

# State tackles trafficking problem

Heise teams with Schuette to combat issue locally

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ing to stop the burgeoning human trafficking trade in Michigan, Heise was only too happy to help.

Heise, who co-chairs the committee with Michigan At-

torney General Bill Schuette, said the Legislature is putting together a package of bills that will empower law enforcement agencies, educate the public and put criminals on notice that Michigan won't be a party to it much longer.

"(Schuette) is active with the National Association of Attorneys General and human trafficking is one of their major initiatives," said Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican who represents the 20th

House District. "I thought, 'Let's make this our major focus for the next two years.'"

A major FBI raid in Detroit earlier this year brought the issue to the forefront and Heise said the Detroit area is a prime target for traffickers because of events like the North American International Auto Show where, he said, traffickers bring prostitutes in to "work the show," putting the word out for prospective clients via the Internet.

### Hot spot

Heise said there were at least 300 incidents of human trafficking in Michigan last year and pointed out Detroit was ranked No. 1 nationally in pimp arrests and second nationally in girls rescued.

"Unfortunately, southeast Michigan is a very active area in human trafficking and that FBI raid earlier this year

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## Colbeck ponders top job in Senate

Will seek majority leadership position if re-elected

By Matt Jachman  
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A year before voters will decide whether to send him back to the Michigan Senate, Patrick Colbeck has set his sights on the top leadership role there.

Colbeck, a freshman Republican from Canton Township who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, confirmed Friday he plans to seek the job of Senate majority leader if he is re-elected in 2014. Current majority leader Randy Richardville, R-Manroe, cannot seek re-election next year because of term limits.

Colbeck said he is already a part of Senate leadership and has shown bipartisanship in co-founding, with Rep. Jim Townsend, D-Royal Oak, a caucus of southeast Michigan legislators from both parties.

"I've got a lot of experience cooperating with folks of all kinds of ideas and persuasions," Colbeck said in a phone interview.

### Tea Party backing

The senator, elected in 2010 with strong support from Tea Party activists, will have to convince Senate colleagues he should be chosen as their leader. Colbeck has been a voice for Tea Party ideas of limited government. He recently led the Senate opposition to Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's bid to expand Medicaid to cover more uninsured people through the federal Affordable Care Act and came up with an alternative proposal.

The Senate eventually voted with Snyder, 20-18, Aug. 27 after Colbeck sat out the first vote, which prevented Lt. Gov. Brian Calley from casting a tie-breaking vote.

"I think people are looking for principled leadership, folks who say what they are doing to do and do what they say they are going to do," Colbeck said. He said he will continue to focus on representing his district and on re-election efforts and that his work should speak for itself when it comes to making his case to fellow senators next year.

"They all know I'm a man of principle and a man who's led inside our caucus," he said.

### Draft movement

Others reportedly consider-

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# Planting the seeds

Arts partnership eyes strong business plan

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer



Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, has a vision for what the old Ford factory in Canton's Cherry Hill Village could become. BILL BRUESER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ideas have been thought of, concepts have been discussed, hope has been raised.

Now officials with the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities are looking to put all of their dreams into a concrete plan they hope will turn those dreams into realities.

The partnership has begun the process of putting together a strong business plan to bring to fruition its dreams of turning the old Ford Factory in Canton's Cherry Hill Village into an arts complex. "Now the plan has to be finalized," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director. "We can't go much farther without it. We want to pull it all together so it's no longer a dream, it's a reality."

The property, built by Ford to provide jobs for veterans, includes a creamery building that used to be a dorm for those veterans, according to Engel. The 14-acre property (fewer than three are usable) and the 50,000-square-foot factory were last used by De-Sta-Co of Auburn Hills as a cylinder factory, she said.

### Huge support

"A community day" earlier this summer brought out some 100 volunteers, who helped scrub the place down, clear weeds, etc., an indication, Engel believes, that there is support for the concept in the community. "Community day was such a huge success," she said. "People keep asking when the next one is."

To keep the support going, Engel said, the partnership now has to come up with a solid business plan. It has gotten some help—a business class at Madonna University helped develop part of one, while Canton consultant Mannik & Smith Group, a consulting firm for, among other things, geo-technical engineering and environmental consulting, has

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## Central issue moves front-and-center

District must decide fate of middle school property

By Brad Kadrich  
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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has hired an architect to design its new middle school, plus already had brought in the construction manager who will oversee its building.

Now, the board and the district's administration are turning their attention fully to the next task: Deciding what to do with the building it will replace.

Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, has laid out a time line for tasks as the district tries to determine what to do with Central Middle School after it closes fol-



The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education hopes to have a decision on the fate of the Central Middle School property by January.

lowing the 2013-14 school year. The new, as-yet-unnamed middle school will be built on district-owned property at Cherry Hill and Canton Center in Canton.

The disposal of Central Middle School, located in the heart of downtown Plymouth, is now one of the biggest issues being addressed.

"The community has been served very well for more

than 100 years by that site for educational purposes," Meissen said. "It's important to make a good decision that hopefully would serve the community for that many years into the future. From that standpoint, it's a very big decision."

### Waiting on data

Meissen said the board's subcommittee on finance and

operations is in the process of collecting a variety of data, including outstanding leases connected to the property, revenue sources from current users of the property, any bond money impacts and other legalities, before the property can be sold.

The administration plans on providing a report in mid-October to the subcommittee and Meissen said the full board hopes to make a decision by January.

Through the process, he said, the board intends to be "very open, very transparent" with the community and intends to seek plenty of input from residents and stakeholders.

"The board respects what the community thinks," Meis-

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helped with the concept design.

"We're very excited," Mannik's Walter Bolt said. "The... factory site has a unique and compelling story to tell. It's a great project with local roots that is part of an even bigger national story, one that has shaped our past and will continue in the future with the context-sensitive preservation and adaptive reuse of the property."

Michigan State University students helped with some ideas for fund-raising, while a class at Eastern Michigan University is helping research the factory's history to put stories with the buildings to help potential users — and supporters — connect with it.

**Planting seeds**

Faculty and students through community

scholarship and Academic Service-Learning courses in history, arts management and performance will research and shape the oral histories of the Henry Ford industrial site," said Jessica Alexander, director of the Office of Academic Service-Learning at EMU. "Once developed, students will look to bringing these oral histories to life through personal narrative performance."

In the meantime, Engel has been meeting with anyone who will listen about the complex, including businesses which might support the project and artists' groups who might want to be part of it.

The concept is for the dormitory building to be used as an art therapy center for veterans and use the other buildings for performance space, studios, galleries and perhaps even an educational satellite for one of the local universities. There's also acreage available for walking

paths, while part of the property could end up being used to provide more spaces for the parking-challenged Cherry Hill Village area as a whole.

Mannik & Smith officials are preparing a survey to get the public's input as to what they'd like to see such a center contain.

"We don't want to miss anything," Engel said. "We've shared the concept plan with a lot of people because we want to get input. We've been planting seeds to let people know what we're doing."

The regional prospects for what the center could become are intriguing to partnership officials. Doug Mans, one of the owners of Mans Lumber in Canton and the president of the partnership board, said he has a friend at the University of Michigan who told him the partnership should "think big."

"This is a regional thing," Mans said. "You can't just think, 'This is Canton.' It's much bigger than that."

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A branch of the lower Rouge River passes under the building. Local legend says that one time there was a water wheel to power the mill. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The dormitory housed from 18 to 22 men. Ford provided rehabilitation and job training for wounded World War II veterans. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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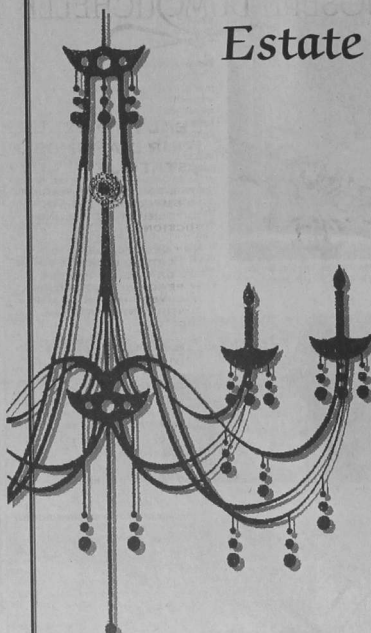
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# Former Central student remembered as 'good kid'

By Brad Kadrich  
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Kenis Green is being remembered this week as a fun-loving young man who worked hard in school as friends and family mourn his death.

Green, a 12-year-old former Central Middle School student, was killed last weekend in a drive-by shooting at the family's home in Detroit. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged a 33-year-old Detroit man in connection with the murder.

Alex Nichols remembered Green from the year they spent as sixth-graders at Central Middle School.

"He was very polite and he was a really funny kid," Alex said. "He really liked to play sports."

According to various reports, Green's mother, Sun-searise Hall, said family mem-



Green

bers were outside the home celebrating an uncle's birthday. A van drove by and Hall called to her boyfriend Gregory Owens, who urged kids to go into the home. But at that moment, witnesses said, the driver began spraying bullets along the front porch. Owens was hit in the stomach and Green was hit in the head and killed.

Worthy has charged Alvin Demetrius Conwell, 33, with first-degree premeditated murder, two counts of assault with intent to murder and

felony firearm. He was Thursday in 36th District Court.

Hall told WJBK-TV (Channel 2) she was glad police had made an arrest, but it wasn't going to help much.

"It's unreal ... I'm devastated," she said. "It doesn't bring my son back, but I'm happy they caught (Conwell)."

Green's death left his former school family shaken. Central Middle School Principal Anthony Ruella remembered Green's time at Central fondly.

"He was with us for the sixth grade ... He was a good kid and he worked hard," Ruella said.

"It's a shame we didn't get to know him better. It's sad, it's absolutely sad."

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sen said. "The idea is to be very open, very transparent and follow a decision-making model where the board has an opportunity to do their homework, develop some ideas and then talk with the public about it."

The public is bound to have a variety of opinions. Many of them have already voiced those opinions at board meetings since the announcement of the closing of Central. Groups like the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, who use the pool at Central, and the Miracle League of Plymouth, which built a baseball field for special-needs kids adjacent to Central, obviously both have a stake in what the board decides.

### Affecting families

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers football program, for instance, uses the Central Middle School football field for practice (it plays home games on the varsity field). According to Steelers vice president Christopher Voss, the Steelers have often paid for improvements to

the field, including spending some \$60,000 in cash and trade one year for projects such as installation of a sidewalk.

Between football players and cheerleaders, the Steelers serve some 180 families and act as a feeder program to both the high school football and cheer programs.

"If you get rid of (Central), you're going to take it away from 180 families," Voss told the school board recently. "I don't know where we would go. That would be a shame."

Board Vice President Judy Mardigian has heard those words before and she agrees the board values the public's input. But she echoed Meissen's contention that legal issues and other encumbrances on the land and building have to be sorted out before any decision can be made.

"I think (Meissen's) time line is aggressive, but reachable ... it's a good one," Mardigian said. "It will include community input. We have a good plan, but we just have to work through it and see how it all shakes out."

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## COLBECK

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ing bids to succeed Richardville are Sens. Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, the majority floor leader, Mike Kowall, R-White Lake Township, and John Proos, R-St. Joseph.

Colbeck brushed off the movement among some Tea Party activists, pleased with his opposition to expanding Medicaid, to draft him to challenge Snyder next year. A bid for governor, he said, would take more resources than he could muster and "is not in my wheelhouse" for 2014, he said. "I can't imagine doing that at this point in the game," Colbeck said.

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## Trial for man in attempted murder case pushed back

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The man accused of attempting to kill a Canton man earlier this year in Livonia will not face a jury trial until later this month.

Gregory Ely, 21, of Livonia is set to go before a jury at 9 a.m. Sept. 23 in Judge Dana Hathaway's courtroom at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. He is charged with several felonies, including assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm.

The trial was scheduled to begin Monday, but was adjourned Fri-

day and pushed back by Hathaway.

The charges stem from an incident that took place May 28 in the 19300 block of St. Francis. Police say Ely shot the victim using a pistol near a home on the street in a conflict over a relationship with a woman. The victim, a Canton resident, was taken to the hospital for non life-threatening injuries. He was released a few days later.

Ely was bound over to circuit court after he waived his preliminary examination June 6 before 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann. If convicted, Ely faces up to life in prison.



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## LOCAL BOY SCOUT EXPERIENCES BIG THRILLS AT NATIONAL JAMBOREE

By Taylor Ufford  
Correspondent

A lot of kids complain about being bored over the summer but, for two weeks this summer, I had no problem with that.

All together, there were approximately 350 Scouts from the Great Lakes Council, with a final destination of the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree. Held once every four years, the national jamboree is a chance to camp out with old friends, meet new friends, try high-adventure activities, learn new skills and enjoy the outdoors.

Along the way, we spent a few days touring Washington, D.C., and the national landmarks that surround it. We slept on the gym floor at Andrews Air Force Base. My troop had decided to tour a Smithsonian Museum before lunch and then go on our scheduled tour of the Capitol Building shortly after. On our tour, we saw both of the statues one of President Gerald R. Ford and the other of Lewis Cass.

The big day was finally here. Our year of preparation for Jamboree was going to pay off. It was the day for 40,000 Scouts to arrive at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and set up their troop campsites.

It was hot, dusty and nearly unbearable waiting in line with hundreds of four buses snaked around one pavilion. At our campsite, we found three pods that contained all of the tents, cots, pots, pans and grills that we would need over the next



Taylor Ufford tried mountain biking for the first time during the National Jamboree.

10 days. It was a long and arduous process setting up and staking 24 tents with only two mallets.

The next day, we set out for one of the most popular activities at Jamboree: patch trading. It may not sound like much, but the people you meet and things you can trade for are pretty exciting. Each local council designs a set of Jamboree patches. The Great Lakes Council patch set featured the designs of best-selling cars and trucks from each of the Big Three automakers. I got two sets before I left home — one to keep and one to trade.

When I was patch trading, I met scouts from Colorado, Texas, Hawaii, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Australia. Throughout the rest of

the day, my friends and I explored the Scott Summit Center and headed back to camp for dinner. My patrol's job was cleanup, which made the carbon-seasoned beef stew that much worse. Somehow, I found the necessary sustenance (just ate dessert).

The next morning, I had to leave camp at 5 a.m., an hour earlier than most of my troop, because my scheduled activity was over three miles away at the mountain biking course. When I got there, at least 100 Scouts and leaders were already lined up in front of me.

Shortly after they opened the gates, we all rushed through, only to be quickly halted to receive our mandatory safety briefing. Since I

had no experience in the sport of downhill mountain biking, I decided to give it a try. I got suited up with a full face helmet, elbow pads, knee pads and gloves. I quickly passed the qualifying tests and gained access to conquer Mayhem Mountain and its 47 miles

of wild trails.

After more than an hour of pedaling and sweating in 90-degree temperatures to get to the top of the mountain, the real fun began: 15 minutes downhill at break-neck speed. What took me an hour to climb took only 15 minutes to descend.

Other days were filled with hiking, shooting at the range and more mountain biking. There's not enough time to describe all of the fun adventures. Over 10 days, there were exhibits, stadium shows with entertainment (Mike Rowe from *Dirty Jobs* came to talk with us), opportunities to work on merit badges, whitewater rafting, climbing, zip lines, SCUBA diving and much, much more — there was something for everybody.

Some 40,000 Scouts, volunteers and staff from all over the country gathered together for one big celebration of Scouting. Held once every four years, the National Jamboree is a chance to camp out with friends, meet new

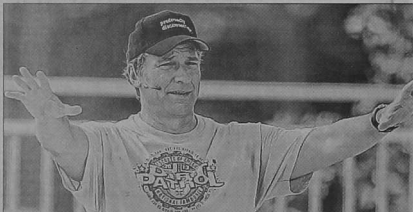


During patch trading, Taylor Ufford said he met Scouts from places like Colorado, Texas, Hawaii, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Australia.

friends, try high-adventure activities, learn new skills and enjoy the outdoors.

There's a World Jamboree in Japan coming in 2015. If World Jamboree is even half the fun of National Jamboree, I'm really hoping I can go.

Taylor Ufford is an eighth-grader at East Middle School. The Plymouth resident is a member of Troop 1537 at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.



Mike Rowe of the television show "Dirty Jobs" was a guest speaker during Jamboree.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**WSDP euchre tournament**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 28, 6-10 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth  
**Details:** WSDP Alumni and 88.1 The Park will host the second annual 88.1 The Park Euchre Classic, with registration at 6 p.m. and the first deal at 7 p.m. The tournament is a fundraiser for WSDP. The student radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. There will be cash prizes for the top 10 percent of the field. Registration is \$20.00 to Sept. 23 and \$25 at the door. There will also be pizza, snacks and a cash bar. A \$100 Speedway game card will be used as a door prize. The tournament is open to anyone 21 and older.  
**Contact:** More information is available at 248-973-7382 or wsdpeuchre@gmail.com.

**Chieftess variety show**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School  
**Details:** The annual Canton Chieftess Variety Show celebrates 40 years of pom history at Canton High School with "A Black Tie Affair." The variety show features the Canton variety and JV award-winning pom teams, as well as musical and dance acts from the community at large. It's a fun show for the whole family in celebration of the 40th anniversary. All Canton Chieftess alumnae and coaches are invited to be honored at the event. Admission is \$10 per person; tickets are available from any Chieftess on the Chieftess website (www.cantonchieftess.com).  
**Contact:** Visit www.cantonchieftess.com for more information.

**Heise hours**

**Date/Times/Locations:** Monday, Sept. 9, 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Corey Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main  
**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.  
**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll-free 1-855-REP-KURT or email kurt-heise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

**Blood drives**

**Date/Times/Locations:**  
 ► Monday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., City Hall, 201 S. Main in Plymouth  
 ► Tuesday, Sept. 10, noon to 4:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton  
 ► Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth  
 ► Monday, Sept. 30, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton  
**Details:** The American Red Cross is sponsoring blood drives at the above times and locations. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** Diane Risko to make an appointment at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or call 313-549-7052.

**Price hours**

**Date/Times:** Monday, Sept. 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Plymouth District Library) and 1:30-3 p.m. (Canton Public Library).  
**Locations:** Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main; the Canton Public Library is



**Pom clinic**

The Canton Chieftesses are hosting a Pom Pon Clinic Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9-11:30 a.m., at Canton High School's North Building (Phase 3). Campers will work with the Canton variety pom team and learn pom techniques and a short dance routine. Campers get a chance to showcase their new talent at a parent performance at the end of the clinic and also a football game half-time show. The clinic is open to children ages 5 to 14 years. Cost is \$35 per participant and includes T-shirt, snacks, drink and performance in football game half-time show. Registration forms and further information at www.cantonchieftess.com. Register by Saturday, September 21 to get \$5 off. Family discounts are also available.

located at 1200 S. Canton Center.

**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-District 10, has announced his district office hours to be conducted from now through the end of the year. In addition to Monday's meetings, Price will be at the Plymouth library Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9; he'll be at the Canton library Nov. 11. "All of these meetings possess a wonderful opportunity to meet with my constituents and listen to their concerns," Price said. "I have been honored to conduct these sessions previously and look forward to listening to

different issues affecting our residents in both Plymouth and Canton. The participation by my constituents is always greatly appreciated."

**Contact:** For more information, contact Michael Mitchell, staff aide to Price, at 313-224-0882.

**Calling all crafters**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

**Contact:** Call or email Debbie at 734-451-5252 or 734-740-1648 or email debcorrellin@comcast.net

**Medicare/Medicaid counseling**

**Date/Time:** Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center

Road, Suite 250, Canton  
**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help clients understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse and explore long-term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.  
**Contact:** Call 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmappinc.org/pages/about.html

**Vendors wanted**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 9  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Northville  
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**Support group**

**Date/Time:** Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36560 Cherry Hill, Westland  
**Details:** Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.  
**Contact:** For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at [prettymonarch@comcast.net](mailto:prettymonarch@comcast.net).

**Bipolar support**

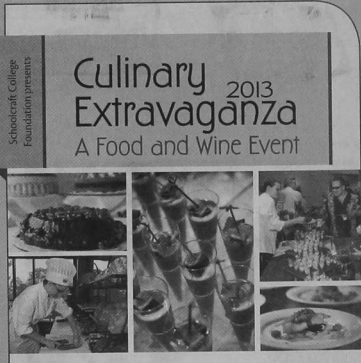
**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth  
**Details:** The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorder. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.  
**Contact:** Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

**Hospice support**

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.  
**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email [annchristensen@chcnet.net](mailto:annchristensen@chcnet.net).

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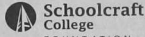
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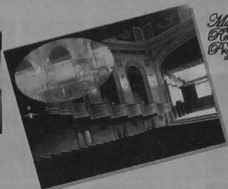
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# W-W history teacher wins awards

Project involving World War II veterans honored by state

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

A lot has happened since May 2012 when Michele Anderson received a Michigan Humanities Council grant to fund a veterans oral history project at John Glenn High School.

Over the course of the 2012-13 school year, Anderson, a history teacher, and students in her U.S. History and American War classes interviewed 18 World War II veterans, defense workers and their families and capped off the project with a USO style dance.

In the process, Anderson was selected as the VFW District 4 Teacher of Year, and recently received the Gov. John B. Swainson Award from the Michigan Historical Commission for outstanding contributions to preserving Michigan's history.

"I've been asked why I did it and I tell people it needed to be done and it was fun," Anderson said. "I had students tell me they wanted to take their veterans home with them. I had students arguing over who had more pictures of themselves with the veterans. What a fantastic thing to have them argue about."

### Preserving history

Anderson was one of three people receiving the Swainson Award, established in 1996 to honor the governor, legislator and Supreme Court justice who headed the Michigan Historical Commission for many years. The award is given to state, county or municipal employees who have gone above and beyond their official job duties to help preserve Michigan's history.



Dottie Witt (right) strikes a pose with history teacher Michele Anderson at the USO dance in May. A Korean War veteran, Witt is already on the list to be interviewed for this year's oral history project.

In honoring her, the commission said Anderson recognized the importance of preserving the stories of World War II veterans and defense workers, and that those stories would have the greatest impact told in their own voices.

The commission noted that "the lessons she developed for her students went beyond traditional teaching methods and opened her students' eyes to the contributions and sacrifices made by the 'Greatest Generation.' In addition to the grant, Anderson spent many personal hours promoting the oral history project, conducting interviews and documenting the contents of the interviews."

"The lessons will not be limited to her students, however, since they will also be preserved in local museums and the Library of Congress," the commission noted.

"It was quite awesome," Anderson said. "As a teacher, I wasn't sure they would think what I did went outside my job description. I wasn't sure I met the guidelines. It's nice to know it was appreciated."

But the accolades don't end there. Next month, she will receive the 2013 Annette and Jim McConnell History Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching History from the Michigan Council for History Education.

"That one was a surprise," said Anderson who was nominated for the award by David Hales, who handles social studies for Wayne County RESA.

### A new project

Anderson isn't resting on her laurels. She's already preparing to do an oral history project and dance for Korean War veterans and defense workers this school year. If it goes well, she will do projects with Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

Because of the USO Dance in May, Anderson wasn't able to close out the grant in time to apply for a new one, so the Korean project "is on us."

"I had a feeling I would do a Korean project," she said. "This will be totally funded through donations."

Anderson already has a few veterans for her students to interview. At this year's dance, she had veterans sign in and indicate if they would be interested in being interviewed. But, as with last year, she's looking for more.

Korean War veterans interested in being a part of the project can call John Glenn High School at 734-418-2300 and leave a message including their name and phone number for Anderson.

"If all goes well and the community continues to support the dance, I'll look at doing it another five years to talk to other veterans," she said. "This is probably the last generation that will be able to say I spoke to those veterans."

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Area seniors are being encouraged to attend the Canton Senior Center's AARP Driver Safety Program, whose curriculum has been recognized as the nation's first and largest classroom refresher course for motorists age 50 and older.

This three-part series of classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 24-25, and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Participants must attend all three classes in order to receive course certificate.

The AARP Driver Safety Program was developed in 1979 and is a driver refresher course especially designed to meet the needs of older drivers. This program covers such issues as age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, defensive driving techniques, local driving problems, license renewal requirements, and much more. In addition, participants will receive an update on the current rules of the road and will discuss when it may be time to stop driving.

"This course benefits our entire community, not just the participating senior," said Senior Specialist Susan Doughty. "With more and more vehicles on Michigan roads each year, it helps even the most experienced driver to periodically refresh their driving habits to ensure the driver's own safety and that of others on the road."

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## Driver faces two charges following hit-and-run crash

A woman was ticketed for leaving the scene of an injury accident and driving with a suspended license Thursday after a two-car crash at Main Street and Joy Road in Plymouth Township.

Both drivers in the crash, both women and Canton Township residents, suffered minor injuries, but didn't require hospitalization, police said. There were no passengers in either car. Plymouth Township Lt. Cal Lauria said the crash occurred when a woman driving a new Ford Taurus south on Main failed to brake for a red light at Joy Road and rear-ended a Chevrolet

Malibu. The Malibu's driver was stopped and waiting for the light to change. Lauria said, the Taurus was traveling at an estimated 40 mph.

The Taurus headed south into Canton after the crash, a witness reported, and police found the Taurus on the side of Canton Center Road, just south of Joy, with the driver walking nearby.

"She had just walked away from the vehicle," Lauria said. Though the Taurus had traveled a short distance south, neither vehicle was operable after the crash, Lauria said.

—By Matt Jachman

## W-W board seeks student achievement

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

A year ago, Wayne-Westland school officials were talking about a customer service plan, now they're talking about the implementation of that plan.

Getting the staff and administrators trained and implementing the program is one of two goals the school board has set for Superintendent Greg Baracy and getting that same training is one the board set for itself.

"If his's training to be had, shouldn't you be among the first group to take it," said Scott Morrell, a facilitator with the Michigan Association of School Boards. "Take the training and then write your engagement plan. Do what you expect everyone else to do. Set the bar and say this is what we're going to do."

The school board spent three hours coming up with goals for the 2013-2014 school year. In addition to implementation of the customer service plan, the board has set a goal of continuing to improve student achievement for Baracy.

"My goal is to bring a level of increased achievement to every

child," Baracy told the board. "A superintendent should produce categorical improvement in a majority of the areas. I want to do the very best I can to improve student achievement."

### Evaluation tool

The goals represent a portion of what the board will use in conducting Baracy's annual evaluation. Each goal has a numerical scale ranging from one point for ineffective to four points for highly effective.

They also agreed that growth would be measured by meeting at least 13 of 18 areas of the state's MEAP tests. It also stripped the word some out of the descriptions for each rating so that the emphasis is on growth not some growth.

Local and state data for elementary, upper elementary, middle and high schools will be used to determine indications of student growth and achievement.

"I don't know why we can't set the bar and reach for it," Trustee Sally Madison said. "Why is everyone afraid to say we're going to meet that standard? Let's set the bar and the expectations for our students. I don't see us as effective

if we're not meeting what we did last year."

### Customer service

Baracy also wants to implement the customer service plan he was charged with developing last year throughout the district by the end of the current school year. Training will be done in each building and a facilitator will work with the staffs to develop their own plans.

In being evaluated on the goal, he will have to show that the plan has been implemented and produce documentation of individual engagement plans. However, Morrell noted that the customer service plan may need a third year to reinforce what is rolled out this year.

The school board also agreed to finalize and adopt its succession plan policies and make changes to its procedures by Dec. 1. Baracy will be retiring in 2015, and the board has been working on policies and procedures to handle the hiring, whether due to retirement or an emergency.

"The selection of a new superintendent has to be a consensus, it can't be a 4-3 vote," Morrell said.

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# Botsford surgeon uses robotic technology for hysterectomy

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

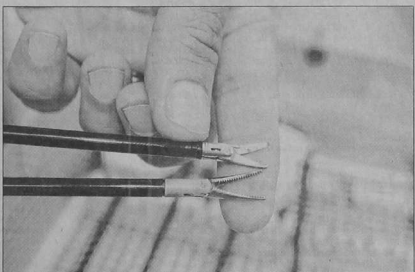
A Botsford Hospital physician recently became Michigan's first in his field of expertise to lead a surgical team in performing a hysterectomy using robotic technology and just one small incision in the navel—dramatically reducing blood loss during surgery, post-operative pain and recovery time.

Dr. Burton S. Brodsky, skilled in a variety of robotic-aided surgeries since 2007, began offering the single-site da Vinci hysterectomy a few weeks ago to patients with benign conditions that warrant removal of the uterus.

"Robotic-assisted surgery and single-incision surgery aren't new, but combining the two to remove the uterus is a safe and virtually scarless option for patients," Brodsky said.

## First in Michigan

While certain gynecological cancers have a better treatment with the single-site hysterectomy, Brodsky and his team were the first in the state to use the procedure for non-malignant conditions



As shown here, the da Vinci single-incision surgical instruments are shorter than the width of Dr. Burton Brodsky's index finger.

Christina Shollack, a registered nurse from Canton, was the first to undergo the procedure by Brodsky and his team. For years, she suffered from significant pelvic pain.

"I was in agony for 20 days every month," Shollack said.

Initially, Brodsky wasn't sure if Shollack was a candidate for the single-site robotic-aided surgery, due to three

prior C-sections, plus other abdominal surgeries to remove her gall bladder and appendix. Fortunately for her, Brodsky determined she could, indeed, undergo the new procedure.

"I got to go home within 24 hours of my surgery," Shollack said, adding that Brodsky and his team at Botsford "performed perfectly."

The surgical team included Botsford Hospital obstetrics-gynecology residents Drs. Rachel Kaplan and Sweta Mehta, as well as registered nurse Michelle Jaskiewicz and surgical tech-

nologists Janet Trobaugh and Patrick Mayowski. A traditional hysterectomy typically requires a hospital stay of three to four days, Brodsky said. Yet with the single-site da Vinci procedure, 60-70

percent of patients go home the same day of surgery—and are back to full activity so much sooner than the six weeks they would otherwise need for recovery.

"That's the biggest thing for patients—to get back to normal activities as soon as possible," he said.

And average blood loss during surgery is

reduced by up to 90 percent, he added.

## Three-dimensional

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For a surgeon, Brodsky said, the procedure offers "better vision, better control, better accuracy and a smaller incision," leading to fewer complications and "a happier, more content patient."

"It just all makes sense," he said.

Brodsky said he feels "beyond honored" to be trailblazing with the single-site "for being exceptionally well-trained and prepared for our first patient using this new surgical technology."

"This is a perfect example of the great strides Botsford has made in becoming a multidisciplinary robotic surgical center," he said.



Botsford Hospital obstetrician-gynecologist Dr. Burton Brodsky is pictured here with the da Vinci single-incision HD surgical robot.

"Robotic-assisted surgery and single-incision surgery aren't new, but combining the two to remove the uterus is a safe and virtually scarless option for patients."

DR. BURTON S. BRODSKY  
Botsford Hospital physician

### PUBLIC HEARING CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2014 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Purple Room. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48186-1000. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis  
Library Director

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## Arthritis Today

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## HAND PAIN

When hands hurt, the first thought is that arthritis has set in. If the fingers are swollen, if the hands are stiff in the morning and it takes over an hour before it is possible to button a shirt, brush hair, or pour a cup of coffee, then arthritis is the likely diagnosis. It is the responsibility of the doctor to take a history, perform an examination and take appropriate x-ray and laboratory studies and on the basis of the results of the total evaluation, provide a diagnosis. Commonly the cause is osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis, rarely it is gout.

However, there are conditions involving the hands' nerve endings that on first look are mistaken for arthritis. In these nerve ending conditions, the hands feel swollen, even though to an onlooker the fingers look fine. Hand pain is present day and night, often being worse in the early hours of the morning. The hand pain is not so much a pain as a burning, tingling sensation, or the fingers feel like a buzz is running through them. All the fingers are involved as are both hands.

The features of having all fingers involved helps distinguish nerve ending pain from carpal tunnel syndrome in which only the thumb, 2nd and 3rd fingers are involved. Doctors can distinguish nerve ending pain from a pinched nerve in the neck because a pinched nerve will give discomfort in a line from the shoulder to finger.

Distinguishing nerve ending pain from arthritis is important as treatment for each condition is distinct. Nerve ending pain often responds to medications such as Lidocaine or Neurontin. Arthritis needs anti-inflammatory medications such as aspirin or methotrexate.

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Farmington Hills Department of Public Works employee Rachelle Shiveley served as a judge for one of the tests. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

# Drivers battle it out in 'SNOW PLOW ROADEO'

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Imagine driving a 60,000-pound snowplow truck just close enough to clear the roads without nicking cars parked on that road. Or how about driving one of the five-yard snowplows in reverse in a perfect figure eight?

If it sounds tough, it is. But there's a group of men and women in Oakland and Wayne counties who can back up those familiar large winter trucks to within six inches of a wall and drive them in narrow tracks to keep everyone safe.

Drivers — from area community departments of public works and road services — tested their expertise and their mettle in complicated courses at the Metro Detroit American Public Works Association's Snow Plow Rodeo Thursday morning at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Bloomfield Township provided the snow plow trucks for the competition.

## The winners

By the close of the competition, Rochester Hills took first prize with employees Vince Jesue and Jared Bauman.

Farmington Hills — Department of Public Works employees Don Droelle and Chris Peterson — came in second and third place was nabbed by Bloomfield Township with employees Jeff Krauskopf and Jon Grigsby.

Rochester Hills will now go to a statewide APWA competition Oct. 5 in Kentwood, near Grand Rapids. The state winner then heads to a national competition.

"They are tested on the accuracy in which they can drive through narrow areas," said Gary Mekjian, an APWA member and director of Farmington Hills Public Services. "From the cab, you can't see where the blade is down by the road."

The course in a parking lot at The Palace provided a number of tests. One of the tests was zig-zagging around

orange construction barrels — simulating autos parked on a street. The real zinger was not only avoiding the barrels, but driving close enough so the blade cleared the snow.

Another test was driving through narrow rows of tennis balls — without squishing the balls. The serpentine test required driving around barrels that forced a figure-eight course and the clincher was driving in reverse through the same course.

And finally drivers were put through a longer course that included driving a straight line through obstacles — orange cones — managing an outside curve and passing through a narrow passage to simulate an alley.

By mid-morning, only one of eight teams that had competed had a perfect score.

"With the inside curb course, they have to get the rear tire as close to the cone without touching the cone," Daren Collins of Farmington Hills said. "These people are the best of the best."

## Plenty of experience

Employees from the participating municipalities served as judges, including Rachelle Shiveley of the Farmington Hills DPW and DPW Superintendent Kevin McCarthy.

The teams arrived at the metro competition with plenty of experience. Typically, each department has its own

competition, with the winners chosen to participate in Thursday's competition in Auburn Hills, Mekjian said.

While 20 teams were scheduled to attend, several were unable to make it at the last minute, including Livonia, Farmington and Southfield. Michigan Department of Transportation, the road commissions from Wayne and Oakland counties and Novi also competed, among other communities and agencies.

"The competition is good for the drivers," said Duane Poole, road foreman for Bloomfield Township. "It helps them get ready for winter. It is good for their morale."

The competition actually begins with a written test that addresses safety, for example, "That is part of the final score," Poole said.

In the past, Farmington Hills took first place in 2004 and 2011, while Southfield took the grand prize in 2005. Public services and public works departments all over the state have similar competitions leading up to the October state contest, said Jeannetta Miller of Auburn Hills, who organizes much of the metro competition.

"It's a lot of paperwork. But it is fun," she said. "The drivers have to be very skilled for their own safety and residents' safety."

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Municipal employees served as judges at Thursday's Snow Plow Rodeo. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI



If the snow plow trucks hit the construction cones on the course, teams lose points. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI



Oops. It's not easy to see from the cab of a snow plow truck. Municipal snow plow drivers competed Thursday in the Metro Detroit American Public Works Association's Snow Plow Rodeo. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

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# State news, college sports coverage added to lineup

If you are anything like me, you are probably a bit bleary-eyed this morning after staying up late to watch the University of Michigan take on Notre Dame last night.

This column was written before the game, so I have no idea who won, but I do want our readers to know that they can now find coverage of college football on our website, Hometownlife.com.

Local news is what we do, but it isn't all we offer online. Thanks to a new partnership, Gannett Michigan, we are pleased to announce that coverage of state news and college sports has been added to our online content.

Dedicated readers already turn to us for the best prep sports coverage in Michigan and adding college sports is a natural extension of what we already do. Readers can now find out everything they need to know before and after all the big games.



Larry Ruchlen

We also added a state news section so our readers can keep tabs on what is going on in Lansing. If there is an issue with statewide implications, you'll now be able to read about it on Hometownlife.com.

People are busier than ever these days. Between working extended hours, fighting traffic and running a household, there just isn't as much time to devote to staying current.

Some people devour news, while others nibble. While one reader may live and breathe local politics, the next may turn first to sports, features or public safety news.

That's why extending offerings into college sports and state news makes so much sense. So the next time you are

reading us online, scroll a bit lower down the site for college sports and news from around the state.

I'd also like to invite our readers to get more involved with O&E Media. If you know of an interesting person or new business in town, drop me a line and I'll share your story idea with our news team. If there is an issue brewing in your town, give me a call and I'll make sure it gets the attention it deserves. And last, but certainly not least, if you haven't already checked out our Facebook page, it is a great way to keep up with breaking news and win tickets to games and concerts. To join in the conversation on Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com/OEHometown](http://www.facebook.com/OEHometown).

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## Canton among DSO concert spots

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra announced its program schedule for the third season of its Neighborhood Concert Series.

Along with the addition of a new Canton location at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, every neighborhood subscription now includes free access to Neighborhood Chamber Recitals, announced throughout the season.

A general admission, four-concert subscription to each neighborhood venue is \$100 and can be purchased in-person at the Max M. Fisher Music Center Box Office (371 Woodward Ave., Detroit) or by calling 313-576-5111. Some venues are nearly

sold out on subscription alone.

The season features repertoire from select Orchestra Hall concerts, as well as selections prepared especially for the neighborhoods.

Neighborhood audiences will see both Music Director Leonard Slatkin and Assistant Conductor Teddy Abrams on the podium, new Principal Trumpet Hunter Eberly performing the Tele-mann Trumpet Concerto, and Concertmaster Yoonshin Song featured in Bach's Concerto for Two Violins.

Canton's DSO concert series takes place at 8 p.m. each Friday at the Village Theater at Cher-

ry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

The schedule:

- Jan. 17 – Mozart and Bach
- March 14 – Copland's Clarinet Concerto
- May 9 – Mozart and Haydn
- June 29 – Teddy Conducts! featuring conductor Teddy Abrams

Individual tickets will be \$25 and will go on sale Nov. 4. Performances are scheduled beginning Dec. 15 through July 19.

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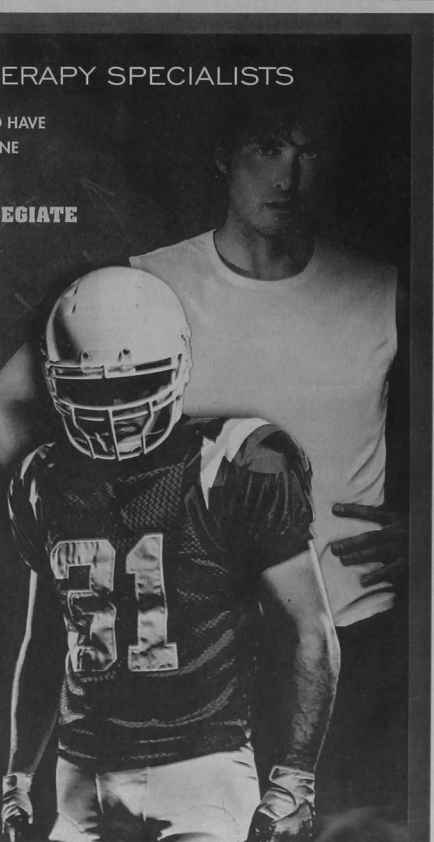
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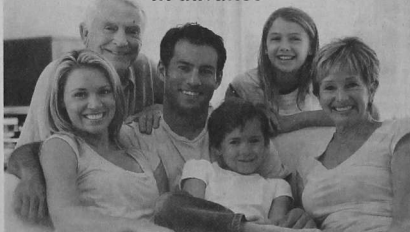
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## Divorced man needs own attorney



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**Q: Dear Rick:** Eight years ago, I got divorced. At the time, we were able to work out everything amicably and because of that I did not have my own attorney. The attorney for my wife handled everything. In the divorce settlement, in addition to some other things, she got the house, which was fine with me. The only caveat is that she was responsible for the mortgage. Last year, I received notice that the loan was in default and the property would be foreclosed. I ignored the notice because my ex-wife was responsible for the mortgage. Recently, I received notice that the bank has foreclosed on the property and it is holding me responsible for the mortgage. I notified the bank of my divorce and it doesn't seem to care. Is there any way that the bank can hold me responsible? Do I need an attorney?

**A:** I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but unfortunately you do have responsibility. There are two separate transactions. The first is the mortgage, which was between you, your ex-wife and the bank. Under the terms of that agreement, you and your ex are each fully responsible for the mortgage. In case of foreclosure, the bank is free to go after either one of you or both

of you for the full amount of the debt.

Your divorce did not alter the terms of that transaction. After all, even after the divorce, your name still appeared on the mortgage. The other transaction is the divorce, which is between you and your ex. The bank is not a party to that agreement. The fact that the agreement calls for her to be responsible for the mortgage only affects you and her—it does not impact the bank's rights. Therefore, the bank is within its right to seek restitution from you.

Just because the bank is coming after you does not mean that you don't have a course of action. You do have an action against your ex-spouse. You can bring litigation against her seeking payment. After all, she is contractually obligated between the two of you to pay off the mortgage and she has liability to you. Of course, if she has no resources, there is very little that you can do.

Consult an attorney about bringing a course of action against your ex-spouse. The attorney also may be able to negotiate with the bank; not necessarily to relieve you of 100 percent of the

liability, but to potentially try to reduce what you owe. It makes sense for you to consult an attorney.

I recognize that in order to reduce the cost of divorce, it's not unusual for parties to use the same attorney. Unfortunately, in many situations, this is a mistake. Technically, attorneys don't represent both sides in a divorce; they only represent one side.

I believe because divorces by nature is adversarial, it does pay for each side to have his/her own attorney, to make sure that the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed.

In your situation, an attorney may have required your spouse to refinance or to seek an agreement to remove you from the mortgage.

I recognize that attorneys are expensive, however, in many situations they are needed. One sure sign that you should have your own attorney to represent your interest (and only your interest) is if the party on the other side of a transaction has an attorney representing them.

Good luck!

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

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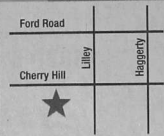
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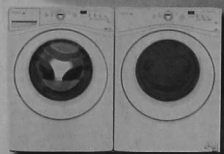


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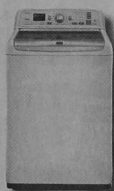
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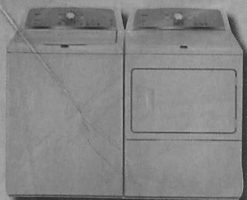


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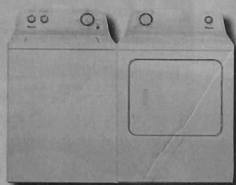


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WEEK 2 PREP  
FOOTBALL

## WLN's Burton puts hurt on Rocks

Salem's Hoover catches 4 TD passes

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

On a night when touchdowns were being scored at a breakneck pace, Salem's defense tried but could not ultimately chase down Walled Lake Northern quarterback Chase Burton.

The senior proved far too slippery for the Rocks, putting on quite a display as the Knights earned a wild-and-wooly 56-39 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Burton totaled 342 all-purpose yards, including 231 in 21 rushing attempts. He scored five TDs himself and threw for another to lift Northern (2-0) to the non-league win.

"He's definitely the real deal," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "Sloppy tackling at times. We weren't aggressive on the ends as much as I had hoped, because that was our goal, to put a hat on him every play. But he's a good ballplayer."

But the Rocks could not come all the way back from a 56-27 deficit, although they made it a bit of a nail-biter with two late

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Salem senior Andrew Hunt (No. 40) gets set for the next play. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

GIRLS GOLF



Canton and Plymouth girls golfers walk to the next tee Wednesday at Fox Hills, now the home course for both squads. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

## Welcome to the NEIGHBORHOOD

Chiefs make themselves at home at Fox Hills, defeat Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Move over, defending Division 1 state champion Plymouth. There's another potential contender in the "neighborhood" at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

On Wednesday, there was more proof of that as Canton defeated Plymouth 161-175 in a KAAA South Division varsity girls golf matchup at Fox Hills.

It was the Chiefs' first home dual meet at the Plymouth Township course after moving from their previous home course, Hilltop Golf Course.

Medalist for Canton (1-0) was senior captain Kelsey McDougall, who scored an even-par 35 for the day. Chloe Luyet tallied a 38.

For always ultra-competitive Plymouth (0-1), junior Sydney Murphy led the lineup with a 39.

"Our team played as well today as we have so far this season," Canton coach Tom Alles said. "Kelsey and Chloe set the pace with their outstanding scores but I was also impressed with our overall team effort."

To that end, Alles noted having four golfers finish with scores of 45 or less. Rachel Pisano and Alyce Krumm chimed in with tallies of 43 and 45, respectively.

"Any time you can record four scores of 45 and under, you will be competitive in our divi-



Wednesday's medalist, Canton senior Kelsey McDougall, drives the ball toward the fairway.

sion," Alles said. "I sense that our team is playing with a lot of confidence after today's match."

In addition to Murphy, the Wildcats were sparked by Kayla Whatley's 43 and Katie Chip-

man's 44.

Place to be

Perhaps adding to Canton's growing confidence is the

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## Heroes on Hines races

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5, with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) if registering Sept. 6 through Oct. 3. Visit [www.heroesonhines.com](http://www.heroesonhines.com).

## Whalers to test hockey video game

The Plymouth Whalers play on the road Tuesday. But they won't be using sticks, skates or pucks.

The Whalers will be appearing 4-8 p.m. at Destiny Games in Canton (42134 Ford Road) as they put their video skills to work in the launch of EA Sports' NHL '14.

Call Destiny Games at 734-404-5548 for more information.

Meanwhile, hockey fans are invited to come out, meet the team and test their own skills on the new video game.

## Call in results

The fall high school sports season finally is in full swing and coaches of Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Plymouth Christian varsity teams are encouraged to share results with readers of the Observer.

Please email results to Canton-Plymouth Observer sports editor Tim Smith at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com) or call them in at 734-469-4128.

## Try Hockey for Free

Try Hockey for Free for ages 4-9 will be offered from 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 W. Eight Mile.

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BOYS SOCCER

## Cole-lossal effort by twins sparks victory

Salem 4-1 winners over rival KAAA foe Mustangs

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It's pretty tempting to say Salem's varsity boys soccer engine runs on Cole energy.

And yes, seniors Connor and Brady Cole each scored two goals Thursday to spark the host Rocks to an impressive 4-1 victory over KAAA Central Division rival Northville.

Yet first-year Salem head coach Scott Duhl is quick to point out a number of other players who played essential roles in the victory, which upped the Rocks' record to 3-0-3 and 2-0-0 in the KAAA Central.

Duhl pointed out senior midfielder Andy Pelech, for example.

"He might actually be our most talented player," Duhl said. "To me, I think I know what the Cole brothers are going to do."

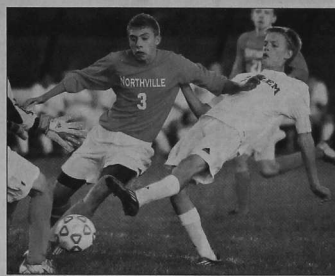
"Andry, to me, is the wild card. If he is really good then I think we can win districts and make a run."

Spectators at the sun-drenched varsity soccer stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park didn't need to wait long to see some of that Cole creativity, however.

The match was only 81 seconds old when Connor Cole — listed in the roster as a midfielder but virtually everywhere on the pitch — ripped a shot past Northville starting goalkeeper Steven Jansen.

Sophomore midfielder Max Kummer sent a perfect crossing pass from the left wing to Cole,

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Salem senior Brady Cole speaks the ball past Northville defender Ryan Tish, tallying his second goal. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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CANTON SOCCER

# Parks notches 3 goals in victory

PCA loses in overtime to Southfield Christian

Griffin Parks notched a hat trick Wednesday leading the Chiefs (6-0-1, 2-0) to the KLA.A South Division victory Wednesday at Livonia Franklin (2-3, 1-3). Parks scored twice in the opening half and added a

goal in the final 40 minutes. Chipping in single assists were Chris Dooley, Carter Schenk and Aidan Shennan. Sharing goalkeeping duties for Canton were senior Brandon Pickert and junior Andrew Loehnis. "Canton has good speed, they play it wide and through the middle," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We did not play bad,

but we were a step behind. Some of it could have to do with the night before (3-2 win over Livonia Churchill). We let up a little bit from last night's game."

**Tough loss for PCA**  
Host Plymouth Christian Academy suffered a 2-1 overtime loss Thursday to MIAC rival Southfield Christian, giving up the

winning marker with 2:35 left in the second period of extra time. PCA senior captain Jacob Bailey got the Eagles on the board early in the first half when his 25-yard drive caromed in off the top bar. But Southfield made it 1-0 off of a free kick by Parker Brose, and both teams battled on equal terms beyond regulation.

Eagles' coach Josh Middleton said that, with junior center back Giuseppe Iacopelli on the bench due to injury, "We were forced to play with a pair of newcomers. Senior captain Adam Powlis in that defensive role which left a big hole in our midfield. Adam's experience and leadership in the midfield brings us a lot of stability, so losing that really hurt us."

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Wayne at Warren, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
Monday, Sept. 9  
Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 10  
Wayne at Glen, 4 p.m.  
PCA at Rosecrans, 4:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
Dearborn at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Canton at Chardon, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Lincoln (CCP), 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 11  
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 12  
Churchill at John Glen, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
St. Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.  
Norton Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.  
Garden City at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Leland at John Glen, 4 p.m.  
Westland at Saginaw PK, 4:30 p.m.  
Canton at Northville, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Norton Valley at Rosecrans, 4:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Monday, Sept. 9  
Meredith at Livonia, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 10  
Ann Arbor at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 11  
Canton at Plymouth (Military Tribute), 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 12  
PCA at Intercity Baptist, 4:30 p.m.  
St. Paul at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.  
Salem at Novi, 6:30 p.m.  
Reaper at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glen, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Novi Tournament, 8:30 a.m.  
Milford Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Meredith at Livonia, 9 a.m.  
**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**  
Tuesday, Sept. 10  
Livonia at Dearborn, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glen at Huron Mills, 4 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Plymouth, Wayne vs. Canton, Stevenson vs. Novi, Luth. South vs. Salem at Oak Brook, 4 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Novi Invitational, TBA  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Huron River Int. Invitational at Willow Metairie, TBA

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
Tuesday, Sept. 10  
Rocket Inv. at John Glen, 3:35 p.m.  
Churchill at Farmington, 6 p.m.  
Garden City at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 12  
Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Novi Invitational, 1:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
Monday, Sept. 9  
Livonia at Dearborn at Stonybrook G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 10  
Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Canton at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Novi at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 12  
Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
John Glen vs. Plymouth at Fox Hill G.C., 3 p.m.  
Livonia at Regina, 4 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Grosse Ile Invitational, 1:30 p.m.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
Monday, Sept. 9  
Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 10  
John Glen at Saginaw PK, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 12  
Canton at Chardon, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Salem at Dearborn, 4 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Rd at John Glen, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Payne Classic at Franklin, 8 a.m.  
Novi Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
Wednesday, Sept. 11  
Chief Foot at Oakwood, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Livonia at Dearborn, 7 p.m.  
**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Wednesday, Sept. 11  
Garden City at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Windsor at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Shochozaki at Kentland (Ohio), TBA  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Shochozaki at Kentland (Ohio), TBA  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday, Sept. 11  
Dixie at Shochozaki, 4 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 13  
Madison at Ferris State, 4 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 15  
Shochozaki at Cincinnati MS, 2 p.m.  
TBA - time to be announced

## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

# Madonna spikers win Martin Classic opener

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team continued its early season roll with its 10th straight victory Friday at home in the opening round of the Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

Senior Emilee Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) finished with 11 kills as the Crusaders handed Roosevelt (Ill.)

University its first loss of the season, 25-14, 25-16, 25-11.

Kayla Vogel added eight kills, while setter Evia Prieditis added 11 assist-to-killers for the Crusaders, who improved to 10-0 overall. Stacey Catalano and senior Evia Prieditis recorded 15 digs and 32 assists, respectively. Brenna Pelti recorded six kills for

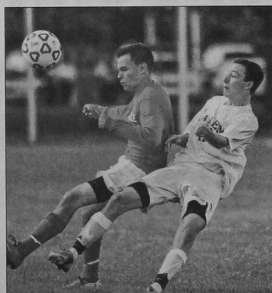
On Wednesday, MU rolled to a 25-21, 25-8, 25-20 victory in the home opener over Rochester College.

The 6-foot-3 Freeman was the lone Crusader in double figures in kills with 11, while Obyrick and senior Evia Prieditis recorded 15 digs and 32 assists, respectively. Brenna Pelti recorded six kills for

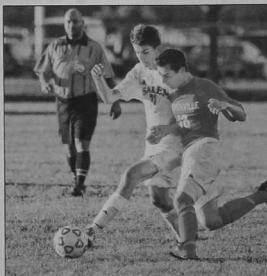
Rochester (8-6).

The Crusaders, who improved to 9-0 overall, returned to action on Friday with a pair of matches at the 13th annual Julie Martin Memorial Classic at the MU Activities Center.

MU faced Illinois Tech in the second match of the Martin Classic on Friday night.



Trying to corral the ball for Northville is Jake Reitzloff (left), while Salem's Max Kummer (No. 17) doses in.



Racing for a 50/50 ball Thursday are Salem's Andriy Pelekh (left) and Northville's Nick Toupin.

## SOCCER

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streaking into the 18-yard box. He made no mistake. "Just in the right place at the right time," Connor Cole said, giving props to Kummer for the goal.

Just five minutes later, he scored his second of the night as a fifth of the season on a beautiful individual effort.

He stuttered stepped his way through the Northville defense, worked his

way in front of Jansen and lifted a perfect shot into the top-right corner.

Before the intermission, it was Brady Cole's turn to strut his offensive stuff, scoring to give the Rocks a 3-0 halftime advantage.

With 9-1 remaining, he received an up-the-gut feed from Pelekh, and subsequently beat Jansen with a low shot for his third goal of the year.

Brady Cole scored again with 34-46 left in regulation against goal-keeper Peter Arton, who

started the second half.

**Winning mix**

With a proactive offense, strong play in the back by senior Josh Dillon and sophomore Jordan Sallani and spectacular when-needed goal-keeping by senior Collin Hewett (who played the first 63 minutes), Salem frustrated Northville.

The Mustangs finally got on the board when senior forward Collin Watkins' spinning 20-yarder got past Salem junior goalkeeper Chad Wind (who made several

excellent saves after coming into the match).

"Collin was fantastic and we only took him out because Chad is a junior and you know, if we didn't have a quality goalkeeper like Collin, Chad would probably be a first string or starting goalkeeper for a lot of other schools," Duhi emphasized. "So we wanted to get Chad some valuable experience that he'll need in the future for us."

About Watkins' tally, "Calem coach stressed that there was 'nothing he (Wind) could do. Our back line was poor in the moment, you got to defend better."

Connor Cole said the team talked about getting off to a quick start against a quality opponent, and that's exactly what happened.

"Northville's a really good team and you could see it and they had some really good moments," Duhi said. "I don't know if it was anything we said. We always talk about just finding a good rhythm in a game and connecting early to try to calm our nerves and whatnot."

"I think getting an early goal, that kind of rattled the Northville guys. But what we talked about at the end of the game is we expect them to be much different next time we see them."

The teams renewed acquaintances on Sept. 24 at Northville. SALEM'S SOUTH LYON EAST 1: On Wednesday, Salem's Cole scored three goals and assisted on another to spearhead the Rocks to the U.S. Soccer Division third victory. Netting two goals each were Brady Cole, Luke Korta and Andriy Pelekh while goalkeepers Collin Hewett and Chad Wind combined for the victory.

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# Extravaganza: Event serves everything, vegetarian to pub food

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Whether you say "tom-A-to" or "tom-AH-to, chef Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's Restaurant in Novi hopes you'll get a chance to taste his fresh, heirloom varieties at this year's Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College.

"I grow a huge garden. I grow a lot of heirloom tomatoes. So I've got to imagine it's something that's going to be with heirloom tomatoes," said Allen, envisioning his menu for the event, an annual fundraiser for the college's culinary department and student scholarships.

"Last year, it was a pretty big success. I brought 300 pounds of beautiful colored tomatoes. We had a tomato frenzy. People were lined up out the door for just beautiful tomatoes (in) different vinaigrettes, different salads, sauces. I'd ask them what they'd like, I'd season it up."

Steve & Rocky's will be among approximately 50 food and beverage vendors that will serve tastings of their signature dishes, delectable desserts, fresh fare, wine and more, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$50, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. Order them at 734-462-4689 or visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation). For sponsor information, call 734-462-4518.

In addition to food and beverage sampling, Culinary Extravaganza will feature a silent auction and a raffle of cash and dinner gift certificates at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College. Certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, and wine expert Lee



Chef Jeffrey Gabriel checks chicken consommé prepared by student Dawn Shock at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hershey will share their expertise in a joint session on wholesome, healthful food and wine pairings. In the past they've presented separate programs.

"We talked and said we should combine these," Gabriel said. "I have to give him a menu. I know I'm going to do a salmon dish and I'm probably going to do something vegetarian."

"I think people are more health-conscious in general.

Every culinary school is now cooking lighter. We're trying to limit the amount of fat and salt and we're trying to incorporate more vegetables."

#### Watch the Lions

But guests who prefer traditional football fare to lighter cuisine will find it at this year's Extravaganza. Marjorie Lynch, special events coordinator, said she hopes to attract a few restaurants that serve pub-style food. They'll be stationed

near a viewing area for the televised Detroit Lions-Washington Redskins game.

"We usually don't plan to turn the Lions game on the TV," Lynch said. "But people see the TV and ask if we can turn it on. Last year it was an exciting game that was tied until the end."

"This year we're planning for it. This year we're making it festive in one area that will highlight the game."

Lynch said Culinary Extravaganza raises approximately

\$60,000-\$65,000 every year. Some of the proceeds benefit the culinary arts program, funding its special projects, seminars by guest chefs and the culinary competition tent. The rest of the money goes toward scholarships. It's not limited to culinary studies.

"It's a worthy cause," said Allen, a former Schoolcraft student. "Not everyone can meet the financial obligations to go to college."

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# Poet Lewis hopes to 'nourish soul' with words

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

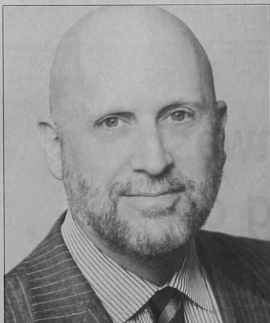
Jeffrey Lewis says he has always enjoyed writing poetry.

But like most "closet poets" the Farmington Hills man kept his work to himself.

"I'm on the op-ed page around the country (writing) on health policy and retirement policy all the time," said Lewis, 59, a former political adviser and now COO for Employee Health Insurance Management in Southfield.

"But for years I wrote poetry the way most people do. You write it but you might share it with just one person. This is the first time I decided to print it. It was something I decided to share."

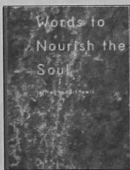
He'll share the \$10 per book profits, too. All monies earned by *Words To Nourish the Soul* will benefit the United Way of Greater Detroit. Use of the book as a fundrais-



Jeffrey Lewis of Farmington Hills has penned a book of poetry, the proceeds of which benefit United Way of Greater Detroit.

ing tool was just one reason why Lewis decided to go public with his

writing. He also wanted to give readers "a vehicle to look at the world and



Jeffrey Lewis' book of poetry was inspired by conversations overheard in airport cigar bars and restaurants.

see if it might help nurse their souls" and speak to their hearts.

"Inside, everyone will find a small part of themselves or in some cases, a larger part," he wrote in the book's forward.

The poems are based on conversations — some direct and some overheard — that took place in cigar bars, watering holes, and airport lounges as Lewis trav-

eled the country, as staff director for Republican Sen. John Heinz of Pennsylvania, and after Heinz died in an airplane crash, as president of the Heinz Family Philanthropies and currently COO for EHM.

Lewis would forgo a drink at the airport bar and instead, soak up conversations with his fellow travelers.

"I've been fortunate because I have the ability to talk to people about their lives and they share."

### Poetic message

One of the poems, "My Largeness," was inspired by conversations Lewis has had with a woman "of size" that he met while traveling. His objective in writing the piece was to tell others "be comfortable with who you are, the rest of the world will figure it out."

The first poem in the book, "The Mask," came after listening to a tearful woman talk on her

cell phone about a relationship break-up.

"I felt bad for her. I was trying to figure out a way to capture it, to say to others that it happens to all of us."

Lewis is a native Detroit native who holds a bachelor's degree in English and history and a master's degree in gerontology. His law degree is from Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law in Oregon, which is where he met his wife. They have two grown children.

Lewis is working on his second book of poetry, with the emphasis on children, based on conversations he's had with parents. Proceeds from that collection also will benefit a charity.

To get a copy of *Words To Nourish the Soul*, send \$10 to The United Way of Greater Detroit, c/o Otis Press, 5851 Upton Street, McLean, VA 22101. Or email Lewis at jeffreyrobertlewis@gmail.com.

## Tips: Get your writing on track at annual conference

Thinking about penning a screenplay or writing a novel?

Michael Dwyer, organizer and founder of the annual Rochester Writers' Conference, wants to help turn your dreams into action.

"Our goal is to motivate attendees to write and do it right now," Dwyer said, in a press release. "Professional development gives attendees the push they may need to work on

their writing; and this conference includes the tools to market and sell it as well."

"Write Now!" is the theme for the sixth annual conference, set for Saturday, Oct. 5, at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

The keynote speaker, Stan Williams, from last year's event, will return this year to deliver a two-part lecture for novelists, screenwriters and directors. Part one will

discuss the 18 secrets to story structure and part two will cover characters, plots and subplots.

New this year is a Children's Literature Panel, featuring three authors with different paths to publication.

Attendees will have a chance to ask questions of three Michigan authors.

Kelly Fordon will lead a workshop called Who's on First, about the use of first person vs. third

person in a story. Alice Spellburg and Dawne Prochilo will present a literary panel with the focus on book publishing. And Lev Raphael will tell writers how to do a "killer reading" from their books.

"We have presentations for all levels of authors. Whether you're just getting started, in the middle or just finished your book, there is a workshop for you," Dwyer said.

Development sessions

will be held for nonfiction writers and journalists. Presentations on the author's platform, engaging social media and using photo images online will help writers get their message to readers.

The Rochester Writers' Conference offers 12 presentations within four sessions. With three choices per session time, attendees may select the ones that best suits their needs. Fiction, nonfiction and business topics are presented in panel dis-

ussion, lecture or workshop style. All sessions, keynote speaker, lunch and refreshments are included in the registration fee.

The early bird rate is \$99. Buy online or by mail. A full list of the speakers and presentations is available at the website, www.RochesterWriters.com. Secure payment options are available at the site. Contact Michael Dwyer at 248-651-6869 for more information.

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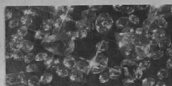
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The group will sell native plants, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Novi Civic Center, 4375 10 Mile, Novi. The sale will be held during the Fall for Novi event. Call 313-892-9621 for more information.

**Garden design**

The Farmington Garden Club will hold a design workshop at its next meeting, Sept. 9 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Participants will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$5 per person, ages 7 and up. Pre-register at the Costick Center, 2860 11 Mile or online at rcreeg.fhgov.com. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for

Farmington Hills. The club meeting is at noon with the workshop to follow at 1 p.m. Participants should bring flowers and a container. Jan Dolan, member of the Greater Detroit Flower Guild and National Council of Matter Judge, will guide you in making fun and creative arrangements. For more information call 248-943-6025.

**English Gardens**

English Gardens stores in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.   
 ▶ Get tips for fall lawn care and learn how to keep it healthy through the winter, at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14, at all stores.   
 ▶ Get information on designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 at all stores.   
 ▶ Make a fall porch pot for \$79.99 at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, at all stores. Sign up online at englishgardens.com.   
 ▶ Get an overview of spring bulbs, along with planting tips at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28 at all stores. Kids can learn how to plant bulbs that will bloom in time for the holidays at a workshop, 11:30 a.m. Saturday Sept. 28. Cost for the children's workshop

is \$5.   
 ▶ Learn what needs pruning and dividing before winter sets in at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at all stores. Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor; 734-332-7900, 22550 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433, 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

**Bible garden**

The Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden, is open sunrise to sunset from spring-fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth

Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education, and for social and community gathering. It is available for group tours as well as for informal individual visitation. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week except Saturday. If interested in a group tour of the garden, along with a visit to the sanctuary with a Beth Ahm docent, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 248-851-6880, Ext. 17, or email rav@bethahm.org. Garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. www.wollbiblegarden.org.

**Birding basics**  
 Search and listen for birds with a park naturalist and other bird lovers, 1:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Participants will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$5 per person, ages 7 and up. Pre-register at the Costick Center, 2860 11 Mile or online at rcreeg.fhgov.com. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com for

# Scrub your dishwasher clean with Tang drink



**Joe Gagnon**  
 APPLIANCE DOCTOR

I have written about this subject in previous columns and bacteria keeps coming up over and over again in worldwide publications. A recent story on radio pointed out that you can use your dishwasher to wash items other than the dinner dishes for instance, baseball caps, toys, potatoes and I guess just about anything you want to put in there.   
 I for one don't think these are items suited for the dishwasher. The simple fact is that I don't like the hidden bacteria that come with the procedure. I know that there are enough bacteria on dirty dishes and I expect my dishwasher to eliminate it. I am not going to add an extra load to wash potatoes

which I can do in a sink full of water.   
 Recently published in the journal *Fugal Biology* is an article published by researchers at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. They sampled over 180 dishwashers from around the world and found black yeasts are growing on rubber door gaskets of more than half of the units sampled. They know that this yeast can pose a danger to humans with compromised immune systems but not to worry because it is rare for someone to die from this black yeast. This writer

happens to be an old guy whose immune system isn't what it used to be. I don't want to be an unwilling test patient for a problem I think can be serious. One of the last statements from those scientists is: "The yeasts can survive in the extreme environment of a dishwasher, where temperatures frequently top 158 degrees Fahrenheit, water can either be acidic or alkaline and salt is in high concentration. No other fungi have been found that could live in such a harsh habitat." The Slovenian researchers theorized that the yeasts found in dishwashers had evolved to live there, and may have the potential to be a greater threat to humans. Folks, I've written and read enough to scare

myself and I will continue to load the dishwasher and to be in charge of dishwasher cleanliness.   
 As my good friend Diane Armstrong would say, "There is no cleaner dish than the one you wash by hand." At one time in this world it was good character building to have families gather around the kitchen sink and select who washed and who dried. Today, time is precious in other ways. As you may know, there is currently a large class action suit filed against manufacturers of front load washing machines. Again, the subject of controversy is the mold growth so prevalent in some of these products. I will bet that when they get in front of a jury there will be some pretty well-known scientists testifying on the dangers to health from a washing machine.   
 Not long ago a man approached me and said, "Have you become the expert in appliances by just reading and writing and or have you ever really worked on these appliances?" The ques-

tion knocked me back on my heels and I came forward like a jet plane. "I spent many 80-hour weeks fixing and taking appliances apart and putting them back together. I used to wash my hands 25 times a day and sometimes my body was so sweaty I would change shirts three times a day. I brushed my fingernails until they bled and kicked dogs that thought I was a raw steak bent over behind the refrigerator. Yes sir, I also read a lot because I wanted to understand the workings of everything I took apart."   
 Now back to the dishwasher I mentioned earlier. I invented the best method of cleaning a dishwasher and it is using the Tang orange breakfast drink to give it a bath. I have the formula in print form and if you would like a copy, send me a note.

# Refresher class aimed at senior drivers

The Canton Senior Center will offer a three-part refresher driving course for area seniors, 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 24-25 and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26. All classes will be held at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.   
 The classroom refresher course is aimed at motorists, 50 and older.   
 The AARP Driver Safety Program was developed by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in 1979 and is a driver refresher course especially designed to meet the needs of older drivers. This program covers such issues as: age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, defensive driving techniques, local driving requirements, license renewal requirements, and more. In addition, participants will receive an update on the current rules of the road and will discuss when it may be time to stop driving.   
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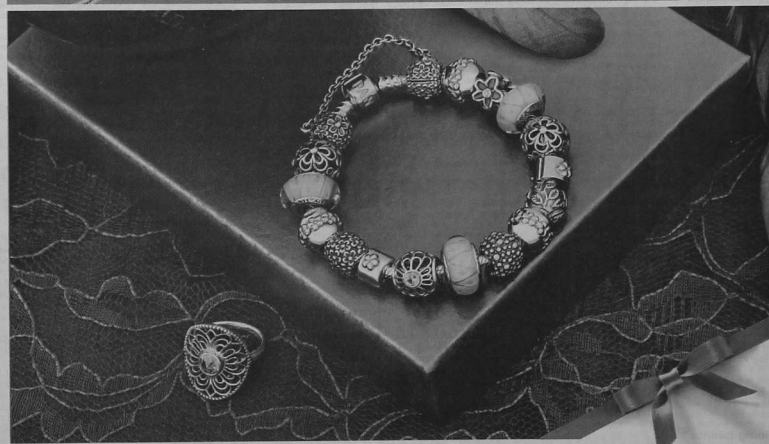


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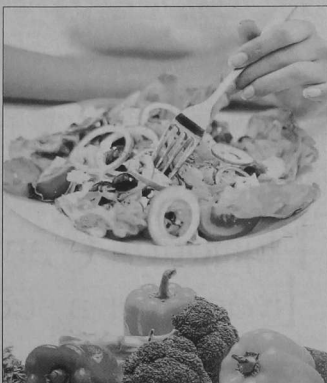
## Eat your veggies to help prevent diabetes worries

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is observing Fruit and Veggies More Matters Month by promoting the importance of eating foods that can help manage and prevent diabetes.

According to the foundation, diabetes causes more than 40 percent of all kidney failure cases. In Michigan, an estimated 10 percent of adults have diagnosed diabetes — about 758,300 individuals. An additional 250,200 Michigan adults are suspected of having diabetes but have not been diagnosed. When diabetes is not managed properly, it can lead to kidney failure as well as heart disease, blindness, lower-extremity amputations, and other health complications. However, many cases of type 2 diabetes can be prevented, delayed and controlled through a healthy lifestyle.

The foundation recommends that individuals who are at risk for type 2 diabetes prevent or delay the onset of the disease by losing 5 to 7 percent of their body weight. That's 10-14 pounds for someone weighing 200 pounds, for example. For those who have type 2 diabetes, losing weight can be helpful in controlling diabetes. To lose weight safely, make healthy food choices and be physically active for 30 minutes a day, five days a week. The National Diabetes Education Program recommends these ideas for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption to aid in weight loss and lowered diabetes risk:

- » Visit an ethnic food store or farmers market to try a new fruit or vegetable each week.
- » Substitute spinach, onions, or mushrooms for one of the eggs or half of the cheese in omelets.
- » Buy produce in season and freeze some to use later, or buy frozen, dried, or low-sodium canned vegetables and fruits.



The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan says that consuming more vegetables and fruits helps control and prevent diabetes, one of the major contributors to kidney disease. GETTY IMAGES

Choose fruit without added sugar or syrups and vegetables without added salt, butter, or sauces.

- » Add strawberries, peaches, blueberries, or bananas to your waffles, pancakes, cereal, oatmeal, or toast.
- » Add broccoli, carrots, zucchini, or eggplant between the layers of your favorite lasagna recipe.
- » Combine different fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, mangoes, onions, and peppers with lime juice and cilantro to make salsa.
- » Try steaming your vegetables or using low-salt spices and lemon juice to add flavor.
- » Choose pineapples, pep-

pers, mushrooms, or tomatoes as pizza toppings.

- » Add lettuce, tomato, onion, and cucumber to sandwiches, wraps, and burritos.

Eating more fruits and vegetables also supplies essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber that may help protect against chronic diseases.

For more information on how to manage and prevent diabetes, visit [www.YourDiabetesInfo.org](http://www.YourDiabetesInfo.org). Find out about prevention programs, disease management classes, and more offered by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan by visiting [www.nkfm.org](http://www.nkfm.org) or by calling 800-482-1455.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### SEPTEMBER ADDICTION CLASSES

Dawn Farm offers two classes about chemical dependency, starting with "Addiction 101" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. James Balmer, president, Dawn Farm, will examine the dynamics of alcohol and other drug use, review addiction as a brain disease and provide an overview of the process of recovery from addiction. Participants will learn how individuals experience initial and continuing alcohol and other drug use, gain an understanding of the basic process and diagnosis of addiction, gain a basic understanding of how the brain functions in a person with alcohol/other drug addiction, and become familiar with tools used to treat addiction. Charles Gebhrke, M.D., will present "How To Support Recovery and Not Support Addiction" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24. The session is designed to help participants find effective methods to support another person's recovery while maintaining their own health. Both sessions are free and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, 734-485-8725, [www.dawnfarm.org](http://www.dawnfarm.org).

### CANCER SURVIVOR SUPPORT

Transitions, a new support group, meets from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the second floor, fourth Monday room at Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. The group is aimed at individuals that have finished cancer treatment and want to connect with other survivors. The support group will continue to meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month. Questions? Call Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466.

### JAMBOREE

Dawn Farm will hold its 40th Anniversary Jamboree, a celebration of recovery from chemical dependency, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Dawn Farm, 6633 Story Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Admission to the family-friendly event is free. It will include live music by Noteworthy, hayrides, pony rides, a children's tent and midway, live and silent auctions, food and beverages, and farm animals. Dawn Farm's gift shop will be open.

### SENIOR WELLNESS

The City of Farmington Hills presents a free wellness fair for adults, 9:30 and older, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Farmington Hills. The event will include health screenings, demonstrations, health vendor exhibits, door prizes and a free lunch for attendees,

60 and over. For more information, call the city's Senior Division at 248-473-1830.

### UROLOGIC COMPLICATIONS

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a free educational seminar, Urologic Complications of Diabetes, from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the hospital's North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, John Harb, M.D., a urologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will discuss frequent bladder and urinary tract infections, urinary incontinence and retention, erectile dysfunction and neurogenic bladder dysfunction. For more information call 734-655-8961.

### WEIGHT LOSS SEMINAR

Julisa Hernandez, a naturopathic doctor from New York, will talk in Spanish about weight loss techniques, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Courtyard Marriott, 3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. Cost is \$35 per person. Participants will receive informational materials. For more information, call Lili Alvarez at 248-259-7010.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH

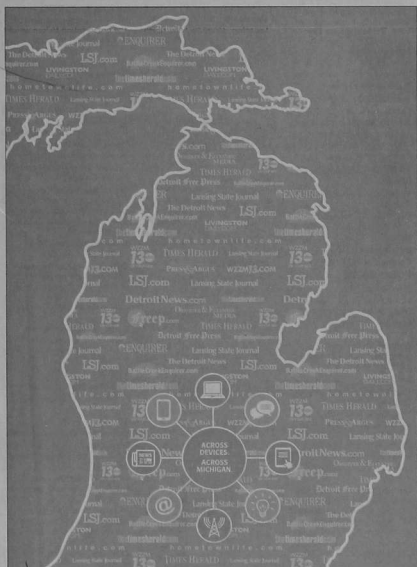
Dr. Paul Makiela, M.D., director of gynecological robotic surgery, will present a series on women's health topics at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Livonia. Bladder dysfunction is the topic this month and pelvic prolapse is next month's topic. Presentations are free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1960.

### WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Jeff Pierce of Bostford Hospital will talk about managing back pain during the walk, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call the National Cancer Institute, 248-477-1135.

### ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-4:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadedetroit.org](http://www.ymcadedetroit.org).



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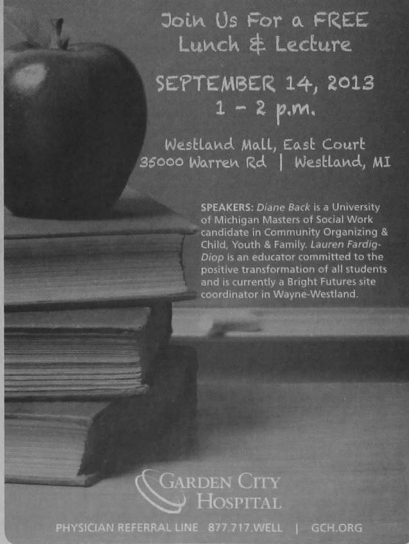
Aggressive behavior, including physical, emotional and psychological acts, and cyberbullying do not have to be accepted as normal behavior. To better address why bullying has escalated in recent years, we need to get to the root of the causes. This discussion will hone in on the roles that victims, aggressors and bystanders play and the links between self-esteem and empathy.

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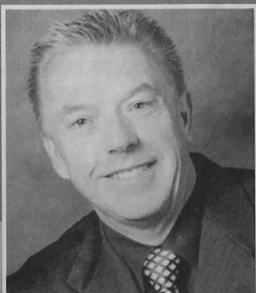
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We've identified four habits you might need to kick to put yourself at the front of the hiring line, and provide tips for overcoming these potential stumbling blocks.

Giving in to negativity

It's a cliché, but attitude really is everything. Pay attention to your internal thought patterns as you job-hunt.

Your attitude can come across in subtle ways you may not even realize. It might be a less-enthusiastic cover letter or low energy when you interact with people at networking events.

So how can you stay upbeat? For starters, shift the tone of your internal dialogue by adding a positive spin: "I know this company won't hire me ... unless I prepare a targeted résumé and cover letter."

a waste of time ... unless I set aside time to do follow-ups a day or two afterward."

Then seek out support in the real world. Check Meetup.com to find groups of local job seekers who can help you keep your spirits up.

Winging the interview

You're a natural people person. It's no big deal to strike up a conversation with a stranger and make an immediate connection.

An experienced interviewer knows when you haven't bothered to look beyond the homepage of the company's website or when you're struggling to give examples about past work accomplishments.

Prepare for every interview with a strategic eye. What do you want the interviewer to remember about you? Identify the three most important things you'd like to communicate about yourself.

Next, find out everything you can about what the company does and where it's going. Then, use this knowledge,

coupled with what you want to communicate about yourself, to guide you in preparing answers to common interview questions.

Being too informal (or downright unprofessional)

One area where people get into trouble? Flip communication. When you're emailing a potential employer, your tone shouldn't come off as casual as a quick text or instant message.

When your killer communication skills land you the interview, take care to put forward a professional appearance from head to toe. This isn't the time to show off your personal style.

It's also crucial to pay attention to shoes, socks and accessories. And whatever you do, don't forget to switch off your smartphone and other digital devices before you head into the meeting.

Coming across as arrogant

You're so focused on projecting confidence — and commu-



nicating past successes — that you come across as arrogant. You know, the slightly obnoxious guy or gal no one wants on the team?

The first sign that you might be crossing the line? You take all the credit in every work story. Make sure to focus on teamwork and collaboration, not just how you saved the day.

It's also crucial not to do all the talking when you meet with potential employers. This is your chance to learn more about the company and position.

If you're a new college grad, be especially careful to avoid arrogance. You're new to the working world, so it's impor-

tant to come across as someone who's looking forward to new opportunities and learning from co-workers.

While facing up to bad habits is rarely fun, doing so could mean the difference between a job offer and a few more months of hunting for leads and contacts.

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