the event at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main, south of Ann Arbor Road. Check in time is 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools and gloves.

To volunteer, call Pat VanDusen at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 7, or email pat.vandusen@pcuw.org before Oct. 12. Seniors and disabled persons in need of help should call or e-mail Vandusen for an application. For more information and an application, visit plymouthhuntedway.org.

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The prize winner will be selected in a random drawing from among all eligible entries Oct. 10.

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## High water mark



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The NorthRidge Church Ridge Runners team includes, among others, Bryan Amann, Helen Chase, Miyako Foley, Kyoko Foley, Veronica Fox, Tim Furlong, Jessica Furlong, Bev Hamilton, Jack Hamilton, Debbie Heck, Jodi Heileman, Martin Johnson, Jim Ledingham, Kathleen Marken, Scott Masterbrook, Sarah Miller, Steve Minich, Beth Minich (not pictured), Gail Neal, John Rankin, Gabriela Tyler, and Ron Wells.

## Church team runs to clean up African water

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Sarah Miller, a Canton mother of three, keeps pictures of two African children pinned to the orange shirt she plans to wear next Sunday as she runs the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon to raise money to bring clean water to Zambia.

Miller's pictures of Kalosy Matongo, 5, and Babian Vinus Chibalu, 1, remind her that they could become statistics among more than 3.5 million people worldwide who die every year

because they drink dirty water and lack access to proper sanitation.

"I didn't get to choose where I was born, and neither did these families," Miller said. "I don't have to worry about dirty water killing my children."

Miller is among 350 people who joined a Plymouth-based NorthRidge Church team, Ridge Runners, to raise \$500,000 to bring clean-water amenities such as wells and pipelines to two Zambian villages, Moyo and Hamaundu,

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Sarah Miller runs for Kalosy Matongo and Babian Vinus Chibalu, children she sponsors.

## School board narrows search firm field

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

As a school superintendent search consultant, Dr. Ron Barnes has helped place two superintendents — Chuck Little and Kathleen Booher — with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

But he won't get a chance to place a third.

Barnes' firm, B.W.P. & Associates, one of four firms bidding to lead Plymouth-Canton's latest search, was the only firm eliminated from contention in the first semi-finalist round of deliberations this week. Board of Education members have spent the last few days collecting references and more information on the other three — PROACT of Wilmette, Ill., School Exec Connect of Highland Park, Ill., Ray and Associates of Cedar Rapids, Iowa — and will make their final decision at a special board meeting 8 a.m. Wednesday at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

None of the firms that made the final cut is headquartered in Michigan — "There were two we considered, but they had handled mostly small districts in the state and not a district our size," board President John Barrett said — though two of the remaining three have Michigan ties, either team leaders associates who live here but consult for the firms.

### Local ties

Dave Peterson of School Exec Connect lives in Belmont, Mich., and his teammate is Carol Klenow, the cur-

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## Driver charged in Canton double fatality

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Whitaker man has been charged in the death of two of his teenage friends, Canton Ruby Tuesday co-workers Brooke Kennedy and Danielle Beavers, who died July 24 in a two-car crash in the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road, not far from the restaurant.

Rufus Thomas Brandon II, 24, was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court on two counts of a moving violation causing a death, following allegations he caused the deaths of his

two passengers when he failed to stop for a flashing red light while driving south on Canton Center.

Brandon could face penalties ranging from probation to one year in jail if he is found guilty of the misdemeanor charges. Canton Police Department Detective Tim Wright said alcohol and drugs have been ruled out as factors in the crash.

"He was tested and there was nothing," Wright said.

Brandon was released with a \$50,000 per-

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## Top 'Cats



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Shelby Bay and Brent Zuzzo are Plymouth High School's 2012 Homecoming Queen and King. The seniors were crowned during halftime of Plymouth's defeat over Wayne Memorial, 48-0. For complete game coverage please turn to Sports, B1.

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# Fire station hosts open house

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton children will get to climb into fire trucks, spray fire hoses and tour Fire Station No. 1 while their parents get home safety tips as local officials kick off National Fire Prevention Week, Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Meier said.

The fire station, 1100 S. Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer, has scheduled an open house 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. It's free and no reservations are necessary.

"We will have station tours, fire apparatus on display and a lot of fun things for kids to do," Meier said. "They will be able to spray fire hoses, sit in fire vehicles and get their pictures taken."

The open house is a springboard for National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13, a time when Canton fire officials ramp up their efforts to teach local residents ways they can reduce their risks of home fires and injuries.

"It's important to get the word out to people all year long," Fire Chief Tim Dunn said, "but Fire Prevention Week is a special week that is set aside to do this."

The fire department often visits local schools and scouting groups to teach fire prevention, and Meier said Saturday's open house provides another way families can get information.

"The open house will give the community some insight into what we do every day and how we protect the community," Meier said. "It's a family fun environment."

The event is open to all Canton residents. Meanwhile, local fire officials have teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to offer tips for residents who may be struck by a fire at home.

One-third of U.S. households believe they would have at least six minutes before a home fire could become life-threatening, but fire officials say the amount of time is often less.

That's why the Canton Fire Department and the NFPA have sought to educate residents through a program titled "Have Two Ways Out."

The effort comes as officials released statistics showing that U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires in 2010 — fires that caused 13,350 injuries, 2,640 deaths and \$6.9 billion in damage.

"In the U.S., one residential structure fire was reported every 85 seconds in 2010," Meier said.

"Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's

safety, should fire break out in your home."

Canton fire officials recommend the following:

- Residents should make a map of their home and mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.

- Choose a meeting place outside in front of the home where everyone can gather once they have escaped. Draw a picture of the meeting place on the escape plan.

- Write emergency telephone numbers such as 9-1-1 for the fire department on the escape plan.

- Have an adult sound a smoke alarm and practice the escape plan with everyone who lives in the home.

- Keep the escape plan on the refrigerator and remind adults to have the family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in the home celebrates a birthday.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week programs in Canton, call the Fire Prevention Unit at (734) 394-5456.

For more information on the "Have Two Ways Out" program, go to [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

Additional fire safety information is available at [www.canton-publicsafety.org](http://www.canton-publicsafety.org).

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## Big bidders



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Nate McDonald of Canton (right) and Gary Spondike of Royal Oak were heavy bidders at the Design Industry Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA) Dining By Design Detroit benefit for the Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC). The three-day fest, which was held this year at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse on the Michigan State Fairgrounds property, included an opening night strolling cocktail party with 26 top-area restaurants and more than 100 pieces of original artwork up for auction. Detroit's design community—architects, artists, interior designers—banded together to create 28 table-setting vignettes that, during the Saturday night gala, patrons dined in the actual settings. Michigan AIDS Coalition (MAC) is the largest AIDS prevention organization in Michigan, having merged Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP) and Michigan AIDS fund (MAF) last year.

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# Sex suspect back in jail for missed hearing

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man facing trial for sexually molesting a young girl who once lived in his home was returned to jail by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge who doubled his bond for missing an earlier court hearing.



Kahler

The defendant, 57-year-old Robert Carl Kahler, was slapped Thursday with a \$300,000/10 percent bond after Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway punished him for missing a Sept. 20 pre-trial hearing.

"The defendant was again taken into custody," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Kahler, facing trial for first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct, would have to post \$30,000 cash and be placed on an electronic tether before he could be released.

He had released from jail June 28 to await trial after he posted half that amount, or \$15,000 toward a \$150,000/10 percent bond, authorities have said. Hathaway doubled Kahler's bond after he repeatedly has missed court appearances. One of his no-show days occurred Aug. 20 — the day his trial was originally

supposed to start.

At that time, defense attorney Robert Kinney had indicated Kahler missed his trial date due to a hospital stay, though Kinney said in court that communication was lacking between him and Kahler.

On Thursday, Kinney was allowed by Hathaway to withdraw from the case. Miller said a new pre-trial date of Oct. 5 has been set to resolve the issue of a new attorney.

Though Kahler doesn't yet have a new trial date, he has been ruled competent to stand trial and aid in his own defense. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

He was charged late last October with first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct following allegations he molested a neighborhood girl when she was 7 to 10 years old and living near his house. She and her family have since moved away.

The girl testified last November during a closed-door preliminary examination that Kahler molested her, prompting 35th District Judge Michael Gerou to order the defendant to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Canton police have alleged Kahler befriended the girl's family when they lived near his home. He is accused of molesting the girl between 2007 and 2011.

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# League holds forum on challenges facing millennials

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and the Livonia and Plymouth-Canton chapters of the AAUW are hosting a forum 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Schoolcraft College. The forum will be held in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The moderator is Karen Schaumann-Beltran, sociologist and

director of Service Learning and Civic Engagement at Schoolcraft. Speakers include Joan Gebhardt, Wayne County Commissioner and Schoolcraft College Trustee; Mickey Edell, AAUW State Funds Director; and Julie Rowe, Michigan Organizer for AAUW Action Fund's Get Out the Vote Campaign.

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Board of Education President John Barrett offers congratulations to Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth United Way, after honoring her for the United Way's contribution to the district's elementary school program.

## Board honors United Way for donation

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Staffers at the Plymouth United Way have partnered with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on a variety of projects, including backpacks for kids, kindergarten readiness and the hot lunch program.

But United Way president Marie Morrow was back before the district's Board of Education Tuesday for an entirely different reason.

Morrow accepted the congratulations and accolades bestowed upon the

United Way for the organization's \$20,000 donation to help with the district's elementary school summer school program.

The program is designed to help at-risk students hone their reading and math skills to prepare them for the rigors of the full-time school curriculum.

Summer school helps some 435 students "get additional skills they need before they start" school, said Jeannie Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Both Farina and Board

of Education President John Barrett, who made the presentation to Morrow, acknowledged the program needed by the United Way donation.

"This program was in jeopardy," Barrett said. Farina said while the program is subsidized with general fund money, donations such as the United Way's are important.

"The United Way donation was a big help," Farina said. "We rely on that kind of generous support to be able to offer the program."

Morrow said the United Way is "really excited" to have partnered with the district yet again. She said her staff understands the importance of education and giving all students a chance to succeed.

"We hate to see kids fall behind the line they need to be at," Morrow said. "We want to be a partner in finding a solution to bringing these kids up to grade-level so they can be successful not only in the classroom, but also out in the community."

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## School board mulls return of arts chief

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Amid budget cutting measures and administrative staff realignment at the end of the 2011-12 school year, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education eliminated the position of visual arts coordinator, which had been responsible for oversight of the district's band, orchestra, music and other arts programs.

Less than a month into the new school year, administrators have approached the board with a proposal to reinstate the position, calling the future of our arts program.

The position filled through much of last year by Tim Schoenherr, who was moved halfway through the year to a position coordinating special projects, in particular the plan for the various academies the district added to start this school year.

The position was last filled by teacher Amy Morgan, who has since been named the head of the district's new fine arts academy. At that point, the board eliminated the position.

Jeannie Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for instructional services, told board members that Tuesday's board meeting the position administrators would like the board to put it back into the budget.

"Other countries have gone completely away

from arts education, and now are trying to bring it back," said Farina, who holds a fine arts degree. "From a creativity aspect, (the arts) are something you don't want to lose."

Among the coordinator's duties under the new job description are coordinating evaluation of the district's K-12 art, music and drama programs, and K-5 physical education. He would also facilitate the coordination of district-wide fine arts field trips, performances, art shows and exhibits.

A variety of arts program teachers, including Morgan and middle school music leader Cathy Depina spoke to the board Tuesday in favor of reinstating the coordinator position.

Depina pointed out her middle school orchestra program started 15 years ago with some 31 students in the K-12 curriculum. By 2009 that total had grown, she said, to 120 in the middle school alone. In the last three years, she pointed out, the program had grown to some 230 students, including 140 in her first-hour class alone.

The board had been scheduled to vote on Farina's request Tuesday, but removed it from the agenda while board members try to get more information. Board President John Barrett said the main question is the cost, estimated by Farina at some \$150,000.

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# MARATHON

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by working with World Vision, a Christian relief organization.

The team had raised \$457,251 as of Friday afternoon. To donate to the team or a specific team member, go to this link: [teamworldvision.org/goto/ridgerunners](http://teamworldvision.org/goto/ridgerunners).

### Long talk

In all, 225 teammates are expected to make the marathon. Others have raised money even though issues such as training injuries forced them to stop running.

The effort by NorthRidge arose from a conversation Ridge Runners co-captain Tony Hobart had last year with a World Vision representative while in Zambia.

Often training as early as 5 a.m. in places such as Hines Park, NorthRidge teammates have inspiring stories for why they started training in January for the Chicago Marathon.

Gabriela Tyler, a Livonia mother of three, wept while saying she is running partly to honor her late father, Arnulfo Rodriguez, who died last year. "I'm doing this for him and for myself as a person," Tyler said. "And I want to help because my own children are so blessed."

Another Livonia resident, John Rankin, is running to honor his late brother-in-law, Bobby Perry, who was a marathon runner before he was stricken by ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. The marathon marks the one-year anniversary of Perry's death.

Canton resident Bryan Amann said many Ridge Runners "had never run for the refrigerator, much less in a marathon."

Livonia resident Jim Ledingham hadn't gotten much exercise in six years, but he has run over 500 miles and shed 80 pounds from his former 290-pound body during months of training.

"I needed to have a goal," he said, "and the idea of running to raise money (for Zambia) was what I needed."

### Lifetime to drink

Ridge Runners learned that every \$30 they raise can provide clean water for one person for a lifetime. Canton resident Jessica Furlong, running the marathon with husband Tim, wears an orange band around her wrist to remind her of her commitment: "I care," it reads, "so I run."

Kyoko Foley, a 17-year-old Belleville High School senior, is eager to run the Chicago Marathon



NorthRidge Church is sponsoring a 350-person team, the Ridge Runners, to run the Chicago Marathon next weekend to raise money to bring clean water to an African community.



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with her mother, Miyako Foley. It pains them to know many African children don't attend school because they are walking miles every day just to carry dirty water home from a polluted pond or lake.

"Our perspective has changed so much," Kyoko Foley said.

The marathon marks the latest effort by NorthRidge to help World Vision. Church members

also sponsor nearly 3,500 children by donating \$35 per child every month — over \$100,000 every month or about \$1.2 million a year, Amann said.

NorthRidge also has supported charity projects closer to home in Detroit and in places such as the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged Gulf Coast.

NorthRidge member Gail Neal of Detroit had decided to enter a 5K race this year, but now



Among those running a marathon for Africa: Bryan Amann, Helen Chase, Miyako Foley, Kyoko Foley, Veronica Fox, Tim Furlong, Jessica Furlong, Bev Hamilton, Jack Hamilton, Debbie Heck, Jodi Heileman, Martin Johnson, Jim Ledingham, Kathleen Marken, Scott Masterbrook, Sarah Miller, Steve Minick, Beth Minick (not pictured), Gail Neal, John Rankin, Gabriela Tyler, and Ron Wells.

she's hoping to walk, rather than run, the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon.

South Lyon resident Kathleen Marken, running the marathon with daughter Paige, 19, said the effort is a logical way to broaden the help NorthRidge already provides by spon-

soring children through World Vision.

"Some people sponsor more than one child," Marken said.

Jodi Heileman, a Westland mother of two, said she had never considered herself athletic, though she has been training for the

marathon. "It feels wonderful inside to make a difference in somebody's life. We are all God's children," Heileman said.

### Ready to run

Canton seniors Beverly Hamilton, 64, and husband Jack, 65, might be among the older Ridge Runners, but they've run numerous marathons before so they're ready.

"Hands down this is the most meaningful marathon because we're not doing it for ourselves," Beverly Hamilton said.

NorthRidge members such as Veronica Fox of Canton is among those who say they felt guided by God to help Zambia.

"I've run almost 500 miles since January," Fox said. "I was a couch potato. I've lost 30 pounds."

Canton resident Helen Chase suffered a bone fracture that forced her to stop training for nine weeks, but she isn't deterred from the marathon. Northville resident Theresa Boss said she is participating in the marathon because she is helping others through her faith.

"I'm running for Christ," she said.

As Canton resident Debbie Heck trained, she decided one day to imagine herself in Zambia. She walked a mile with a water bottle, filled it with water from a local pond and returned home. She imagined having to rely on dirty water.

"I gave me such a visual picture," Heck said. "I cried all the way home."

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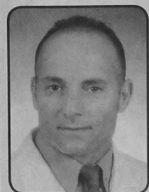
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# Futch: Strong passion for all students

Paul Futch wants to serve on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education because of his "strong passion for education."

He believes he can bring a new energy that sparks interest in the advancement of all students' education.

"I am not seeking this position to be just a display, but a visible voice for the community and most of all the students and parents," he said.

Futch believes he brings an array of experience to the school board. He has served in the social work field for nearly 20 years, is currently a pastor, and is heavily involved in our local community.

"I have three children that attend the Wayne-Westland school district for which I am well pleased," he said. "I feel that we can enhance our performance as a district and I feel that I can be a part of making it a reality."

He also believes he is the best choice for school board trustee because "I will bring to this board a team approach in making decisions."

"I will going all decisions towards the advancement of our students," he said. "The strong passion that I have for all students is why I will be the best choice."

With school funding from the state at levels lower than 2008, where do you think the Wayne-Westland Community Schools can trim expenses to maintain a balanced budget?

I believe that a good look should be taken of the size of classroom, looking at the possibility of downsizing some of the classrooms. Also, replacing retired teachers with teachers of lesser experience; this would allow for salary reductions.

A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of putting more money in the classroom and how would you accomplish that?

## PAUL FUTCH

**City:** Wayne  
**Age:** 40  
**Employment:** Pastor of True Love Christian Fellowship Church  
**Family:** Married with four children  
**Education:** Bachelor's of social work degree from the University of Arkansas, master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University  
**Community Involvement:** Pastor in Romulus, member of Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Ministerial Alliance, volunteer for Wayne County Family Center

My definition of putting more money in the classroom would be as simple as eliminating some of the administrative costs; cutting some administrative positions and spreading the responsibilities in existing administrative duties. Also, closing schools in which the student population is significantly low.

What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

To make sound fiscal and educational decisions. I will accomplish these tasks by collecting current data to support my decision and doing extensive research on the different issues we may face; being a listening ear to the community, parents and most of all, the students; bringing a team and support approach to the administration as well as the board; to hold the school board and administration accountable to the mission of this district, by governing by the policies and procedures that have been set before us.

# Madison: Make decisions as advocate

Having three children currently enrolled in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and a recent graduate, Sally Madison of Westland is fully aware of the financial challenges the district is facing.

She believes that by being on the school board school board, she could be involved "in the process of making the difficult decisions as an advocate for all students."

"As many people are aware, I have been involved in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for years and have attended many meetings," she said. "Being a former student and now a parent in the district, I am invested in our district and for advocating for a successful education for all students."

With school funding from the state at levels lower than 2008, where do you think the Wayne-Westland Community Schools can trim expenses to maintain a balanced budget?

Without having all the data that is available to board members, it is difficult to currently assess the cuts that will need to be made. All categories in the budget need to be on the table for discussion to ensure proper cuts are made in appropriate areas for the best interest of all students.

However, I will advocate for the preservation of the classroom and instruction funding. Essentially, the necessary budget cuts need to be fair and equitable.

A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of putting more money in the classroom and how would you accomplish that?

More money in the classroom is defined by assessing what is currently in the classrooms and what can be added to achieve a prosperous learning environment. This could be accomplished by providing teacher resources, supply monies and lowering class

## SALLY MADISON

**City:** Westland  
**Age:** 38  
**Employment:** Home-maker and college student  
**Family:** Married with three children in the district and one graduate of John Glenn High School  
**Education:** Graduate from high school, currently attending college

**Community Involvement:** I continually stay involved in the community whenever possible. I have been associated with PTAs, volunteered in classrooms, and have served as treasurer for my past homeowners association.

The Wayne-Westland Community school district has exceeded expectations with keeping up with technology and needs in our district's classrooms. The student-to-teacher ratio needs to be lowered to promote a higher level of successful learning.

What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

There are two main goals, that if elected, I plan to accomplish. Execute the new "customer service" goal and support all Wayne-Westland departments in accomplishing this to improve communication with our community.

Also, I will work as part of a team with all Wayne-Westland employees to develop and implement a plan to ensure students confidently learn the new Common Core academics; to apply critical thinking skills to increase test scores.

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### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

**Date/Time:** Monday, Oct. 8, 6-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Canton Conroy Island, 8533 N. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** The Canton Women's Connection meeting will feature guest speaker Stacy Stover, director of the Transition Center, Recruitment & Student Activities, Schoolcraft College.

**RSVP by Friday, Oct. 5**  
**Contact:** June Nicholas, (313) 610 2561 or email [junicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junicholas@comcast.net)

### BOOK SALE

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Canton American Association Of University Women Used Book Sale

will be part of the Delta Kappa Gamma's Craft Show. Pick up some reading materials for the fraction of the cost. Now collecting used books (children/adults), gently used, no text, damaged books or Encyclopedias.

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### PHILHARMONIC AUCTION

**Date/Time:** Friday, Oct. 19, 6-7 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic will host its first fundraising auction. Contributions are now being accepted for this event. Please consider donating gently used household items, toys, sports equipment and/or collectibles. All contributions are tax deductible and we will be happy to pick up your donated items.

**Contact:** Jeanette Sullivan, (734) 455-9674 or email [jeanette@micphil.org](mailto:jeanette@micphil.org)

## SEARCH

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rent president of the U-tica Community Schools Board of Education.

And while Ray & Associates is based in Iowa, one of the people leading the search team will be Marlene Davis, the former head of the Wayne RESA board. She lives in Southfield.

PROACT will use a team of two lead searchers, one from New York, the other from Chicago.

With the board interested in getting a replacement for Dr. Jeremy Hughes in place by the spring, representatives from all three firms told board members they could have their first slate of candidates ready before the Christmas holidays.

Here's a snapshot from all three firms told board members at the concluding firms:

- PROACT — Came under new ownership three years ago. The firm does 3-5 superintendent searches a year. PROACT's Steve Cuper said, with about 30 percent of them in suburban districts. Board members expressed some concern too much of PROACT's experience was with urban districts.

### Search experience

PROACT has done searches nationally, from districts as far apart as Portland, Maine, to Anchorage, Alaska.

- School Exec Connect — The firm was only founded in 2005, which caused some board members to question the extent of the firm's list

of contacts, compared to more established firms. The firm has done more than 150 searches, most of them in the Midwest.

The firm's experience includes searches conducted for Birmingham, Bloomfield, Lapeer, Walled Lake and Rochester schools, among others.

- Ray & Associates — the largest and most experienced of the three firms. CEO Gary Ray told board members the firm does some 30-40 searches per year, stressing that superintendent search-

es are all the firm does. He said the average tenure for superintendents placed by the firm is eight years.

Plymouth-Canton's board is trying to replace Hughes, the interim superintendent hired during the last year of former superintendent Craig Fiegel's tenure.

His contract expires at the end of the 2012/13 school year, and Hughes said he's not interested in staying longer.

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## FATALITIES

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sonal bond set Friday by 35th District Judge James Plakas. A not-guilty plea was entered for the defendant, who is expected back in court Oct. 22 for a pre-trial hearing.

Brandon worked with Kennedy, 18, and Beavers, 19, graduates of Belleville High School. He was driving a yellow Chevrolet Cavalier south on Canton Center when it was struck on the passenger side by a white Monte Carlo heading east on Michigan Avenue, Canton Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan has said.

Authorities have said the Monte Carlo driver, a 21-year-old Westland man apparently on his way home from work, isn't facing charges in the double fatality. He had the right-of-way at the time of the accident, which happened shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday, July 24.

Kennedy and Beavers grew up in Belleville and attended Van Buren Schools. After their deaths, Van Buren Superintendent Michael Van Tassel issued a statement calling them "wonderful

young ladies."

The charges against Brandon are similar to those against Canton driver Davida Marlene Rentie, who avoided jail time and was placed on probation last year for the July 21, 2011, death of 27-year-old Canton mother of four Elizabeth Graham Maupin.

Authorities said Rentie didn't see Maupin when Rentie turned right from southbound Haggerty Road onto Michigan Avenue, hitting Maupin and dragging her 300 feet as Maupin was pushing her bicycle across Haggerty Road. Maupin's family had asked that Rentie not receive a jail sentence so that she could continue to care for her special-needs daughter.

Rentie was placed on probation for two years and had her driver's license revoked for at least one year. She also was ordered to perform 30 days of community service and to work at a school crossing in the Plymouth-Canton school district so she could witness firsthand how drivers act recklessly in dangerous situations.

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# Ladies Night Out draws a crowd



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Martha Becker of Plymouth and Carolyn Storey of Wixom try the hot cider at Isabella's Copper Pot. "We're eating and drinking our way around town," Becker said.

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Ladies Night Out, a marketing event designed to encourage people to explore downtown Plymouth, brought more than 500 women — and a few husbands and boyfriends — to downtown boutiques and restaurants Thursday evening.

The annual event, with giveaways, prizes and merchandise and restaurant specials, is sponsored by downtown merchants and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, which gave away 500 roses, provided by Ribar Floral, to participants in under 90 minutes.

"The women were having a great time going around town, getting their free gifts," said Teri Allen of Dearborn Jewelers, which held a drawing for a gift basket — including earrings and jewelry — worth \$300. "We had really good, steady crowds."

The jewelry store also served apple cider and pumpkin-walnut bread to visitors.

"We had a real nice crowd and the town was busy," said Frank Agostini, one of the owners of the restaurant E.G. Nick's, where women were entitled to drink specials. "We had a lot of large parties that were all women."

Denise Beson of Canton Township came downtown with daughter Anna, 11, for another reason, and ended up staying.

"We came to Plymouth every week," she said, explaining how she joined crowds of women on downtown sidewalks. "We just happened upon it. We're exploring."

The event dates back several years, Agostini said. E.G. Nick's has participated every year.

"It really is a good boost for restaurants" and merchants, he said, "so people can really see what we have to offer."

"It's really great to be able to show off the town," said Wes Graff, the chamber president.

Staff Writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

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Gloria Zieslech came from her home in White Lake for the Plymouth Ladies Night Out event.



Pam Durocher and Rebecca Kelly of Westland carry red roses they received as part of Ladies Night Out.

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The third annual Sound Garden will feature En plein air painting, by Canton's D&M Art Studio and Sharon Dillenberg.

# Sound Garden returns to Lower Rouge trail

From noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, Canton Leisure Services will host the third annual Sound Garden, a no-cost event offering an afternoon of music and art held along the Lower Rouge Trail.

Live musical entertainment includes performances by Bob & Carl, Kevin Devine, Joe Reilly, Betsy Beckerman and Ryan Brake. In addition, guests are welcome to watch one of several artist demonstrations, including:

- Raku ware, by Robert Bielat, Daniel Borton and David Parr. A type of Japanese pottery historically used during formal tea ceremonies and noted for its smoke-like smudges. Raku pottery is created via a unique firing and glazing technique.
- Pottery, by the Village Potters Guild.
- En plein air painting,

by Canton's D&M Art Studio. A French expression describing the act of painting outdoors to consider natural light, en plein air is often associated with artists Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

Kids are encouraged to participate in a scavenger hunt with borrowed supplies from Canton Leisure Services' Nature Nook; local vendor Cruisin' Custom Cones will also be onsite selling hot dogs, beverages, chips, and cookies.

"These scenic trails provide a beautiful backdrop for everyone to experience an afternoon of memorable music and inspiring art," said Jennifer Provenzano, Recreation Specialist. "Canton residents are encouraged to walk the trails during this event and enjoy

the sights and sounds of these talented local artists in a very unique setting."

In 2011 the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association presented Canton's Sound Garden Event with a Pro-Grammy Award for Best Trail Program. Be sure to bring the whole family for afternoon of music, art and nature at its best on these dog-friendly trails. Remember, all dogs must be on a leash at all times.

The Lower Rouge Trail, located on Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor Road, was constructed in 2007 to meet the residential demands for additional outdoor recreational opportunities within the Canton Community. For more information about this fall event, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

# 'Swatting' bill heads to Snyder

High-tech "swatters" could face additional felony charges if they make false calls to Michigan emergency response centers under legislation approved this afternoon by the Michigan House and on its way to governor for his signature, announced state Rep. Kurt Heise.

House Bill 5431, introduced by Heise, R-Plymouth, creates a graduated system of charges for the crime based on whether anyone was harmed during the course of the fake emergency calls. Swatting usually entails using the Internet to make false emergency phone calls to 911 centers, in the hopes of getting a SWAT team or similar first responders to show up at an innocent person's address.

"This sick hoax jeopardizes lives and costs thousands of dollars in taxpayer resources," Heise said. "Our first responders believe they are entering an extremely threatening situation. Swatting is a very dangerous crime."

Under the legislation, if anyone is injured in the course of responding to a fake call, the caller could be charged with a five-year felony. If someone suffers "serious impairment of a body function" as a result of the false report, it is a 10-year felony for the person making the false report. Additionally, if someone is killed as a result of the response generated by the false report of a crime or emergency,

it is a 15-year felony for the person generating the false claim.

"These are real consequences for people who use our 911 emergency systems to create chaos and put others in danger," Heise said. "This legislation should help prevent this type of crime and enable those individuals who commit it to be prosecuted."

The Troy, Mich. Police Department last year rushed to a home with every available unit after receiving an emergency call about armed gunmen, but it turned out to be swatting. Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard has worked very closely with Heise to help put the legislation together and guide through passage.



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# Inheritance presents challenges, but also many opportunities

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

**Q:** Dear Rick: I just came into a substantial inheritance and I'd like your opinion on what I should do with the money. I've already taken some of the money and paid off my mortgage and all my charge cards. I still have approximately \$200,000. I'd like to take the remaining money and invest it toward my retirement. Currently, my retirement portfolio is about \$150,000, most of it in a 401(k) plan. I have approximately \$35,000 in my IRA. Should I use some of this money to convert to a Roth IRA? I was approached about buying a variable annuity. Do you recommend that? I am 62 years old and plan to work another four years. I consider myself a moderate risk investor.

**A:** I like that you paid down your debt, particularly your charge card debt. Most Americans are paying an average 18.5 percent interest on their charge cards. There is no investment that will give you a guaranteed 18.5 percent return on your money and that's exactly what you got by paying down your charge cards. With the remaining money, the first issue is should you convert into a Roth IRA. I love the idea of people taking advantage of Roth IRAs. It allows your money to grow tax-free and also gives you more control.

Money in a Roth IRA is not subject to the required minimum distribution rules at 70½. That being said, the issue is whether converting will throw you into a higher tax bracket. If it does, then converting is probably not the way to go.

How ever, you don't have to convert your entire IRA this year. You can convert a portion this year to stay in the same bracket and the rest next year.

As to the variable annuity, my advice is walk away. The majority of variable annuities are geared to benefit the financial salesperson, not the investor. Most variable annuities have high ongoing fees and they're very inflexible. In addition, it's not unusual for a variable annuity to have penalty provisions for 10-plus years. If you want to close out the variable annuity before the penalty period has terminated, you have to pay a substantial fee to close out the investment.

On the whole, I see very little benefit for investors to buy variable annuities. I know the salespeople talk about the great advantages, however, when you start breaking them down, you realize they're not advantageous.

One of the selling points of variable annuities is the tax consequences. Salespeople make a big deal about the money growing tax-deferred. There is no doubt that tax-deferred is a benefit in certain situations. Unfortunately, it's not with variable annuities. The reasoning is when the money is withdrawn from the variable annuity, it's taxed at your highest tax bracket and you don't

receive the favorable capital gain treatment that other investments do. For most people that means, in effect, by deferring their taxes, they're actually doubling them.

When you factor in the adverse tax consequences and high fees, it's a head scratcher why anyone would get involved in them. Of course, the old adage applies — variable annuities aren't bought, they're sold.

My recommendation for your remaining money is to consider it between a stock and bond portfolio. The key issue for you is when you will need the income. The fact that you're going to retire in a few years isn't the real issue. The real issue is when are you going to need the money? If you're going to need the money in a few years, that would be one portfolio, however, if you are not going to need the money for seven or 10 years down the road, that would be a different portfolio.

People tend to think that everything in their portfolio should change when they retire. As far as I'm concerned, that is not the case. Your portfolio should change when your goals and objectives change. To be a successful investor, the key is to focus on what you are trying to achieve with your money, not what everyone in your own age group is trying to do. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

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## Zonta Club offers scholarships for women

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is offering two \$500 scholarships to assist women in reaching their educational goals. The scholarships will be awarded to women who are pursuing a career in the fields of or are currently enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program or the Aviation Management Associate Degree program. Classes must be taken at Schoolcraft College and all money will be handled through the Schoolcraft College Foundation office.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and reside in the Schoolcraft College District - Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville. The scholarships are open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age. To request an application, email [rsrand521@sbglobal.net](mailto:rsrand521@sbglobal.net). Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by Nov. 1, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded by Nov. 19, and the money will be available for the winter 2013 semester. The club also has scholarships available for women who need to complete their high school equivalency tests. Women who did not graduate from high school and want to get prepared to take the GED test, the scholarship will pay for them to attend the

four-week Preparation Workshop at Schoolcraft College where they will learn test-taking strategies and the tools needed to successfully pass the test. The Zonta Club also will make tutoring available to applicants, if needed. Following completion of the workshop, the scholarship will pay for the woman to take the GED test. The workshop and GED test must be taken at Schoolcraft College and all money will be handled through the Schoolcraft Foundation office. To request an application, email [rsrand521@sbglobal.net](mailto:rsrand521@sbglobal.net). Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by Nov. 1. Scholarships will be awarded by Nov. 19, with money available for enrollment in the Preparation Workshops. The scholarship must be used before March 2013.

Zonta International is a non-profit women's service organization whose mission is to advance and improve the status of women. The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County supports the needs of women through community projects and fundraisers. Over the years, we have given more than \$30,000 in scholarships to help women reach their academic goals and be prepared to enter the workforce. To learn more about Zonta, call (734) 464-0450 or visit its websites at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) or [www.zonta15.org](http://www.zonta15.org).

## New organ donation campaign aims to help save lives in Wayne County

Gift of Life Michigan, the state's organ and tissue recovery organization, is trying to help Michigan's largest county close the gap between its great need for more organ transplants and the relatively low percentage of its residents signed up to be organ, tissue and eye donors.

The Ann Arbor-based nonprofit and its partners launched a video campaign Thursday featuring five Wayne County residents - all waiting for life-saving organ transplants. The videos include Robert Blackwell of Livonia, who's awaiting a lung transplant at Henry Ford Hospital, and a 10-year-old girl from Inkster who needs a new heart to survive. The spots were filmed at Detroit-area landmarks and will run through November on Comcast in the Wayne County market.

The project, called Waiting to Live - in Wayne County, is important: About one-third of the more than 3,000 Michigan residents waiting for organ transplants today are Wayne County residents. Yet just 25 percent (271,000) of the county's adults are registered organ, tissue and eye donors.

That compares with



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (seated) with Wayne County residents awaiting organ transplants, including Robert Blackwell of Livonia (standing, far right). The residents appear in the Gift of Life video, Waiting to Live-Wayne County.

more than 37 percent of adults statewide (2.85 million) and about 43 percent nationally registered as donors.

"We are driven to help every patient waiting in Michigan have the best shot possible for a second chance at life," said Richard Pietroski, CEO of Gift of Life Michigan. "Our collaboration with Wayne County and the city of Detroit to increase donation awareness and registrations will lend more hope to those who desperately need transplants in Wayne County, the state of Michigan and throughout our nation."

Wayne County and the city of Detroit have

pledged to help motivate residents to recognize the need and sign up. The campaign was unveiled by CHASS, Community Health and Social Services, a nonprofit health center in southwest Detroit.

The first public service spots will air Monday on Comcast in Wayne County and will continue through November. Channels featuring the ads include BET, ESPN, TBS and VH1.

Wayne County and the city of Detroit have pledged to host the donor registry link on their websites and to reach out to their thousands of employees to encourage them and their families to

join. They and Gift of Life have set a goal of adding 25,000 new Wayne County names to the donor registry by the end of the year. Signing the back of your driver's license is no longer the way to become a donor in Michigan. Instead, you must join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry to receive a red heart emblem for the front of your license. To do so, go to [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org), call 800.482.4881 or visit any Secretary of State branch office.

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# Local restaurants rally for fallen officer's family

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Tables For Four invites the public to dine out for lunch or dinner on Oct. 3 at participating restaurants that will donate 25 percent of their day's proceeds to O'Rourke's family.

West Bloomfield Police Officer Patrick O'Rourke was fatally shot on Sept. 9 while responding to a call at a West Bloomfield home.

O'Rourke, 39, of Fenton, was the first officer killed on duty in the history of the West Bloomfield Police Department. Officer O'Rourke is survived by his wife, Amy and their four children:

Eileen, Mary, Andrea and Stephen, who range in age from eight months to 10 years.

Chef Matthew Prentice is spearheading the effort after meeting with officials from the West Bloomfield Police Department who asked for his assistance with their efforts to support O'Rourke's family.

Prentice offered to help by doing a fundraiser at Detroit Prime and Morels, but realized that alone, his restaurants' donation wouldn't provide nearly the financial support the family will need. His first call was to chef Luciano del Signore, owner of Bacco Ristorante, who immediately agreed to help. The list of participating restaurants will be continually updated on Prentice's website: [www.mattprenticeculinaryexperience.com](http://www.mattprenticeculinaryexperience.com)



The Oct. 3 fundraiser will benefit the family of West Bloomfield police officer Patrick O'Rourke, who was killed in the line of duty on Sept. 9.

"Having four children, I cannot imagine the grief — both emotional and financial — my death would have caused my family at the age 39,"

West said. "I have been supported by West Bloomfield (and metro Detroit) residents for over 30 years. It's now time we support them."

Chief Michael Patton hailed O'Rourke for his service and dedication. "Pat was a good friend and a co-worker to everyone here. He had the trust and respect of everyone in the organization. His loss is tremendous to us; it will be felt for a long time. Our efforts now are focused on helping his family," said Patton.

"The greater West Bloomfield community is a wonderful place to work and live, and I am not surprised by the outpouring of support and interest in helping Pat's family. It is all greatly appreciated. We can show to others how we can all really together and support each other. We appreciate all the efforts to help his family."

Donations can be made to the Officer Patrick O'Rourke Family Trust at any Bank of America branch or online at [www.westbloomfieldhero.com](http://www.westbloomfieldhero.com)

- Current restaurants participating:
- Bacco Ristorante, 29410 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-6600
  - Joe Vicari's Andiamo Italian Steakhouse, 6676 Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Twp. (248) 865-9300
  - Detroit Prime, 32769 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills (248) 737-9600
  - Assaggi Bistro, 330 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale (248) 584-3499
  - The Hill, 123 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 886-8101
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- For more information about the restaurant fundraiser or to join the effort, go to <http://www.mattprenticeculinaryexperience.com>

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

### Close of Registration For the State General Election November 6, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: that October 9, 2012, is the last day to register to vote, in order to vote in the November 6, 2012 State General Election.

Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9655 N Hagerty Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk at (734) 354-3224, can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Below is a listing of the offices and proposals that will be on the November 6, 2012 State General Election. Sections are Partisan, Nonpartisan, and Proposal.

#### Partisan Section:

- Straight Party Ticket
- Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress — 11th District
- Representative in Congress — 11th District, Partial Term Ending 01/02/2013
- Representative in State Legislature — 20th District
- Member of the State Board of Education
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#### Non-Partisan Section:

- Justice of Supreme Court
- Justice of Supreme Court — Incumbent Position — Partial Term Ending 01/01/2015
- Judge of Court of Appeals, 1st District — Incumbent Position
- Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit — Incumbent position
- Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit — Non-incumbent position
- Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit — Incumbent position — Partial Term Ending 01/01/2015
- Judge of Probate Court — Incumbent Position
- Judge of Probate Court — Incumbent Position — Partial Term Ending 01/01/2015
- Judge of District Court — 35th District — Incumbent Position
- Board of Trustees Member-Schoolcraft Community College
- Board of Trustees Member-Schoolcraft Community College — Partial Term Ending 12/31/2014
- Library Board Member Plymouth District

#### Proposal Section:

State Proposal 12-1.

### A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 — THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

- Public Act 4 of 2011 would:
  - Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
  - Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
  - Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
  - Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

State Proposal 12-2.

### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

- This proposal would:
  - Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
  - Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
  - Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
  - Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-3.

### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

- This proposal would:
  - Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
  - Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
  - Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% increase in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
  - Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-4.

### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

- This proposal would:
  - Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
  - Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
  - Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
  - Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-5.

### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

- This proposal would:
  - Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.
  - This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

State Proposal 12-6.

### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

- This proposal would:
  - Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan can expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
  - Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved?

County Proposals.

### FORM OF THE WAYNE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5.120 AND TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 5.134 TO AUTHORIZE THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ESTABLISH THE FORM INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LUMP-SUM AND LINE-ITEM OF THE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THE FORM OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY DECEMBER 7, 2012 AND TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE FORM AT LEAST TEN MONTHS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF A FISCAL YEAR TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR, AND TO ALSO AMEND SECTION 5.121 TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION?

### INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR

SHALL SECTION 3.119(E) OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION THAT PROHIBITS AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR FROM PROVIDING AUDIT SERVICES TO THE COUNTY FOR MORE THAN EIGHT (8) CONSECUTIVE YEARS, AND FURTHER TO REQUIRE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITORS BE SELECTED BASED ON A COMPETITIVE PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE?

### MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION

SHALL SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO EXPAND THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM 5 TO 9, ADDING AS A MEMBER TO THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION, AND TO FURTHER ALLOW EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR AND SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION WITH NO MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES ITS OWN RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION PLAN?

### REMOVAL OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR

SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 4.124 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE FOR THE SAME REASONS AND WITH THE SAME DUE PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE SHERIFF, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS, AND COUNTY TREASURER?

### THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION'S POWER TO APPROVE COMPENSATION

SHALL SECTION 3.115 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, WHICH SETS FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, BE AMENDED TO LIMIT THE POWERS AND DUTY TO APPROVE ALL COMPENSATION OF EVERY EMPLOYMENT POSITION IN THE COUNTY, UNLESS THE COMPENSATION IS ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW?

Joe Bridgman, MMC  
Township Clerk



# Fans converge to celebrate Corvette culture

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

Every now and then, Sharon Mase pulls to a stop at a traffic light in her red 2003 50th Anniversary-edition Corvette and is greeted by the sound of an engine revving up in the lane next to her.

Evident that they want to race — it's usually the Ford Mustangs," said Mase, a Livonia resident, admitting with a smile that it is sometimes very enticing to take them up on the offer.

Instead, she said, she resists the temptation to show off the car's "undeniable power" and simply drives off in her favorite vehicle, a 35th anniversary gift she shares with husband Robert.

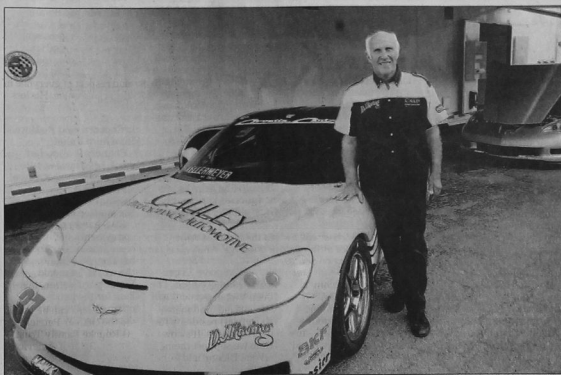
It is all part of the special magic of the Corvette, General Motor's iconic sports car, said Mase, who with her husband has owned three Corvettes over the years and is clearly partial to the brand.

"There is really nothing like a Corvette — nothing compares to it," she said.

It is one reason that Mase and her husband joined with more than 100 other Corvette aficionados Wednesday evening at Redford Township's George Matick Chevrolet to celebrate their favorite automobile.

The "Corvette Open House," an early celebration of the car's upcoming 60th birthday in 2013, featured Corvette test-drive opportunities, food and refreshments, an appearance by Corvette race car driver Danny Kellermeyer of Ortonville-based D.J. Enterprise, as well as a special question and answer session with Art Spang, GM's Corvette brand manager.

Corvette fans from Birmingham, Farmington Hills and Southfield were



Race car driver Danny Kellermeyer with one of his coveted Corvettes.

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Redford residents Renee and John Spiter enjoy the refreshments at the special Corvette party.

among those mingling, bringing together what Mase called a "special group."

"I really like the camaraderie. We have a spe-

cial interest that we share — Corvettes — but everyone is just so friendly and nice," she said.

Kellermeyer, who owns 14 Corvettes himself,

agreed that the car enthusiasts make a great community.

"It's the people — they are like a family. I really enjoy meeting them," he said.

The open house attendees had multiple opportunities to rev up and take a spin in a coupe, a convertible or a Callaway performance Corvette. In addition to the special presentations, food and poster giveaways as well as drawings for Corvette-

related gifts were all part of the event.

The party was a great chance to pay homage to a sports car that is very near and dear to their hearts, agreed Jacquie and Howard Rundell of Northville.

Howard Rundell, a former Navy aviator, purchased his first Corvette in 1970. He still remembers the exact date he was finally able to buy the car of his dreams after seeing it in maga-

zine advertisements. "It was Nov. 6. Some days you just don't forget," he said.

His most recent Corvette is just as special, he said. It was a retirement present "to himself," after working as a pilot for GM for 35 years, Jacquie Rundell said.

"We had the opportunity to fly down to the plant in Bowling Green, Ohio, to see the car when it was finished. We walked in and there was our car, bathed in spotlights. It really was quite an experience," Howard Rundell said.

Molly Williams, general manager of George Matick Chevrolet, was pleased with the evening's turnout.

"We were thrilled to offer customers and Corvette lovers a special day," she said.

Ranked second highest in Michigan for the number of Corvettes sold, Matick Chevrolet is also an exclusive dealer for supercharged, powerfully engineered Callaway Corvettes.

Matick recently announced a year-long Corvette racing partnership with D.J. Race Enterprise. Kellermeyer, founder of D.J. Race Enterprise, is a longtime Corvette race car driver and connoisseur.

This is Matick's second foray into sponsoring a motorsports venue for Corvette racing.

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The request of ADVICS North America, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public viewing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, MMC  
Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

## Churches join forces Oct. 6 to help feed the hungry

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Margaret Connors worked as a missionary with a Christian organization in Mexico from 1997 to 2003. The Farmington Hills resident, who lived in California at the time, recalled a malnourished girl who died after being held in the missionary's arms.

"It really impacted me," said Connors, who's chairing this year's Northville- Novi CROP Walk, set for Saturday, Oct. 6. Registration will be 8:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Novi, with the walk beginning around 9:30 a.m.

The young Mexican girl died about 100 miles south of the U.S. border, and Connors asked hospital officials if such deaths were frequent. "They



Connors

were so *blase*," she said, recalling how she'd earlier spent money on entertainment at Sea World, "not knowing a stone's throw away children were dying. There are things we can do to stop it."

Family reasons brought Connors back to metro Detroit. She heard a presentation at her church, Crosspointe Meadows Church of Novi, and volunteered to chair the local CROP Walk.

Church World Service will receive 75 percent of money raised. The remaining 25 percent will go to the Novi Emergency Food Bank, First Step shelter, Northville Civ-

### INFORMATION

For information on participating in or supporting the CROP Walk, call toll free (888) 297-2767. Online donations are welcome at [www.crowalkonline.org/novimi](http://www.crowalkonline.org/novimi).

ic Concern, and Redford Interfaith Relief.

Connors is a teacher who's been a substitute and tutor in recent years, struggling a bit to get back into her profession. She wanted to help.

CWS has a number of components. "Hunger is one of their main focuses, but they do a lot around the world," she said. Water purification, blankets for the needy and other endeavors are coordinated by CWS.

Last year's Northville-

Novi walk raised \$13,789, with some 100 walkers each year the past three years. This is the 25th anniversary for the Northville- Novi benefit.

Churches participating are: Crosspointe Meadows Church, St. James Catholic, Meadowbrook Congregational, Faith Community Presbyterian, Holy Family Catholic, Novi United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church of Northville, and First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

The local CROP walk will start Oct. 6 at St. James Catholic Church, on 10 Mile west of Taft in Novi. It's a 5K with a shorter option as well.

The event will wrap up with a concert, with Guernsey ice cream served at St. James Catholic. Absopure is providing water for walkers.

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# Schoolcraft trustee Adams seeks to retain seat

Incumbent Douglas Adams of Canton hopes to continue his service on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, the policy making body for the college.



Adams

is proud of how institutions such as Schoolcraft help improve the lives of so many people, offering them the opportunity to learn skills that are in demand in the workplace.

Adams is one of seven candidates who will be on the Nov. 6 ballot seeking a six-year term. Prior to his appointment to the board, Adams served on the Schoolcraft College Foundation's Board of Governors in the year leading up to Schoolcraft's 50th anniversary celebration.

Adams believes his accomplishments and experience in higher education, economic development and banking set him apart from other candidates on the ballot. His academic training began at the community college level, and Adams

Engebretson, former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume have endorsed me. Just as I do, these leaders recognize that Schoolcraft is one of the gems of our region. We all recognize how vitally important it is to have capable and committed leadership on the board of trustees."

After attending Jackson Community College, Adams received his bachelor's degree from The University of Michigan in 1989, followed by a master of public administration degree from the University of Toledo. In 1992, while at Toledo, he was awarded a scholarship to study at Beijing University. Four years later, Adams earned a Ph.D. from the College of Business and Public Admin-

istration at The University of Louisville, authoring a dissertation on factors that influence business location decisions. His academic training paid dividends when he received recognition from former Michigan Gov. John Engler in 1998 for managing a project that resulted in Michigan receiving its first of four consecutive national awards for attracting major economic development projects.

"I am a practitioner who has a proven track record of building bridges between higher education, government and the private sector," Adams said. "Education is one of the great change agents in society, and Schoolcraft has positively impacted tens of thousands of people in the communities it

serves over the years." An employee of Comerica Bank for the past 13 years, Adams works at the Comerica Livonia Operations Center adjacent to the Schoolcraft campus. "I am fortunate to work for a company that promotes and encourages employees to serve their local communities. Working so close to the Schoolcraft campus has helped me be a more effective trustee by staying in greater touch with the opportunities and challenges facing the college and I look forward to continuing my service to Schoolcraft College and to our community." For additional information, visit [www.AdamsForSchoolcraftTrustee.com](http://www.AdamsForSchoolcraftTrustee.com) or e-mail him directly at [dhadams@wowway.com](mailto:dhadams@wowway.com).

# Municipal jobs bill goes to governor

A bill allowing municipalities to issue general obligation bonds to smooth the transition from a defined benefit retirement plan to a defined contribution plan passed the Michigan House and was concurred on by the Senate in Lansing Thursday.



Colbeck

of government are able to issue a municipal security to pay all or part of the costs of pension or health care obligations for retirees.

Senate Bill 1129, sponsored by Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, would help local units of government that have a history of financial discipline manage spikes in pension and post-employment health care expenses. Under the bill, local units

"This measure protects the retirement benefits of municipal employees and will help to avoid layoffs for current employees by preventing municipalities from having to pay a spike in retiree benefit payments."

Under Colbeck's legislation, before issuing a municipal security the municipality would be required to publish a notice of intent to issue the security and make available to the public a comprehensive financial plan that includes an analysis of the current and future obligations, evidence that the issuance of the municipal security would be sufficient to eliminate the pension or retiree health care liability, a description of actions required to satisfy the schedule and a certification of

completion and accuracy by the person preparing the plan. "I would like to thank Senator Colbeck on behalf of the Michigan Municipal League for all his assistance in getting this bill passed," said Samantha Harkins, director of state affairs for the Michigan Municipal League. "This legislation will go a long way in helping our local units of government remain financially secure."

SB 1129 now heads to the governor to be signed into law.

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### Michigan State

Amey Coleman, a 2008 graduate of Canton High School, has received the Michael A. Clark Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship from Michigan State University's College of Education.

The Michael A. Clark Scholarship is intended for students entering in their senior or fifth year (intern year) who plan a career teaching and coaching in public schools.

Coleman, the daughter of Annette and Kermit Coleman, is a senior in physical education at MSU studying in kinesiology.

### Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University recently announced its graduates.

Two local students satisfied their degree requirements in May 2012. **Bryanne Bellworthy** of Canton earned her bachelor's degree in sports science (summa cum laude).

**Kathryn Shepherd** of Plymouth earned her bachelor's degree in English/Writing.

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# Madonna University celebrates 75 years with community

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hoisted the birthday banner high in the sky marking the party's location, where there were cakes, tattoos, food, games and prizes for all who joined in the celebration.

Overall, about 400 people visited campus, took tours of the new labs, participated in demonstrations by the students and staff, or just enjoyed the festivities.



Brianna Bonenfant, 3, of Livonia enjoys her time in the bounce house.



Boo Boo the Clown (Teresa Jackson of Taylor) paints a cat face on Lily Talbot, 3, of Livonia during Madonna University's 75th Birthday Party celebration.

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Lauren Carter, 9, of West Bloomfield, left, her sister Brooke, 11, and Sidney Smerecki, 4, of Sylvan Lake, check out two Madagascar hissing cockroaches at the science labs.



The president of Madonna University, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, along with University vice presidents and board members, serve cake from Avrey Bakeries.

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# SPORTS

## Chiefs spoil Pats' birthday party

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

What a 50th birthday party they threw Friday night at Livonia Franklin, and the Patriots came within an eyelash of enjoying the best icing on the cake — a thrilling last-second win over Canton.

Canton held on 35-34, but only after making a goal-line stop on Franklin's two-point conversion bid that would have sent the homecoming crowd home happy.

"We wanted to win the game and that was our best shot," Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert said. Canton head coach Tim Baechler tipped his cap to Kelbert's squad following the KLA South Division contest.

"They're big and physical, their backs are physical and we just had a tough time tackling," Baechler said. "We were a little undersized in a few positions and they took advantage of it. It was like whoever had the ball last."

"But I'm very proud of our kids, they battled through. I feel bad for Chris, he works his butt

off. They're a great 2-4 team, if there's such a thing."

Canton scored the eventual winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining, on a 1-yard plunge by running back Kendall Scott (100 combined yards, three TDs).

That wasn't easy, however, as the Patriots' physical defense nearly stonewalled Canton tailback Malcolm Hollingsworth the previous play on a four-and-inches just outside the 1-yard line.

Just as they had all night, the Patriots (2-4, 2-2 in the KLA South) came right back down the field.

Quarterback Austin Tarbanich (7-of-12 passing, 134 yards, two TDs) got the ball at the Franklin 20 with 1:39 left and mounted a penalty-assisted drive that culminated with a 44-yard touchdown pass to junior sensation Joe McRobb.

### Big-play frenzy

McRobb's big plays were a thorn in Canton's side all night. He scored four touchdowns — two on the ground and two in the air — and collect-



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton running back Kendall Scott (No. 5) looks for an opening Friday night against Livonia Franklin while teammate Malcolm Hollingsworth (No. 10) helps out with a block.

ed 274 all-purpose yards (including 18 rushes for 181 yards).

That TD, on a perfect spiral down the right sideline, sent the Franklin faithful into a frenzy.

But the Chiefs stacked up Franklin running back Jimmy Mazaris (23 carries, 123 yards, one TD) just short of the goal line in his bid for a game-winning two-point conversion.

Kelbert, following the game, told his players he was never more proud of them for they battled the Chiefs tooth and nail.

"We talked all week to make this a game they would never, ever forget in their entire lives and they did," Kelbert said. "They played hard, to the final play they gave everything they had."

It was an entertaining

game filled with high-light-reel plays from the opening kickoff.

The Chiefs (4-2, 3-1) led 7-0 one play into the game and just like last week against Livonia Churchill it was running back Malcolm Hollingsworth (16 carries, 150 yards) doing the damage — this time with a 75-yard TD run on a sweep around right end.

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## Rocks one win away

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Salem moved one step closer to a state playoff berth with Friday's 14-7 victory over visiting South Lyon at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park junior varsity field.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, they might have to go for that magic sixth win Oct. 5 against Livonia Stevenson without senior quarterback Jake Deprez and wideout Michael Hoover. Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said both were "nicked up" in

the win over the Lions.

Still, the Rocks (5-1 overall, 3-1 in the KLA South Division) are in a position they haven't been in for a while and Britnell said he will try to keep players focused on the Spartans rather than needing one more win to clinch a playoff spot.

"It's for six, but we're just thinking about Stevenson," Britnell said. "We're not going to focus too much on it. But it's like they have done all year, we'll take it one game at a time and each week is a new statement

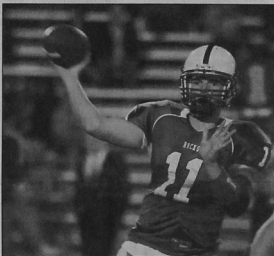
for us. Each one has to be a little bigger."

Strong defense and special teams sparked the Rocks, who broke out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Senior Ivan Rhodes blocked a South Lyon field-goal bid and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown to put Salem up 7-0.

"It was just a great play," Britnell said. "He leap-frogged the guard, blocked it, scooped it up and scored. A great ath-

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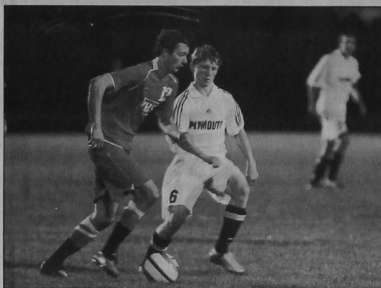
Salem quarterback Jacob Deprez (No. 11), shown from a game earlier this season, helped the Rocks build an early lead Friday before getting injured.

## PCS Penguins tryouts

The defending Division 2 state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team is holding tryouts 4-5 p.m. Oct. 29 and 31 and Nov. 2 for the 2012-13 season.

Tryout fee is \$60 for all three skates, to take place at Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information, contact head coach Mary Beth Trainor at smeeb@aol.com.

## Resilient Chiefs edge 'Cats, clinch division



JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton senior Nick Tomel (No. 12) tries to move past Plymouth freshman Michael Blake (No. 9) during Thursday's KLA South Division varsity boys soccer tilt.

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Moments after Plymouth's Chandler Olah scored the first goal of Thursday night's KLA South Division boys soccer matchup against state-ranked Canton, Wildcats head coach Jeff Neschich implored his players to turn up the intensity even more.

Despite the urgency of that message, however, the Chiefs' Scott Piowar answered with the tying goal just 1:13 later and went on to a 2-1 victory that clinched the division title for the defending Division 1 champions.

Netting the game-winning goal with 3:55 left in the first half was Connor Shennan.

"A solid team like that when you score on them the next five minutes is critical that you step up and try and

keep the momentum going in your favor," Neschich said.

According to Canton assistant coach Mark Zemanski, whose team improved to 12-2 overall and 8-0 in the KLA South, the way the Chiefs came right back is a recurring characteristic.

"That's very big to come back after being scored upon," Zemanski said. "That's the mark of this team. They've done it a couple times after they've fallen behind."

"They don't give up, they just keep working hard."

Zemanski, in charge for one game with head coach George Tomasso unable to be on hand, added that he is "so proud of them that they are division champs."

Plymouth senior co-cap-

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## Cards deck MU men, 1-0

Brad Lyons scored at the 52-minute mark Wednesday to give host Concordia University a 1-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer victory over Madonna University.

Jonathan Heslop drew the assist on Lyons's game-winner as the Cardinals defeated MU for the first time in school history.

Goalkeeper Mikey Erickson had to make just one save for the shutout as the Cardinals improved to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC.

Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) had three saves for the Crusaders (4-4, 0-1-1).



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# Eagles end losing skid

After enduring a rough stretch to begin the season, Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team broke into the win column twice last week.

The Eagles edged Southfield Christian 3-2 on Tuesday and followed up Thursday with a 5-3 victory at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

"We made a change in the defensive lineup and changed our midfield formation to help the defense stop their shooting," PCA first-year coach Daryl Beggs said. "We played to our strengths and did a better job of marking their players."

Senior Ethan Levack got things rolling for PCA 2-0 12 overall, 2-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference) when he followed up a shot by Jacob Bailey.

Liggett scored twice to go up 2-1, however, but PCA evened things up with 3:30

left in the half. Bailey's feed sent Lucas Albrecht in for a breakaway tally. The key player moved to defense was senior Celeb Postma and he assisted on Bailey's tie-breaking goal with 31:50 remaining in the second half.

Albrecht scored twice over the final 21 minutes, sandwiched around a Liggett goal. That gave Albrecht three goals for the contest.

"I would still like to see us do a better job of containment when (opponents) have the ball," Beggs added. "But I enjoyed watching them work. They played with confidence and more and more like a unit."

Scoring twice against Southfield Christian was Bailey (goals assisted by Isaac Middleton and Adam Rowius) while Albrecht converted a penalty kick with 5:16 left to win the game.



The Canton Soccer Club's top team in a recent fundraising bottle drive — U13 Girls Black — celebrate after donating \$2,253.26 to Charity Ball. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Nicki Giordano, Madalyn Simko, Nikhita Jacob, Ethan King (founder of Charity Ball), Kaleigh Mahaz, Brittney Simpson and Hailey Melnick. In the back row are (from left) Jamison Langlainis, Nicole Doucet, Bailey Soper, Alex Deruvo, Katie Masseran, coach Bill Joker, Anna Lundy, Katie Coleman, Kenna White, Valencia Rodriguez and Maggie Bowler.

# Soccer team goes all out for Charity Ball

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

When Canton Soccer Club squads could pick a charity of choice to raise money for through a bottle drive, players on the U13 Girls Black team immediately saw as a perfect opportunity for their efforts. They decided on Charity Ball — a Holland, Mich.-based organization that sends brand new soccer balls to kids in need around the world.

Over a one-week bottle drive in mid-August, the team raised \$2,253.26, most among eight CSC girls and boys teams. In total, about \$9,030 was collected for various charities through the Soccer World-sponsored endeavor.

For being the top fundraising squad, the U13 Girls Black team (coached by Bill Joker) will receive a set of Girls Soccer Bags which will be embroidered with the CSC

logo, players jersey numbers and the Soccer World logo.

"I thought it was really cool that a kid my age (Ethan King) started this program, and has made so much of an impact in people's lives," said U13 Girls Black player Maggie Bowler. "I had a ton of fun collecting the bottles for Charity Ball and was so glad to help out."

Concurring was teammate Brittney Simpson, noting that the charitable effort "makes me feel good knowing that I'm helping other kids enjoy soccer because I know how much I love the game."

Members of the U13 Girls Black team include Bowler, Katie Coleman, Alex Deruvo, Nicole Doucet, Nikhita Giordano, Nikhita Jacob, Jamison Langlainis, Anna Lundy, Kaleigh Mahaz, Katie Masseran, Hailey Melnick, Madalyn Simko, Simpson, Bailey Soper, Valencia Rodriguez and Kenna White.

Of the total collected by the eight teams, \$7,930 was donated to Charity Ball with \$2,000 earmarked for Bark for Life, a "Relay for Life" fundraising event by the American Cancer Society.

The latter cause was selected to receive some of the money in honor of Bob Meyerland, a founding member and past president of the Canton Soccer Club who lost his battle with cancer several years ago.

Meyerland's god provided him great comfort at the end of his life. The other teams who took part in the fundraiser and the amount each raised are as follows: U14 Girls White, \$1,546.30; U14 Boys White, \$1,240.60; U13 Girls White, \$1,080.80; U13 Girls Green, \$1,072.40; U14 Girls Black, \$904.64; U13 Boys White, \$700.57; U14 Boys Black, \$230.40.

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## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

- DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**SALEM 6**  
**SALEM**  
Sept. 27 at Howell  
No. 1 singles: Jacob Scott  
No. 2: Jared Mason Wenzel, 6-2, 6-2. No. 3: Alex Zultowski (5) def. Nate Garrison, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Austin Schipper (1) def. Jake Sealy, 6-2, 6-3. No. 4: Jake Lachowicz (4) def. Ryan Chin, 6-1.  
No. 1 doubles: Nick Ortiz-Amol Carvalho (5) def. Ryan Mullen-Dan Swanson, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 2: Rohan Tharad-Jon Clark (5) def. Jared Mantay-Charlie Petersen, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Kenny Sel-Keevan Zemper (4) def. Rabbalug David Bloomson, 6-1, 6-4. No. 4: Jeff Zelewski-Charlie Liu (5) def. Johnny Langford-Drew Norton, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1. No. 5: Anthony Zornzy-Shivan Patel (5) def. Dan Oswald-Kevin Durand, 6-4, 6-1.
- PLYMOUTH 8**  
**WL CENTRAL 1**  
Sept. 27 at WL Central  
No. 1 singles: Jordan Lu (Plymouth) defeated Vinay Hananog, 4-3, def. No. 2: Charlie Hou (P) def. Jai Sura, 5-7, 7-5, 10-8; No. 3: Kevin Hou (P) def. Brian Yang, 6-2, 6-2. No. 4: Drew Moss (WLC) def. Jon Conn, 7-5, 4-6, 10-6.  
No. 1 doubles: Cameron: 8. (tie) Eylan Grant (P) def. Mike Kinoyan-Nori Mochizuki, 6-1.

- 6-0; No. 2: Joe Klotz-Danny Sinton (P) def. Jordan Engle-Glen Hanes, 7-6, 6-2. No. 3: Akai Yerakola-Praveen Loganathan (P) def. Tyler Davis-Pat Langan, 6-1, 6-2. No. 4: Ropes Malar-Tyler Smith (P) def. Adam Feinstein-Vams Gammella, 7-6, 6-4. No. 5: Chandan Srinivasan-Caragay (P) def. Sam Seltzer-Seth Saperstein, 6-3, 6-3.
- LIVONIA STEVENSON 5**  
**SALEM 4**  
Sept. 18 at Salem  
No. 1 singles: Jacob Scott (Salem) defeated Chad Northey, 6-2, 6-0. No. 2: Alex Zultowski (Salem) def. Sam Lazor, 7-6, 6-3. No. 3: Jake Sealy (Salem) def. Rabbalug David Bloomson, 6-1, 6-4. No. 4: Johnson Yui (LS) def. Ryan Chin, 6-1, 6-0.  
No. 1 doubles: Tom Cwiek-Jeff Frederick (LS) def. Nick Ortiz-Amol Carvalho, 6-4, 6-3. No. 2: Chase Timham-Jason Mysoski (LS) def. Rohan Tharad-Jon Clark, 7-6, 6-2. No. 3: Ahmed Hussain-Joe Ormalakos (LS) def. Shaheer Rabbalug-David Bloomson, 6-3, 6-3. No. 4: Charlie Liu-Jeff Zelewski (Salem) def. Ned Adams-Chris Haldane, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5. No. 5: Matt Lackey-Sam Cios (LS) def. Max Mergent-Anthony Zornzy, 6-1, 6-7, 7-6.  
Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-2 overall, 2-2 KLA A Central Division; Salem, 1-3 KLA A Central.

## SOCCER

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tain Olah put the Wildcats on the scoreboard with 16:43 remaining in the first half, receiving a set of Girls Soccer Bags which will be embroidered with the CSC



Converging on the ball Thursday are Canton's Jack Zemanski (left) and Plymouth's DK Kim (No. 22). In the background are Canton's Bobby Budlong (No. 20) and Viet Nguyen of the Wildcats.

**Teeing it up**  
But the Chiefs immediately turned up the pressure and it paid off. A deflection off a corner kick went right to Piwowar, at the top of the 18-yard box. He spun and put a good foot into the ball, sending it inside the right spot behind Plymouth goalie Mario Gruszczynski.

A free kick began the sequence that ended with Canton's winning goal. Daniel Ovesa's free kick went into the wall of players across the box, but the ball caromed out to Dom Murphy near the front-right corner. Murphy chipped the ball into the front of the box with a Shennan headed it past Gruszczynski. "I thought Danny Ovesa played really well," said Zemanski about the

senior co-captain. "He was very unflinsh." The Wildcats had a couple opportunities to even things up in the second half. With about 37:30 remaining, Teddy Phillips sent a nice feed over to DK Kim in the box. But Shennan slid over to clear the ball. Midway through the half, Nathan Harris

received a pass up the middle from Danny Bates and drove a low shot that just missed the left post. Canton finished off the win with strong positioning and plenty of players back on defense to keep the Wildcats from mounting much of a threat. Despite the loss, which dropped Plymouth's record to 5-9-2 overall and 5-3-0 in the KLA A

## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

- 113; Marin McGowan, 118. **Ladywood scores:** Kayla D'Allesandro, 92; Caroline York, 96; Sara Even, 98; Cindy Ding, 118.
- Warren scores:** Kendall Payne, 104; Jacquelyn, 122; Allison Karczynski, 135.
- DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**CANTON 181**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 260**  
Sept. 26 at Hilltop GC  
Co-medalists: Kelsey McDougall and Alysa Krumm (Canton), 43 each.  
Other Canton scorers: Erica Song, 47; Chloe Luyet, 48; Shelby Lebbis, 60; Hannah Rohrborn, 59.
- Glen scores:** Olivia Cabido, 55; Haley Ayal, 52; Lindsey Crowley, 65; Ashley Andez, 74; Jaret Allen, 82.

## INDIVIDUAL CO-MEDALISTS:

- Jackie Burdette (Churchill) and Kendall Graves (Regina), 80 each.  
Stevenson scorers: 7. Laura Shurets, 80. (tie) Kaley Duntley and Mary Peltz, 91 each.  
Alysa Blazynski, 103.  
Other Churchill scorers: 8. (tie) Maggie McGowan, 90; Claire Rose, 97; Alysa Mazur,

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Applicants should be at least 16 years old and be available to work evenings in addition to possessing a strong desire to work with youth, knowledgable in the sport and the ability to interact well with members of all ages.

To apply, download an application and return it to Josh Borg at jborg@ymcetrodetroit.org or 248 S. Union, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

**Sign up for Sprints**  
The Washtenaw Saints Football Team,

of the Christian Athletic League of America, is currently looking for interested young men (6th through 12th grade) to join the team.

There are no tryouts and everyone will get a chance to compete. Practices are underway at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

For more information contact coach Jeremy Florence at (734) 649-0532 or by e-mail at Lemmie@aol.com.

**Run, bike, golf**  
Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road,

Superior Township. The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealer at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization of Ransom and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

**CYO volleyball**  
Registrations are being accepted for the

Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8). Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart595@sbjglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

**Reds need players**  
The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Reds Baseball Club is seeking players to fill remaining 18-and-under through 18U spots on its 2013 rosters. Go to www.oaklandreds.com for additional information and to request a tryout.

**CHIEFS**

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Franklin got it right back when McRobb, like a car gathering speed merging onto a highway, ran to his left and waited for an opening. When he got it, he shot right through and accelerated down the sideline for a 65-yard score. That made it 7-7. The first of four times the Pats would tie Canton.

Canton regained the lead 14-7 with 7:32 left in the half, when sophomore quarterback Greg Williams (6-of-8 passing, 128 yards, two TDs) converted a fourth-down pass over the middle to a wide-open Scott for a 33-yard touchdown.

"He made some plays tonight in the air," Baechler said about Williams, who is gaining poise and confidence with every game.

Back came Franklin, tying the game 14-14 on a 42-yard touchdown pass from Tarbanicht to McRobb.

Before halftime, again on a fourth-down play, Canton took a 21-14 edge when Williams connected with tight end Matt McCoy on a 10-yard pass over the middle.

**Taking the fourth**

"I didn't want to give the ball back," Baechler said about the key fourth-down plays. "I wasn't convinced our defense could stop them, so we had to control the ball and keep the ball. The pressure was on."

Setting up that score was a 32-yard punt return by Westen Price.

After Franklin's 50th birthday/homecoming festivities during a lengthy intermission, the Patriots kept the crowd buzzing with another McRobb TD. He burst through the line for a 41-



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Sprinting down the field for a 75-yard touchdown early Friday night is Canton's Malcolm Hollingsworth (No. 10).

yard run, making it 21-21.

Canton then drove the ball 78 yards in 11 plays for another touchdown with 4:05 left in the third, this time on a 17-yard run by Scott.

The Pats embarked on a long, successful drive of their own for another equalizer.

On the 16th play of an 80-yard drive, hard-running Mazaris bounced off Canton tacklers for a 5-

yard score with 8:43 to play.

Then came Canton on what would prove to be the game-winning march with Scott's short plunge. As it turned out, kicker Connor Shennan's seventh extra point of the night turned out to be just enough for the Chiefs to prevail.

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**FOOTBALL**

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letic play."

Also stellar were senior Youssef Barakat (16 tackles, one forced fumble) and junior Justin Sydrowski (13 tackles).

Deprez then threw a 27-yard TD pass to Hoover for the 14-0 edge, which (including the extra point by Alex Kenrick) turned out to be the final points of the night for Salem.

After Deprez left the game, Britnell gave freshman Alex Nicholson a chance to finish up at quarterback and he did not disappoint — completing 1-of-2 passes for 9 yards and leading a couple of offensive drives to help seal the win.

Leading Salem's rushing attack were juniors

Gu-wain Ingram and Drake Jordan.

**'Cats rout Wayne**

Senior quarterback Jamarl Eiland accounted for 220 yards in total offense and scored a pair of touchdowns Friday leading host Plymouth to a 48-0 KLAASouth Division win over Wayne Memorial.

Plymouth, which jumped out to 38-0 halftime lead, improved to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAASouth, while Wayne falls to 0-6 and 0-4.

Eiland was 5-of-7 passing for 145 yards and scored on TD runs of 30 and 16 yards in the first and third quarters, respectively. He was the Wildcats' leading rusher with 75 yards on five carries.

Mike Kennedy, who had

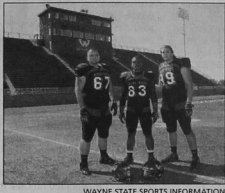
five carries for 51 yards, added TD runs of 16 and 20 yards.

D.J. Rossell also found the end zone twice on runs of 4 and 3 yards, while Brenton Zuzzo booted field goals of 32 and 24 yards. Bobby Deeg was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra points.

The Wildcats had 371 total yards, including 226 on the ground. Nate Emminger caught two passes for 87 yards and Stefan Turrentine added 56 yards on 11 carries.

Wayne was limited to 137 total yards as Abdullah Myles led the Zebras' rushing attack with 63 yards on 12 carries. Quarterback Joe Porter was 3-of-17 for 44 yards.

The Zebras have lost 26 straight games dating back to the 2009 season.



WAYNE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

**Warriors ready**

Wayne State University is coming off its most successful postseason football run in school history after going 12-4 and reaching the NCAA Division II championship title game Dec. 17 in Florence, Alabama before losing 35-21 to Pittsburgh State (Kan.). This year's Warriors include Westland natives (from left) sophomore redshirt center T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn), sophomore redshirt wide receiver Alan Freeman (Inkster) and senior defensive end Pat Cece (Livonia Franklin), who had 26 tackles and appeared in all 16 games in 2011.

**Ground game carries Warriors**

The "Three Amigos" were at it again Friday night as the backfield trio of Jacob Richter, Nick Andrzejewski and Martin Kemp each cracked the 100-yard mark in Lutheran High Westland's 34-9 football win at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

The Warriors evened their record at 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Richter, the senior quarterback, led the way with 175 yards rushing on 19 carries and was 1-of-3 passing for 10 yards. He scored on touchdown runs of 9, 6 and 6 yards.

Andrzejewski added 128 yards on 18 carries and scored on a 14-yard run, while Kemp chipped in with 125 yards on 21 carries and added a 9-yard run. The Warriors had 490

total yards, including 457 on the ground.

They ran a total of 72 plays to Oakland Christian's 27.

"We kept it simple," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said. "We were able to overpower them at the point of attack and grind away. It was a good win."

The loss drops the Lancers to 1-4 overall and 0-3 in the MIAC.

**MI spikes Cornerstone**

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

If Wednesday night's match was a used barometer, then Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham had to come away with a favorable reading.

The host Crusaders, ranked No. 17 in the latest NAIA poll, remained in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 25-21, 25-23, 27-25 victory over No. 22 Cornerstone.

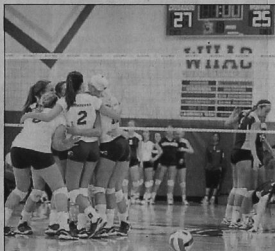
Madonna is now 17-4 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC, while Cornerstone drops to 9-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

"That's an excellent team right there, we sort took them out of their game plan little bit ... but gosh, we've been watching them on tape and usually they spread the ball and they have an awesome attack led by Abraham of the Golden Eagles. "I thought we blocked pretty good and played great defense today, and kept the pressure on them and that's what we wanted to do."

MU's balanced hitting attack was led by senior Nastija Baranovska, along with juniors Stacey Catalano and Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) — each recording nine kills.

Setter Evia Prieditis, also a junior, finished with 35 assist-to-kills. "Evia is always tough," Abraham said. "She's one of the best setters in the land. She just made real great and crisp decisions today, and set to the right people."

"And Stacey Catalano was a go-to player for



Madonna volleyball players celebrate Wednesday night after defeating Cornerstone in the third set, 27-25.

us today — actually both of our outside hitters, Stacey and Sam (Geile). But Emilie (Freeman) and Nastija (Baranovska) both controlled the middle after the start of that first set. Heck, Emilie has been sick all week and came in here and had some key attacks."

The 6-foot-3 Freeman, used exclusively on the front row, made good on 9-of-17 attack with three errors.

"I was really sick two days ago," Freeman said. "It wasn't a good day. I had to miss practice. But I knew it wasn't going to effect the game or beating yesterday."

"It's huge ... practice a team like Cornerstone, who beat us in three last year. It's a rival. We knew they beat Embury-Riddle down in Florida, so they're a good team. Coming out with a win is huge. It hypes us up and gets us amped up for the rest of the season and the rest of the WHAC conference."

Madonna's defense was keyed by Catalano and Breanna Geile with 14 and 12 digs, respectively. Sophomore Samantha Geile also finished with six kills and nine digs.

"I think we have excellent balance and two captain leaders (Prieditis and Baranovska), but the setter (Prieditis) runs the show," Abraham said. "We can attack from anywhere really and we actually can hit the ball very hard. We're a smart hitting team, too. It's good balance and experience. We have a freshman libero (Breanna Geile) right now and she's getting better each game."

Chelsea Lake paced Cornerstone with team-best eight kills and 12 digs, while setter Kim Weaver finished with 22 assists.

MU returns to WHAC action 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Concordia University.

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**Big night for Betts**

Plymouth High School senior volleyball player Madelyn Betts recently was honored before a recent Wildcats game for signing a full scholarship to play volleyball at Robert Morris University. Standing behind Madelyn (from left) are her dad Steve Betts, sister Jillian, brother Steve, mom MaryBeth and Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody.

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# Chiefs sweep Wildcats

Canton's varsity girls' volleyball team Thursday got even with campus rival Plymouth for an earlier loss this season, prevailing 3-0 in a KLA South Division matchup.

Coaches Steve Johnson and Harrie den Boer credited improved play in the blocking department, to neutralize the Wildcats' quick offense along with strong serving.

"We have changed a few parameters on setting our blocks, and dedicated some practice time on reading and timing of the block," den Boer noted.

Canton players coming up big in the victory included Erica den Boer (15 kills, nine digs), Becca Middleton (15 digs, three aces), Jordan Dierck (eight kills, five digs), Chelsea Janice (17 assists), Madison Kietly (nine assists) and Sasha Cucuz (two block assists, four kills).

Cucuz drew praise from the coaches for

making a number of unsung-type plays at the net during the match.

The Chiefs improved to 14-7-1 overall and 4-2 in the division while the Wildcats dropped to 9-3-0 and 4-2.

## Rocks fall short

In a KLA Central Division matchup, host Novi rolled to a 3-0 win Thursday over Salem, winning by 25-9, 25-17, 25-20 scores. The Rocks' record dipped to 2-5.

## Eagles triumph

Host Plymouth Christian Academy earned a 3-0 win Thursday over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, prevailing 25-19, 25-21 and 27-25. Callie Morby led the Eagles with 17 digs and five aces, with contributions from Jen Malcolm (seven kills) and Rachael Fuller (15 digs, seven kills).

## Warriors win

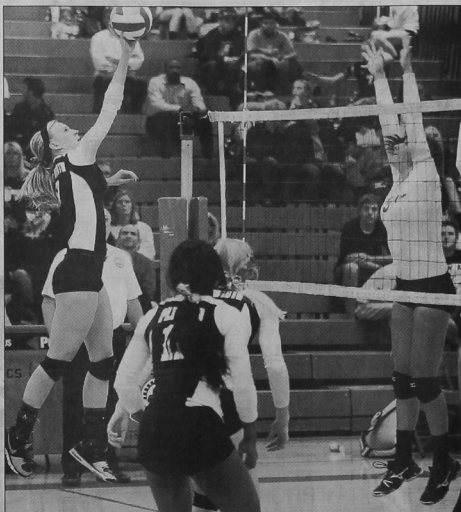
Aldreanna Fikes had 10 kills and 14 digs Tuesday as host Lutheran High West-

land downed Plymouth Christian Academy with a 25-19, 25-18, 25-19 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win.

Alissa Flury chipped in with seven kills and five blocks (three solo), while Sam Roberts added six kills as the Warriors improved to 17-11-5 overall and 2-1 in the MIAC Blue.

Julia Yancy led the defense with 16 digs, while Chandler Davenport added 10.

Setters Leah Refenes and Shannon Abbott had 15 and 11 assists, respectively. "We definitely played well tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We were able to put some pressure on PCA and that helped. We got down 8-3 in the 3rd set and were able to go on a 9-3 run to take the lead and then pull away again tied 16-16 by pushing the score to 20-16. We haven't beaten them in over 3 years so it was nice to finally get one."



Canton's Courtney Kurkie (right) keeps contact to block a spike attempt by Plymouth's Madelyn Betts (left) during Thursday night's volleyball match. In the foreground is Shayla Smalls (No. 11) of the Wildcats.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McChesney Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at [www.schoolcraft.edu/fina](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/fina).

Glen Cerny  
Vice President and CFO  
Publish: September 30, 2012

# Blazers can't stop Marlins

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Loretta Vogel takes nothing for granted when she walks into Livonia Ladywood's gym.

"Any time we come to Ladywood, we know they're definitely pumped, revved up, a lot of emotion to play us," the Farmington Hills Mercy girls volleyball coach said. "I think from the time we step in here we always emphasize to our players the importance of this game. As usual, it was that kind of setting for us."

The state-ranked Marlins, who had beaten Ladywood earlier this season, took care of business again Thursday night with a 25-20, 25-20, 25-15 win over the rival Blazers to improve to 30-6 overall and 2-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Jess Rieckhoff paced a balanced Marlins offensive attack with 14 kills.

"This is the first year she's been an attack (player) prior to this she was a defensive specialist and a libero," Vogel said of the 5-foot-9 junior outside hitter. "She's very well controlled, real smart, reads the block well, knows where to

place the ball. She had a real nice evening."

Six-foot junior middle hitter Christa Greenwood added 10 kills, while 5-10 junior opposite hitter Jenna Reinhold chipped in with seven for the Marlins.

"I think some of our attacking and choices could have been a little bit different," Vogel said. "But I thought Ladywood played a nice game and kept coming back at us, so it was well played."

Third-year senior setter Mary Dulzo was the catalyst for the Marlins finishing with 33 assist-kills. Eight different Mercy players recorded kills on the night.

"We try to move it around," Vogel said. "Our middles try and open up and one-on-one situation for everyone else. In that kind of setting, it's Mary Dulzo's job to try and find the correct person."

Ladywood, now 16-12 overall and 1-2 in the Central, got aced nine times, including four times in the first set when Mercy built a 20-14 advantage.

"They're a top serving team and we were trying out a little bit of a new serve reception pattern that we're working into a little bit more,"

Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "It was a little bit shaky and that starts out your offense. We had to get that going to earn some points."

In the second set, Ladywood fell behind 10-7, but rallied to tie it at 16-16 before Mercy went on a 6-1 run and close out the set. In the third set, the Marlins took leads of 14-7 and 19-14 before coasting home for the victory.

Meanwhile, it's been a work in progress so far this season for the Blazers.

"We're getting there," Craggs said. "We've developed some different game plans and some things we haven't done in the past, so we're starting to improve. We played them earlier in the year and this was definitely a better match for us. We're there and I think we're on the right path. We just have to keep working."

Sophomore libero Izzy Porada had a team-high 20 digs, while 5-10 senior outside hitter Allison Mallick added 18.

Olivia Quinn, a 6-foot senior, and Natalie Panek, a 5-8 freshman, led Ladywood's hitting attack with seven and six kills, respectively. Mallick contributed five.

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The Rutherfords fit the stained glass panels into the metal-work earlier this month.

## ArtPrize

### Local artists show glass, metal, painting, fabric in Grand Rapids

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Joe and Jennifer Rutherford of Plymouth hope to ride their Fantastic Carousel of Dreams to new levels of fame — and maybe even a little fortune this week.

The couple is vying — along with more than 1,500 other artists — for a portion of \$560,000 in top prizes that will be awarded at the end of this year's ArtPrize competition in Grand Rapids.

The festival consists of 1,517 entries at 161 venues throughout the city.

Visitors can vote for their favorite pieces, which will determine who receives the top prize.

Voting ends Oct. 4 and prizes are awarded on Oct. 5, but the festival continues through Sunday, Oct. 7.

At the very least, the fanciful glass and metal carousel that the Rutherfords created is turning thousands of heads while it's on display at the Courtyard by Marriott, 11 Monroe Ave., in downtown Grand Rapids.

"Even if you don't win money, good things can happen to you. A lot of serious art people go to this event. It's a good venue to let people know we're out there. It shows people what we're capable of doing," said Joe

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Jennifer and Joe Rutherford stand beneath the metal structure that forms their carousel. See the completed sculpture at ArtPrize in Grand Rapids. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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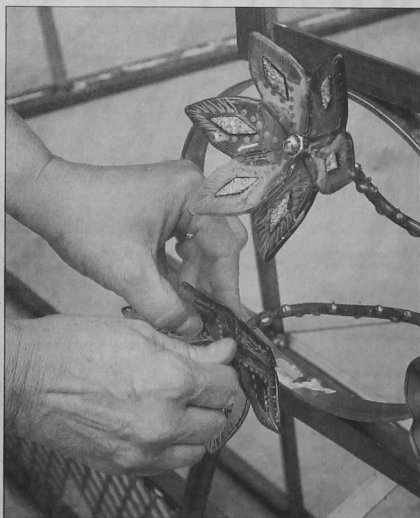
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Fitting small stained glass details to the metal framework.

## Hospital gala benefits emergency, inpatient care

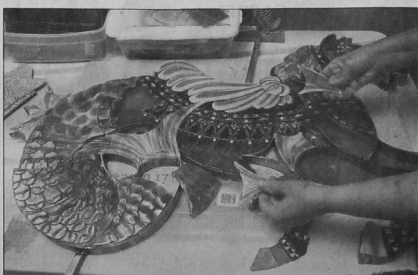
St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 20th annual Gala "Return of Hollywood Nights" is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The event will start with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception. The Gala will celebrate the glitz and glamour of Hollywood Nights and will feature a gourmet dinner, dancing, musical entertainment by the Robert Williamson Band, and special Hollywood Entertainment.

The annual black-tie preferred event will benefit the Generations Together

Campaign to enhance emergency care and inpatient services at the hospital. Emergency Physicians Medical Group, PC (EPMG) will serve as the Gala's 20th Anniversary sponsor.

Individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Guest reservations are \$125 per person. A portion of the ticket purchases are tax deductible. For tickets or sponsorship information, call the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at (734) 655-2980, or visit [stmary-mercy.org/annualgala](http://stmary-mercy.org/annualgala) for more information.



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Large fantastic glass creatures are fitted to the carousel.

## ARTISTS

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Rutherford, who created the metal framework that holds the glass animals made by his wife. "It's an enormous example of the techniques we do."

The 800-pound carousel includes eight fused glass animals. The piece is more than 10 feet tall and measures 11 feet in diameter. "It's quite a sight. We added LED rope lighting to it, much like a real carousel."

Rutherford figures he spent more than 600 hours on the metal work, alone. His wife spent nearly as many hours on the glass, he said.

The couple hopes their carousel makes ArtPrize visitors smile.

"People relate to a carousel. It's a visually cool thing," Rutherford said. "Ultimately we'd both like to have someone buy this and donate it to a children's hospital. Kids respond to it. They just go crazy."

Their Fantastic Carousel of Dreams is on exhibi-

tion 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

If you plan a trip to ArtPrize this week, check out other local artists and their works. Here's a sampling:

- Lynn Krawczyk of Plymouth combines traditional printmaking techniques with fabric and collage. Her "Remnants Collage 17" is on display at The B.O.B., 20 Monroe Ave., N.W.

- Alan Casadei of Livonia created "Quicksilver," a textured painting in acrylics. See it at Purple East, 250 Ionia St.

- Jan Walker of Plymouth created a wall hanging in felted merino and silk fibers that depicts a woman in red hanging old love letters on an outdoor clothing line. "The Washing Line" is on display at Minty Keen, 125 Ottawa NW Ste 170.

- Maria Elena Blanco of Farmington collected artifacts — both natural and man-made — from the island of Hispaniola, combining them to create 24 frames for portraits of friends. She paired the pieces with

journal entries. See her work at Pyramid Scheme, 68 Commerce SW.

- Melissa Machnee of Canton created "The Blue Raccoon" from steel with paint and fabric. It's on display at the Gerald R. Ford Federal Building US Courthouse, 110 Michigan Street NW.

- Nathan Hoste of Plymouth created a series of pictures that illustrate the effects of exposure to outer space. "Bodies in Space" is on exhibit at McFadden's Restaurant & Saloon, 58 Ionia St.

- Tony Roko of Plymouth created "Lily PLANT LIFE" with scrap metal and repurposed pallets. He painted the piece with enamels used by the auto industry. The piece, which honors the American autoworker, can be seen at The B.O.B., 20 Monroe Ave., N.W.

- Mark Minier of Plymouth created several paintings for his entry, called "All of myself 2012" for ArtPrize. See it at the Waters Building, 161 Ottawa Ave., NW. For more information about ArtPrize, visit [www.artprize.org](http://www.artprize.org).

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Dearborn resident Stephen Bunchek second from left, digs a hole to plant flowers at Claude Allison Park.

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Silent auction, chili aid MS patients

Stepping Up for MS will hold its annual fundraiser, A Chili Night in October from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

help of volunteers. Their services include planting flowers, spring holiday preparation, holiday decorating, wrapping gifts, baking, help with shopping, fall leaf raking and finding ways to beat the heat.

Arseanult, who also lives in Livonia, was diagnosed with MS 18 years ago, and is active in the organization, along with two other siblings. The chili dinner will include prize raffles, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, 6 and under.

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Laraine Larkin of Livonia founded the organization. Her sister, Amy

Ski club welcomes new members

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September

AUTHOR SPEAKS

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington, 25301 Haisted, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Jim Kenney, co-founder of Common Ground, will talk about his book, *Thriving in the Crosscurrent: Clarity and Hope in a Time of Cultural Sea Change*. \$10 per person. Free childcare is available.

**Contact:** [www.farmington.org](http://www.farmington.org); (248) 478-7272

October

BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** 1-6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37735 Palmer, Westland

**Details:** Walk ins are welcome to make an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Sponsor code ppvestland

**Contact:** (734) 722-1735

BOOK SALE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 5-6

**Location:** Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** This annual used book sale includes hardcovers for \$1 and paperbacks (for 50 cents, along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of subject matter and popular authors

**Contact:** (734) 453-5252 or Dean at (734) 455-3536

CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7

**Location:** Solanus Casey Center entrance, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

**Details:** Family Day includes an open house and guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center. St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum site, including Earthworks Urban Farm gardens. Mass also is planned at 11 a.m. in the St. Bonaventure Chapel. Free light lunch snacks will be available

**Coming up:** The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow runs 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$50 per person and include two free drink tickets, parking, desserts, coffee bar, live entertainment and dancing. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Get tickets at [www.secondhelping.org](http://www.secondhelping.org) or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 8-10

**Location:** Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Grady S. McMurty, an international speaker on creationism vs. evolution, will talk about such topics as The Complexity of the Universe; Mt. St. Helens; Why I Believe in a Young Creation; No Truth to Global Warming; and, What is Really in the Ground? The presentations are free

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High School Commons, 1062 Church, Plymouth

**Details:** New Beginnings is a support group for divorced Catholics that features guest speakers who will address topics central to the experience of divorced

Catholics. The evening will begin with a talk by Pam Haase, MS, LLC, followed by a Q&A session providing attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge

**Contact:** [newbeginningsolgo@gmail.com](mailto:newbeginningsolgo@gmail.com)

FILM SERIES

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Oct. 17

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** The film "Precious Knowledge" will screen. Admission is free. Other upcoming films are "Domestic Violence," Nov. 14, "Freedom Riders," Jan. 16, 2013, "Traces of the Trade," Feb. 20, 2013, "Economic Happiness," March 20, 2013, and "Race is the Place," April 17, 2013

**Contact:** (734) 271-0070

GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Oct. 2, 9, 15 and 23

**Location:** St. Raphael the Archangel, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City

**Details:** The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Ray Levandoski, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at [www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net) or call the St. Raphael parish office

HEALTH MANDATE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Oct. 3

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Richard Thompson, the former Oakland County prosecutor and president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Law Center of Ann Arbor, will discuss the provisions of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate and the lawsuit initiated by the Law Center against the Mandate

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 20

**Location:** St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** The Women's Guild will host this show that will

feature new items for sale. The group is seeking crafters for the show. Table rental is \$20. Homemade baked goods and raffles every half hour. Profits donated to charity

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RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 pre-sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 6

**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** Saturday everything half price. Admission free pre-sale is \$2. Admission free Friday-Saturday

**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

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**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 13

**Location:** The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Bag sale on Saturday. There will be something for everyone during the three-day sale, including a specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home decor, linens, shoes, clothing for all ages, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only

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With more than 26 bones, 33 joints and more than 100 muscles, tendons and ligaments, the human foot is quite a piece of anatomy. A lot of people take their feet for granted — until they start to hurt.

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) says that 75 percent of Americans will have some kind of foot problem during their lifetime. Some problems are caused by congenital problems or disabilities. But most come from general wear and tear as well as abuse.

Here are some common foot problems and what you can do to treat them:

### Plantar Fasciitis

This is an inflammation of the plantar fascia, the band of thick, connective tissue that runs from the heel to the toes, creating the arch of the foot. When the plantar fascia is overstretched or overused, it gets inflamed, causing pain and stiffness in the bottom of the heel and sometimes aching, or a burning sensation in the bottom of the foot.

Plantar fasciitis is one of the most common orthopedic foot complaints, and is seen in both men and women. According to the National Institutes of Health, you're more likely to get plantar fasciitis if you have foot arch problems, sudden weight gain, shoes with poor arch support or if you are involved in long distance running.

Treatments — See your health care provider. He or she may start by recommending:

- Medication and/or ice treatments to reduce inflammation

- Stretching exercises for heel and foot
- Rest
- Night splints
- Shoes with good support, shoe inserts or a heel cup

Treatment can last anywhere from several weeks to two years, although most feel better in about nine months. Sometimes, more drastic measures are called for, such as wearing a boot cast for several weeks, steroid shots, or foot surgery.

### Bunions

A bunion occurs when the joint at the base of the big toe gets enlarged due to the big toe joint being moved out of place. The toe is forced to bend toward the other toes, which causes a painful lump of bone to form on the foot. The joint itself can also become stiff and sore, making it even more difficult to wear shoes or walk.

According to the APMA, bunions are a symptom of faulty foot development and are usually caused by an inherited foot type, as well as the way people walk and the kind of shoes worn. Symptoms include redness, swelling or pain near the big toe joint, a firm bump on the outside edge of the foot at the base of the big toe, and painful or restricted motion of the big toe.

Treatments — You can relieve some of the pain by:

- Using a commercial, non-medicated bunion pad
- Wearing shoes with a wide, deep toe box
- Avoiding high-heeled shoes
- Applying ice sever-

al times a day to reduce swelling

You should visit a podiatrist if the pain persists. If left untreated, bunions can get larger and more painful. Your doctor may recommend padding and taping, anti-inflammatory drugs or cortisone injections, physical therapy or shoe inserts. Surgery to remove the bony enlargement and/or restore normal alignment may be necessary.

### Ingrown toenails

Ingrown nails are the most common nail problem. When one or both of the corners or sides of the nail curves, and grows into the flesh, it can lead to irritation, redness and swelling. Ingrown toenails can be caused by heredity, improperly trimmed nails, shoe pressure and crowding of toes, or repeated trauma to the feet from everyday activities such as running or walking.

Treatments — To relieve pain, immerse your foot in a basin of warm water or soapy water, then apply an antiseptic and bandage the affected area. However, anyone with diabetes, peripheral vascular disease or other circulatory disorders should avoid any kind of self-treatment, according to the APMA. Seek medical care as soon as possible.

If there is drainage, odor or excessive redness, you may have an infection. See a podiatrist or health care provider. For chronic problems with ingrown toenails, a podiatrist can remove a portion of the nail with a chemical,

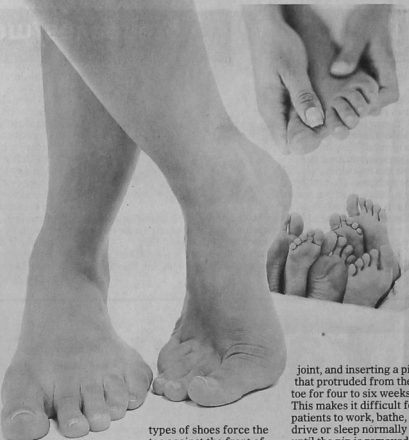
laser, or other outpatient procedure.

To prevent ingrown toenails:

- Avoid tight shoes and shoes with narrow or pointed toe boxes
- Do not rip or tear the edges of your nails
- Trim toenails by cutting them straight across. Do not dig into the corners, and only gently round off corners with a nail file.

### Hammertoes

A hammertoe is a toe that is curled because there is a bend in the middle joint of the toe. It can happen with any toe, but is most often the second toe. It's caused by an imbalance in the soft tissue, often due to shoes that are too tight or shoes with high heels. These



types of shoes force the toe against the front of the shoe, bending the toe unnaturally.

Symptoms of hammertoe can include redness and inflammation, joint stiffness, corns, calluses and open sores, and pain. If left untreated, symptoms can become worse, making it difficult to walk and wear shoes.

Treatments — Treatment options for hammertoes range from the simple to the surgical.

Non-surgical treatment options include:

- Wearing wider shoes with lower heels
  - Doing toe exercises
  - Using padding, tape or splinting
  - Taking medication for the pain
  - Using orthotics
- Until recently, surgical treatment meant partial or full removal of bone and cartilage in the

joint, and inserting a pin that protruded from the toe for four to six weeks. This makes it difficult for patients to work, bathe, drive or sleep normally until the pin is removed.

However, a new surgical option called nextra is now available.

The procedure uses a micro-implant called Nextra, designed to straighten a toe to a stable, natural position. Developed by two prominent foot and ankle surgeons, Nextra was reviewed and cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2011. With this procedure, patients can return to work and normal activities, bathe more regularly and sleep more peacefully than with traditional pins. The risk of infection and recurrence of hammertoe also is reduced significantly when bone healing occurs. Learn more about this procedure at [www.myhappypoetoes.com](http://www.myhappypoetoes.com).

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# Five steps to impact community health positively through education

Health education is a rewarding career for many. You don't have to be a doctor or a nurse to become involved. It takes persistence in accounting, research, law and administration - as well as individuals who enjoy working with people - all collaborating to improve the well-being of others.

Why care about community health? Several reasons, according to the Association of Schools of Public Health's website, "What is Public Health?, are: the importance of improving access to health care, controlling infectious disease and reducing substance abuse.

There may be no better example of a dedicated public health professional than Dr. Mine S. Seniyee, chair of the Allied Health department at Brown Mackie College - Albuquerque. She has traveled the world preparing students and health care professionals to care for underserved populations. Here, she outlines five steps to implement a successful health program.

Step one. Assess the community. Whether you want to enhance community health in a Bosnian village or an inner city neighborhood, it is

important first to understand the community as a whole. Who lives there? Where are they from? What are their current health practices? "This can't be done long distance," says Dr. Seniyee. "You can't just barge into a community and ask 'What do you eat?' You must take part in the society and let them accept you as a person."

Step two. Community organization. Collaboration with community leaders is essential to any successful health program. "It is important to identify leaders and stakeholders in the community to recruit to the team," says Dr. Seniyee. The Minnesota Department of Health suggests looking for those who are in a position of power, or have already made decisions on previous community issues, and those who actively volunteer. Collaborators from the community help you understand the inner workings of the society.

Step three. Create and implement the program. When approaching any community to help, it is important to speak in terms of what they already have, and adding to it. "Rather than telling them you want to fix something or change



the way they do things, you must communicate that you are here to enhance what they already have," Dr. Seniyee says. "Suggest what you may be lacking, and integrate a solution into a program already familiar to them."

Step four. Assess the program. An advisory group formed at the outset can be invaluable to assessing the progress of your efforts. "Keep the team involved. I always share small successes with the group - the number of patients, where they were treated. I see the grassroots community advisors as gatekeepers," she says. "They keep us on track."

Step five. Maintain the effort. Eventually others come in to carry on. They

effective in that community. "This takes a competency that many don't have. They must be chosen carefully," says Dr. Seniyee. "I find that as I get to know people of other cultures, and students who want to engage, I also get to know myself better. It is a growth process. Students teach me something every day. "All the knowledge, resources, and ideas won't help without fitting into the culture you want to improve," adds Dr. Seniyee.

Whether diversity occurs among the people staffing the program, or the people they serve, it is important to develop an understanding of others. Respect for their culture, beliefs, and ways of interacting is critical for success.

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Advertising Feature

# Volkswagen's New 'Why VW' Shows Brand Has Grown Up



By Dale Buss

Once Volkswagen executives in Germany decided a few years ago that their reach for the pinnacle of the global auto industry would require a more serious bid for the mainstream consumer in the United States, an overhaul of the brand's marketing in the U.S. was inevitable. That makeover essentially began with VW's fetching appearances in the last two Super Bowls, featuring "Little Vader" in a pre-launch ad for the new Passat and a couple of great spots for the new Beetle.

And now, VW has gone a big step further with its new campaign, called "Why VW," consisting of a new wave of TV advertising and a social-media hub that is meant to explore the borders of a brand persona in America that has always been much vaster and more inclusive than VW's relative silver of market share. The confines of five V-dubs for under \$18,000 -- an old advertising tag line that underscored VW's limited appeal to male twenty-somethings -- are gone.

"We have a lot of new products right now; we're not just a Jetta and Beetle company," Justin Osborne, general manager of marketing communications for Volkswagen of America, told me. "We're resonating with a much broader and larger base, and we have products that are aligned with consumer tastes."

Indeed, Volkswagen's new grab for an unprecedented chunk of the U.S. market has been going well so far. Sales have been increasing robustly, month after month, for a couple of years now, with VW sort of mimicking Hyundai's rise from second-

tier to main-market player in America. VW invested seriously in the effort with measures such as deciding to build cars in America for the first time in decades, designing the new Passat sedan built in Tennessee just for American tastes, making a bold bid to corner the clean-diesel market among mainstream U.S. consumers, and boosting its insufficient product quality.

Now, VW of America's marketing is taking the next step to reflect the brand's move into the center of the U.S. industry. The ad campaign has begun with "Smiles," a 30-second spot that shows no VW vehicles -- only people, of various ages and ethnicities, laughing.

"We want to intrigue people" with the ad, Osborne explained. "It's designed to pique people's interest and put us back in the forefront."

And, he said, "Smiles" typically will be a preamble to the placement of another VW ad within the same show this fall, generally either a new ad for Jetta or one for Passat.

"We've always been an optimistic, positive brand, and we want people to remember that, and then they'll see the product

spots and check us out," Osborne said. Indeed, VW has its broader brand footprint in mind with its social hub, which is designed to encourage "storytelling" about the VW brand, "values" and vehicles, and to spark social-media conversation.

"What sets 'Why VW' apart from other storytelling platforms is the integration of our own content with the real-world experiences of VW owners and fans," Kevin Mayer, vice president of U.S. marketing, said in a news release. "If someone wants to learn more about Volkswagen performance or a specific model, they will see relevant consumer stories side-by-side with information we provide."

The site presents brand content, such as information about Volkswagen products and technologies, side-by-side with select stories submitted by consumers in an unprecedented way on one integrated platform.

Content is divided in two sections: Values and Stories. The Values section contains information about Volkswagen products along with five short films featuring real Volkswagen owners. Volkswagen produced the two-minute films to educate visitors about the company's core values, including quality,



The new Passat sedan built in Tennessee just for American tastes, makes a bid to corner the clean-diesel market among mainstream U.S. consumers.

safety, value, environment and performance.

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The social effort, Osborne said, is one way for Volkswagen to do a better job of tapping into the massive sentiment about the brand that has built over the decades in America, even while the company's own evident love for the U.S. market has waxed and waned.

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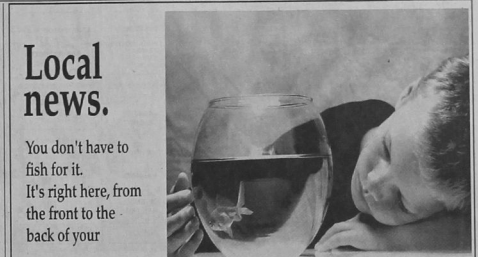
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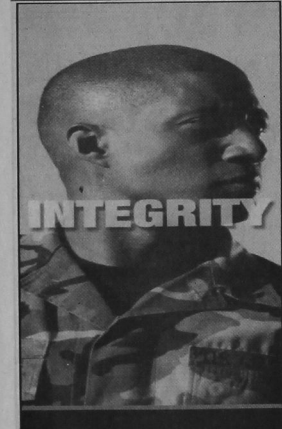
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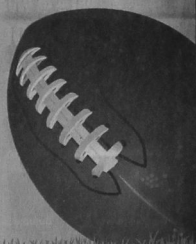
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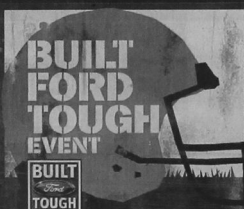
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