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## Canton town hall focuses on Obamacare

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

How Affordable Care Act exchanges will work in Michigan, A8.

"The sky is not going to fall," she said.

Canton resident Hadyn Notestine, a retired Ford Motor Co. design engineer, admits he is confused by the often-conflicting information swirling around the nation's Affordable Care Act.

"There's an enormous amount of information," he said. "I don't think the federal government has done a good job making us understand the changes."

Notestine, 72, isn't alone in his confusion. That's why state Rep. Dian Slavens, a Canton Democrat supportive of the plan dubbed Obamacare,

brought in experts to explain changes, answer questions and allay fears Wednesday evening during a town hall meeting at the Canton Administration Building. About 40 people attended.

Jenita Moore, director of policy for the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, sought to reassure the crowd by saying the Affordable Care Act will broaden health care choices when the Michigan Health Insurance Marketplace is rolled out Tuesday.

### Talking benefits

Area residents such as Janice and Jack Wotring of Westland and Jack Wotring of Westland and Don Hazert, director of the nonprofit Michigan Consumers for Health Care, explain the benefits of Obamacare, which critics say will lead to spiraling costs.

Hazert said Michigan is positioned to see insurance rates fall dramatically. He pointed to reports showing rates are falling 50 percent in



Leading the town hall are state Rep. Dian Slavens, Jenita Moore, director of policy for the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, and Don Hazert, director of the nonprofit Michigan Consumers for Health Care. THOMAS BEAUDOUIN

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## STREET SMART



Linda Harju began working at Erikson Elementary in 1977. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Crossing guards key to safe student travel to school

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

There are lines painted on the sidewalks along both sides of Haggerly, near Ford Road, lines that hundreds of students and parents going to and from Erikson Elementary School in Canton don't dare to cross. Until Linda Harju tells them it's OK.

It's Harju's job to let them cross the lines — and the street — and to

make sure they do it safely every morning and again every afternoon as the long-serving crossing guard protecting Erikson's most precious asset.

"I love having the kids go by," said Harju, 63, who has been the crossing guard at Erikson since 1986. "I feel like all the kids are my kids. I take care of them like they're my own kids."

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## New fire rig could lower insurance rates

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton property owners could see a slight dip in their homeowner's insurance rates after township firefighters hit the streets with a new aerial ladder truck, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoeklein said.

The new truck is expected to arrive within a year, replacing a deteriorating ladder vehicle and boosting the Canton Fire Department's rating by the Insurance Services Office, Stoeklein said.

It's too early to say how much Canton residents and business owners could save, but Stoeklein said efforts to improve fire protection typically lead to lower insurance rates.



Stoeklein

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the ladder truck replaces an older rig that dates back 34 years — a vehicle that has been deemed in need of replacement for at least three years. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas called the old ladder truck "a compromised piece of equipment" that has structural damage and, therefore, is used only when absolutely necessary.

On Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed to a three-year, lease-to-purchase agreement with a \$694,425 price tag for the Pierce 75-foot Arrow XT Quint unit.

Canton itself will save money by buying the truck through a bid procedure developed for area communi-

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## Royal Rocks

It was an all-around good night Friday for Salem High School as Kerry Breen and Zac Brown were crowned homecoming queen and king. Meanwhile, the Rocks were dispatching South Lyon East, 26-22.



## State libraries to register organ, tissue donors

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

In an effort that saves lives, the Canton Public Library and 43 other libraries across Michigan are drawing praise for urging their community residents to sign up for Gift of Life's organ and tissue donor registry.

"It's really important that we have this support," said Tim Makinen,

communications director for Gift of Life Michigan. "We try to do as much as we can, but it really takes organizations like libraries to get the message out to their customers and their communities."

Canton's library, 1200 S. Canton Center, has announced a registration drive to join Michigan's organ and donor list from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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# Leaders to tout area's economic strengths

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

## Economic strength



West

Wayne and Dearborn, West said. More than 20 businesses have signed on as event sponsors. The banquet has been in the planning since January and West said the hope is that it will become a major annual event for the region.

From a political standpoint, West said, the 18 Conference of Western Wayne communities are led by elected officials who differ in their philosophies, but show solidarity in moving the region forward economically.

"For all the guff that we hear about... (the) political divide, here we go with people from both sides of the aisle and they're promoting their community and their region," he said.

*Individual tickets to the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet are \$100 each. The event is about three-quarters sold out, for reservation information, call (734) 953-8834.*

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A look past the headlines about Detroit's bankruptcy and county government's financial woes will find good things happening in the western Wayne County economy.

That's the message organizers hope to send with inaugural Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, billed as a gathering of the area's business and political leaders and a celebration of the area's economic success.

The networking and business intelligence event - with a mixer, a dinner and presentation and an afterglow - is Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference & Event Center, next to Greenfield Village. The doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

"We as a western Wayne County region need to promote ourselves and promote our attributes," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, which, along with the Conference of Western Wayne, is helping organize the banquet.

Those attributes, West said, include low tax rates and many good neighborhoods. The 18 communities in the Conference of Western Wayne, he said, are home to some 700,000 people, represent 54 percent of the county's tax base and have an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent.

"The process of branding our region starts with this event," West said.

The event's master of ceremonies will be Mary Kramer, publisher of *Crain's Detroit Business*, while the keynote speaker will be James Treault, vice president of North American manufacturing for Ford, who will talk about how communities can support the re-emergence of American advanced manufacturing that is in need of skilled workers.

"They need the tech-savvy talent that knows how to run the machines that make parts now," West said.

## United front

The banquet is being put together with help from the chambers of commerce in Plymouth, Westland, the city of

# TOWN HALL

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New York, 35 percent in Oregon and 29 percent in California.

Moreover, he said the Michigan Health Insurance Marketplace will allow for easy comparison shopping for the 16 percent of state residents who lack coverage.

"For the first time, it's going to be easy to make comparisons," Hazaert said.

Residents already may start the process by going to

www.healthcare.gov or by calling 800-318-2596.

Starting Oct. 1, consumers can choose among insurance tiers such as gold, silver and bronze, depending on what level of coverage and cost they select. They also may qualify for tax credits. Hazaert said a family of four with a \$50,000 income is expected to pay about \$80 a month for the bronze plan.

## Plan pattern

Hazaert said the Affordable Care Act is patterned after a plan established in Massachusetts under then-Gov. Mitt Romney. There, he said, more than 98 percent of the state's residents have health insurance.

"Any way you look at it, costs went down in

Massachusetts," Hazaert said.

People like Debbie Taylor of Belleville came to Wednesday's town hall to begin to prepare now for health care later in life.

"I want to make sure I'll have adequate health care coverage, especially after I retire," Taylor said. "I want to know what I need to do now to prepare."

Officials say Obama isn't intended to replace Medicare and Medicaid, but rather help consumers who don't have access to health care.

"This finally levels the playing field and allows them to purchase insurance," Moore said.

Hazaert said the United States has the most expensive health care system "on the planet" - \$8,000 a year per person on average, compared to \$5,000 in Norway, \$4,000 in Canada, \$3,000 in Great Britain and \$2,700 in Japan.

## Better access

Under the Affordable Care Act, Hazaert said, consumers will have better access to services such as maternity care and dental care that have been lacking. Moreover, he said, consumers cannot be dropped by insurance companies for pre-existing medical conditions.

While the immediate focus is on individuals and families, Hazaert

said coverage through small and large businesses will be phased in - without bankrupting companies, as some fear. He said small businesses can qualify for tax credits.

To be sure, the Affordable Care Act comes with a price tag. Hazaert said funding sources include higher income taxes on individuals making more than \$200,000 and couples earning more than \$250,000. That has been a sticking point for some critics.

Hazaert said some media reports have focused on employers dropping part-time workers from insurance plans.

"There are better options available to you on the (marketplace) exchange," he said, adding later, "We're getting higher quality care and more affordable prices."

Meanwhile, Laurie Golden, the Canton Public Library's marketing and communications manager, said information also is available through two upcoming programs. At 7 p.m. Oct. 3, a session on the marketplace is scheduled and registration is not required. At 7 p.m. Oct. 9, a program is set to explain what the Affordable Care Act means to people and it does require registration. For more, go to www.cantonpl.org.

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# Women power shoppers hit downtown Plymouth

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Chari Delatore of Canton was out shopping Thursday evening with her sister-in-law Charisse Miller, also a Canton resident.

"We've never done this," Delatore said of the Ladies Night Out put on by downtown merchants with help from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "It sounded like fun. I like to shop downtown and I grew up in Plymouth."

The two were shopping at Basket Kreations on Forest. "So far so good," Miller said. "We've just started. This is only our second store." Basket Kreations owner Stella Delap was one busy woman, along with her staff, but pleased to see so many customers. She's been at that location 14 years and

in business 24 years altogether.

"I think it's the overall atmosphere that we're catering to women tonight," Delap said of the appeal of Ladies Night Out. Her store appeals to women, with men there getting gift baskets and Michigan-made items.

"But primarily women for gifts," Delap said. "It's fabulous to be busy. It's one of my favorite nights. It's just awesome."

The weather cooperated for the 5-9 p.m. event, with blue skies and sunshine giving way to slightly cooler temperatures as the sun set. The first 50 women received a Ribbar Floral rose.

Julie Toth of Plymouth Township, an employee at Sideways on Forest, said, "It's fun. We love doing it every year. The ladies come down and have a great time." "Everything's walka-



The ladies hit the streets – and the stores – of downtown Plymouth Thursday for the annual Ladies Night Out. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ble, the quaintness," she said. "It's convenient." There are a number of restaurants, she added.

"It's always really good," Toth said of business.

Sue Clagens of Livonia was at Sideways and just learned of Ladies Night Out. "It's a great little town," Clagens said of Plymouth. "Lots

to do here."

She attends the Plymouth Farmers Market.

"Of course, this (Sideways) is the best card shop in the world," said Clagens, who also likes Plymouth restaurants, the Winter Fest and summer concerts.

"A lot of neat things," she added. Wes Graff, president

of the Plymouth chamber, was in the male minority in downtown Plymouth that evening. "It is a great opportunity for the stores to show off their wares to women," Graff said, adding restaurants and bars also benefit.

The event has been held more than 10 years. "The stores look forward to this event every year," Graff said. "It's a great way for them to show off what they have. It's a great draw for downtown Plymouth. Many of our shops do appeal to women."

Organizers estimate the event draws 800 women. Some stopped by Colleen Cannon's TranquillTea on Ann Arbor Trail, which will mark its eighth anniversary in February.

"They're huge for us," owner Cannon said of Ladies Night Out and other events.

# TRUCK

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ties by the Western Wayne Fire Consortium.

Fire officials say it could take a year for the truck to be built, equipped and ready to use.

The new ladder truck comes as Fire Chief Joshua Meier said the Canton Fire Department is embarking on a process by 2015 to become accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

Canton would become the largest municipal fire department in Michigan to earn the honor.

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# GIFT OF LIFE

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Tuesday, Oct. 8. Library employees will be available to answer questions, offer fun giveaway items and, most importantly, help area residents become donors.

Makinen said one organ donor can save up to eight lives, while tissue donors can help another 50 people who need everything from bones to skin for severe burns.

Canton's library has become part of the Michigan Libraries for Life campaign, in its fourth year. It began with five University of Michigan libraries and has grown to 44 libraries across the state, mostly in southeast Michigan, Makinen said.

There are currently some 3,000 Michigan residents waiting for an organ transplant. In the last decade, nearly 10,000 Michigan patients have

received a life-saving organ transplant thanks to Gift of Life.

Canton's library released statistics indicating Gift of Life recovers more than 900 organs each year from 300 or more donors, saving hundreds of lives and improving thousands of others.

Donors also may register online at GiftOfLifeMichigan.org, on the Secretary of State website at www.ExpressSOS.com or by calling Gift of Life at 800-482-4881. Registration also is available at Secretary of State branch offices.

Gift of Life acts as an intermediary between donors, doctors and hospital staff. It provides all the services needed for organ, tissue and eye donations across Michigan.

Michigan Libraries for Life happens Oct. 7-13. Registration times vary among libraries.

For more information and a state map showing the libraries, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/michiganlibraries>

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# Catholic Central grad realizing dream by studying at Oxford

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Ryan Shinkel is realizing a dream of his at the University of Oxford in England.

This fall, the Novi resident and 2012 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate is participating in a study abroad program that has him learning about philosophy and classic literature through the Summit Oxford Study Centre.

"I'm really excited to get this started," Shinkel said prior to leaving in early September. "I will be studying what I like and in a place I've grown up admiring and dreaming about. I'm a little nervous."

This program is part of the greater Oxford

Study Abroad Programme. This is a very selective program and Shinkel, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, felt lucky to be accepted for the summer term. However, he was given a better opportunity when he was asked to attend the fall term, when it would be a bit longer and busier with other students on campus.

He'll be learning from some of Oxford's best tutors through concentrated and personalized tutorials with world-class scholars. He will be learning about philosophy during the Scientific Revolution and the Age of Enlightenment and Dante's Divine Comedy. This will help bolster his creative writing and



Ryan Shinkel is in a study program through Summit Oxford Study Centre.

philosophy studies at U-M.

"This is a great chance," he said, "and it's a lot like playing in the big leagues."

Shinkel said his studies at Catholic Central helped prepare for this opportunity and college. Learning how to deal with time management and heavier workloads

gave him the experience and knowledge needed in such a prestigious learning environment. He said it created habits that have stuck with him.

"The Catholic Central value system had a big influence on me," he said. "The emphasis on character and virtues made an imprint."

It was in high school that his interest in theology and philosophy really took off. The big questions in life fascinated Shinkel and now he's looking for answers in England.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance, so I plan on making the most of it," he said.

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# A Chocolate Affair event Oct. 6 benefits First Step

The ninth annual A Chocolate Affair to benefit First Step, which offers counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia.

The event is hosted by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish charity group.

Local restaurants, bakeries, caterers and chocolate makers will serve tastes of their chocolate delights to guests. Featured will be Dearborn Inn, The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, Sander's Candy and Dessert Shop, Bahama Breeze, Catering by Meredith, Kilwin's of Plymouth, Jeff Zak Catering of Plymouth, The Spotted Spoon, Bell

Stone Toffee, Panache 447 of Plymouth and more. Many other local businesses have donated prizes and support.

Now in its third year as a prelude to the chocolate-tasting event, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will also host a luncheon featuring a speaker from First Step who will share her survivor story. The luncheon will be held preceding A Chocolate Affair, from noon to 2 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 (advance sales only), tickets for A Chocolate Affair are also \$25. Tickets are available by calling Barbara Weir at 734-453-1459 or Kirtie Higgins at 734-646-5212 and from the First Step offices in Plymouth at 734-416-1111.

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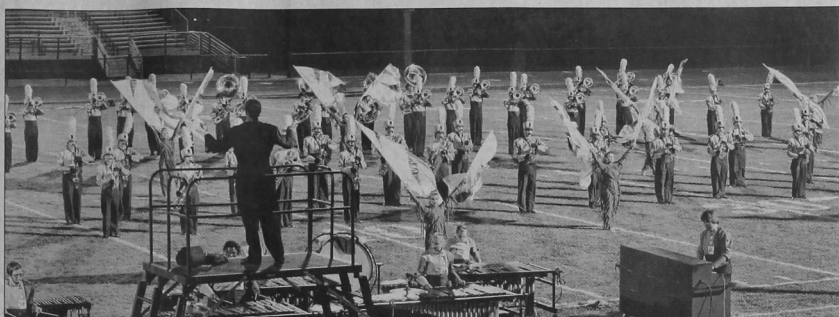
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The 167-member Plymouth-Canton marching band finished first in Flight I, with a score of 74.05 and first-place caption awards for best music, best visual performance and overall general effect. **TERRI WOHL**

## Marchers start season with win

By Peggy Fenwick  
Correspondent

Last Saturday night on the football field of Novi High School, a full moon rose from the horizon for only one marching band — the Plymouth-Canton marchers from the three-high school educational campus.

Participating in the first band competition of 2013, the hometown marchers had what could only be described as a fantastic performance with the new program titled "Inferno." Plymouth-Canton finished first in Flight I, with its score of 74.05 and first-place caption awards for best music, best visual performance and overall general effect. This was the first official band competition of the season. Novi High School band boosters hosted the full-day event, which included performances from 14 different high school marching bands in all four flight categories.

Salem Freshman Akhil Sonder enjoyed his first-ever com-

petition.

### Doing their best

"That was really exciting," Sonder said as he put his bass clarinet back into its case and onto the equipment truck for the night. "It was fun."

Liz Cody, Plymouth Union and veteran marcher, thought the program went well. "I think it went great and everyone tried their best," she said.

The weather was crisp and the sky was dark when Plymouth-Canton took the field at 8:45 p.m. With stirring chords of the synthesizer, the entire band extended across the field to begin its program. With 167 members, the band fills the color. The Plymouth-Canton Color Guard wore impressive deep red body suits with long red fringe encircling each performer.

As the music played on, the guard tossed and twirled bright yellow flags that seemed to glow in size as the program continued. By mid-show, the bright yellow moon had risen as if it was intended

to shine for only one band that evening. The wind had picked up and guard members hoisted two large yellow flags that appeared to be wings spanning behind each of them.

### Moon shot

The moon has played a consistent role in this award-winning band from as early as 1990. At the time, Glen Adsit, band director for Plymouth-Canton, had noticed that the marching band always performed better at night. The legend goes that Adsit used to tell the band to "look for the moon; play for the moon; march for the moon and stars."

Marching band director Jonathan Thomann was very proud of the students.

"Right as we entered onto the field, I was searching for the moon," Thomann said. "After we completed our preshow warmup, I saw it. It was perfect timing."

"Overall, we have a long season to go, but every band is in that position right now," Thomann said of the two-



The saxophones were dominant in the season-opening win for the Plymouth-Canton marching band. **TERRI WOHL**

month push toward the final national championship competition in Indianapolis in November. "Movement three is next to be added, along with a percussion feature. We will be

performing *The Rite of Spring* in honor of the 100th anniversary of the ballet and orchestral concert work by the Russian composer Igor Stravinsky."

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Heather Tetlow works a busy corner. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**CROSSING**

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In Heather Tetlow's case, they are – at least some of them. Tetlow is in her second year as a crossing guard at Bird Elementary, helping the students – including her own children – cross safely at the corner of Penniman and Sheldon.

Tetlow, 42, is in her second full year as a crossing guard, having applied for the gig at the behest of a girlfriend who also serves in that capacity. Tetlow was looking for a part-time job that jibed with the schedule of her elementary-age children.

"I needed something compatible with an elementary school schedule," said Tetlow, who also does lunch room and recess duty at Bird. "I like it. You get outside, the kids are nice." While the crossing guards are primarily responsible for the safety of the children getting to and from school, they're seen as an in-



Linda Harju is the long-time crossing guard at Eriksson Elementary. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

tegral part of the bigger picture by the Plymouth-Canton administration which employs them. And administrators are looking for more to fill a shortage.

Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for finance and operations, said the district is "committed to ensure the proper staffing for this critical need" for parents and students.

"Crossing guards are child advocates and a critical part of our daily

educational plan," Killian said. "The safety of our students and parents is key and we have to be confident there is coverage at all stops and a healthy pool of subs. We have a history of highly dedicated individuals."

They don't come much more dedicated than Harju, who started with the district in 1977 doing lunch room and playground duty. After nine years of that, Harju, who also works for Farmer's Insurance,



moved outside to the crosswalk and – except for a one-year stint crossing kids at Plymouth Township's Fard-nouth Elementary – she's been there ever since. In fact, Harju has been there so long, the faces have begun taking on familiar tones.

"I'm crossing kids now who have parents that I crossed years ago," Harju said. "I'm sure I'll do this until I'm old enough to retire."

Steve Olson is in his first year helping kids cross at Field Elementary School. He was honored Tuesday by the district's Board of Education and told trustees he felt like "an encourager, a cheerleader ... a booster."

Olson told board members there were certainly "others in the transportation department who deserve the honor" more, but none who "are more proud of doing it than I." "Daily donning my iridescent, lime-green vest is such a privilege and honor," Olson said. "This old crossing guard, wearing the floppy, frumpy boonie hat, really cares."

Administrators will say that's the hallmark of the entire team of crossing guards. Guards like Tetlow, whose family has always been a family of walkers to Bird Elementary, the kids come first.

"For me, having been



Maria Kollias and Heather Tetlow help Bird Elementary moms and kids cross Sheldon Road. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The tools of a crossing guard's trade are the stop sign and the container of coffee. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Plymouth-Canton Community School officials are always looking for good crossing guards. The district generally employs some 30 guards for its 27 crossings, according to Kurt Miles, the district's head of transportation, but because of turnover, administrators are generally looking for help. To apply, prospective guards have to go to the district's website ([www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us)) and apply online. There is some training and prospective employees will need to be fingerprinted (at their expense). For details, call 734-416-3030.

a walker and having my kids walk, there's an element of making sure they get there safely," Tetlow said. "My kids are still walkers. It's really a

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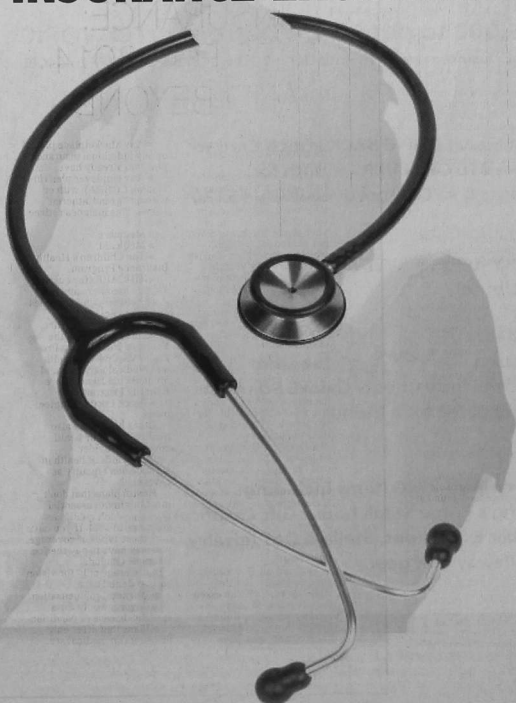
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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will run the Michigan exchange, as well as out-of-state call centers that will provide consumers with information. The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services will retain oversight of the insurers and their licensing.

There are four categories of Marketplace insurance plans: bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

All Marketplace insurance plan categories offer the same set of essential health benefits. The categories do not reflect the quality or amount of care the plans provide.

The category you choose affects how much your premium costs each month and what portion of the bill you pay for things like hospital visits or prescription medications. It also affects your total out-of-pocket costs—the total amount you'll spend for the year if you need lots of care.

### How the exchange will operate

This online Marketplace will provide policies that are supposed to be more affordable to families and individuals. About a dozen insurance companies are offering as many as 150 plans that, for the most part, are assigned categories.

Platinum plans, the most expensive up front, will pay about 90 percent of medical expenses. Gold plans will cover about 80 percent of costs, silver plans about 70 percent and bronze plans about 60 percent. The lower the premium cost up front, the higher the out-of-pocket costs later.

Anyone younger than 30 can purchase catastrophic health coverage instead of a regular policy to satisfy the requirements of the federal health care law. Such a policy will have lower premium and higher deductibles and co-pays. It will provide coverage largely in cases of a catastrophic injury.

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## HEALTH CARE

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### What to consider when choosing your plan

Think about the health care needs of your household when considering which Marketplace insurance plan to buy.

Do you expect a lot of doctor visits or need regular prescriptions? If you do, you may want a gold or platinum plan.

If you don't, you may prefer a bronze or silver plan. But keep in mind that if you get in a serious accident or have an unexpected health problem, bronze and silver plans will require you to pay more of the costs.

You must enroll by Dec. 15 for policies to be effective Jan. 1. Enrollment will continue until March 31, but effective dates on policies will be delayed.

After March 31, you can buy policies on the exchange only in special circumstances. It will usually be within 30 days following certain life events. Among them: a change in family size through, for example, marriage, birth or adoption; a change in legal status to U.S. citizen or legal immigrant; or a move that opens up options for other policies on the exchange. Native Americans can enroll any time in the Marketplace; they are not bound by enrollment periods.

Everyone enrolled can change policies annually during a limited enrollment period. Starting in 2015, the enrollment period will go from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

Small businesses — those with 50 or fewer full-time employees — will also be able to access the policies at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). They will be directed to the Small Business Health Options Program Marketplace or they can call 800-706-7893.

Like those buying insurance for themselves or their families, open enrollment for small businesses begins Oct. 1. But unlike those buying insurance for themselves, enrollment does not end March 31; it continues year-round.

Applicants can't be denied insurance based on pre-existing conditions. Additionally, insurers cannot set limits on 10 essential benefits — hospital care, regular doctor's visits and prescription coverage, for example — that are required in the plans.

However, only those without affordable employer-sponsored insurance, those not eligible for Medicaid and those who have incomes below four times the federal poverty level will be eligible for federal credits. Those credits will help shrink costs for premiums. In 2014, an individual

### TIMELINE

- » **Oct. 1:** Open enrollment begins on health insurance exchanges website [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)
- » **Dec. 15:** Deadline for enrolling for coverage that takes effect
- » **Jan. 1, 2014:** New coverage changes that affect current enrollees
- » **March 31, 2014:** End of open enrollment through health insurance exchanges

making less than \$11,490 will fall below the federal poverty limit and a family of four with a household income less than \$23,550 will fall below the federal limit.

So under the health law, a family of four with an income below about \$94,000 in 2014 — or four times the poverty limit — would qualify for credits.

Additionally, those with incomes lower than 2½ times the poverty limit will be eligible for smaller co-pays and deductibles.

### Where to buy insurance

The insurance must be purchased online. You can do it on your own or federally certified staff will be available at many health clinics, other health care providers and community centers to help enroll applicants.

The complicated formulas for determining eligibility for tax credits or Medicaid will be automatically determined on the exchange once you input your information. You won't need to grab a calculator.

You will need the following to enroll:

- » Social Security number (or document numbers such as those on green cards).
- » Employer and income information for each family member who needs coverage (such as a W-2 or a pay stub).
- » Policy numbers for any current insurance.
- » Information on employer coverage, which can be gathered using the "employer coverage tool" found at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).
- » The Kaiser Family Foundation, which tracks health care policy, has created an interactive subsidy calculator based on premiums released in other states.

The calculator might help Michigan's better understand how much federal financial help they'll receive to buy policies. However, it's important to know that Michigan has not released its premium costs yet, so it's not clear whether their plans will be similarly priced.

*Robin Erb, a medical reporter for the Detroit Free Press, contributed to this story.*

# WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T BUY INSURANCE: FEES FOR 2014 AND BEYOND

Healthcare.gov offers the following on health care reform:

If someone who can afford health insurance doesn't have coverage in 2014, they may have to pay a fee. The fee in 2014 is 1 percent of your yearly income or \$95 per person for the year, whichever is higher. The fee increases every year. In 2016, it is 2.5 percent of income or \$695 per person, whichever is higher.

In 2014, the fee for uninsured children is \$47.50 per child. The most a family would have to pay in 2014 is \$285.

It's important to remember that someone who pays the fee won't get any health insurance coverage. They still will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost of their medical care.

After open enrollment ends March 31, 2014, they won't be able to get health coverage through the Marketplace until the next annual enrollment period, unless they have a qualifying life event.

### Minimum essential coverage

To avoid the fee in 2014, you need insurance that qualifies as minimum essential coverage. If you're covered by any of the following in 2014, you're considered covered and don't have to pay a penalty:

» Any Marketplace plan, or any individual insurance plan you already have.

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» The Children's Health Insurance Program.

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» Peace Corps Volunteer plans.

» Other plans may also qualify. Ask your health coverage provider.

What kinds of health insurance don't qualify as coverage?

» Health plans that don't meet minimum essential coverage don't qualify as coverage in 2014. If you have only these types of coverage, you may have to pay the fee. Examples include:

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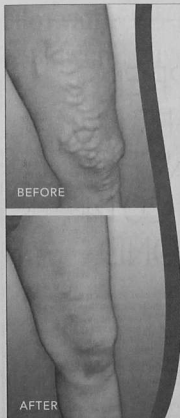
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# Wayne Memorial High's Community Nights wins state award

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

When it comes to community involvement, Wayne Memorial High School proved it had the right stuff with its highly successful Community Nights.

That's what the Michigan Association of School Boards and SET SEG School Insurance Specialists decided in selecting the high school as one of three recipients of their 2013 Educational Excellence Award for community engagement.

"Two hundred programs were nominated and only 27 were selected," said SET SEG representative Travis Van Tighem, who recognized the high school at last week's school board meeting. "To have a program noticed and selected is a significant deal. It's something to be proud of. It goes a long way in promoting the good things that are happening in education."

Several years ago, the staff, students and volunteers began staging Community Nights like the popular Wayne Spooktacular and Holiday Night.

The program aims to



SET SEG representative Travis Van Tighem (right) presents acting Wayne Memorial High School Principal Kevin Weber with an Educational Excellence Award street sign.

remove the stigma often associated with high schools for many parents and community members.

### 'Our passion'

The staff was instrumental in starting Community Nights, keeping it going and building it into "what has become our passion," said acting Principal Kevin Weber, who accepted the award along with staff members who helped launch Community Nights.

"This goes to the school," he said, hold-

ing an Educational Excellence Award street sign. "This is a product of these individuals and their hard work."

The high school was facing decreased parental and community involvement and declining student achievement, when it started its annual Community Nights, which help build relationships and establish partnerships among parents, students, staff, district personnel, community members and business partners.

The program aims to build relationships and establish trust and comfort with parents and community members through games and other fun activities in order to allow both to play an active role in Wayne Memorial High School students' education.

"It's not award given to schools for just doing anything, you have to do something very special," Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah said. "This is as much about how you give back to a community. Wayne Memorial has truly embedded itself as a pillar in the community."

"We're fortunate as a school district to have such a wonderful staff over there," he added.

### Michigan's Best

As an Educational Excellence Award winner, Wayne Memorial was in the running for MASA's Michigan's Best Award in the community engagement category. Those winners were announced Tuesday.

The top honor in community engagement went to the Organization of Aquatic Robotics at Dollar Bay High School, where students designed, built and programmed two remote vehicles to be used by park rangers to determine the magnitude of the invasive zebra mussel species at Isle Royale National Park.

"This is an excellent program. I want to thank the students, staff and parents for what they provide to the city and the school district," school board President Carol Middel said. "This is a major asset to the students."

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# Camper, RV show rolls into Novi's Showplace

### DETAILS

Event: 24th annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show

When: Oct. 2-6  
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camping and RVing in Michigan, will be available free to consumers.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds, a member organization representing all aspects of the camping and RV industries.

# State Rep. Kurt Heise pleased with Common Core resolution

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kurt Heise is pleased with a House resolution passed Thursday, Sept. 26, on Common Core State Standards for K-12 education.

"I thought it was a really good accommodation for all parties concerned," the Plymouth Republican said during a Friday, Sept. 27, coffee hour with constituents at Plymouth Panera's. The

three-page resolution now goes to the state Senate.

Heise noted a Smarter Balanced Assessments component is included. "That would eventually replace the MEAP and other standardized tests we're using," he said.

There will be research before adopting the test, he said, and stipulations on privacy to keep information within the school uses. "Overall, I think it's a good accom-

modation. School is well under way and we can't change the rules on them in the middle stream. We can get working on other things."

Curriculum decisions remain local, the legislator emphasized. He cited the Plymouth-Canton district's formation of a number of committees to generate parental involvement. "There are many ways to generate involvement and be a part of it," said Heise, who has two daughters

attending Plymouth Salem High School.

Both the Northville and Plymouth-Canton districts have passed resolutions on Common Core, with the House one authorizing the state school board and Michigan Department of Education to move forward to expend appropriate resources.

"I think Plymouth-

Canton in particular is well-positioned," he said of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and other high school academies. "Bottom line, you've got to have some kind of benchmark. For the time being, it's a workable model. It's not being dictated by Washington, D.C."

It's not fully implemented yet. "Hopefully

these standards will advance all students," Heise said.

At the coffee hour, he was asked about raising the state freeway speed limit to 80 mph. "Bad idea," said Heise, who commutes regularly to Lansing. "Just keep it the way it is. If it's 80, people will be going 100."

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# Sister Modesta looks back on life of service

By Beth Jachman  
Staff Writer

Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar 88, remembers asking Jesus to just give her health and she would be his hands and feet. That was in 1959. Jesus kept his promise that day when she was walking the grounds of what was soon to be the site of St. Mary Hospital – and Sister Modesta has kept hers.

Now, after 54 years with the hospital and 70 years serving as a Felician sister, she is retiring as an employee of the hospital.

She wanted to be sure the project she says the Holy Spirit inspired her to begin was left in good hands before leaving. No One Dies Alone, Sister Modesta's labor of love, has now been placed in the capable hands of a certified chaplain, along with many volunteers.

The NODA program, pioneered by Sister Modesta at St. Mary's, provides a companion to dying patients who would otherwise be alone.

"I'm so happy to see this smooth transition," said Sister Modesta, who will be 89 in November.

Now she's free to retire and has packed up her whole office, she said. Asked what she will do with her free time, she says she's planning to read. "I love to read. I never have time to read," she said, adding she particularly enjoys biographies.

But then she remembers that with so few sisters left in the convent, she has responsibilities such as taking care of the chapel where daily Mass is said.

She adds that she's

also busy with her family, which she says must be about 100 people, including her two brothers and sister – ages 91, 90 and 87 – and their children and grandchildren.

"I don't have any free time – yet," she said. "Maybe God is preparing me. I may have to help one of the others," she said of her siblings. "I don't care what I do. I just leave it up to God."

### In God's hands

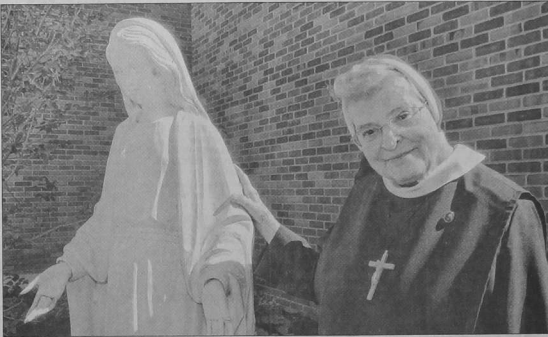
Placing herself in God's hands is the way she has lived her life. She's lived the lesson of the Baltimore Catechism that she studied in elementary school: "Why did God make me? To know Him, to love Him and to serve Him," she recites.

"If the world knew why God made us, we would have heaven on Earth," Sister Modesta said.

Sister Modesta's knowledge of her calling came to her at an early age. By third grade, she knew she wanted to be a nun and by seventh grade she knew she wanted to be a nurse. She entered the convent at age 14 and became a nun at age 18.

She says she refused to sign up for public high school, even though her parents had told her they couldn't afford to send her to a Catholic high school. She says she remembers, like it was yesterday, a day in 1939 when her dad came to her and told her he could send her to Catholic high school after all.

She chose the Felician Academy in Detroit – she says she called the school on a Monday met with the dressmaker on a



Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar stands in the garden with the Blessed Mother. Bill Bresler (Staff Photographer)



Sister Mary Modesta Piwowar prays with hospice patient Victor Waling. Sister founded a program, No One Dies Alone, for those who are in hospice without family. Bill Bresler (Staff Photographer)

Wednesday and entered the school on a Friday. She announced right then that she was entering the convent, not just high school, she said.

After that she taught elementary school for 13 years, but says she knew her calling to the medical field would be realized one day. Then in the 1950s, Livonia officials approached the Felician

Sisters about starting a hospital, which ended up being built on a plot of farmland at Five Mile and Levan.

That started her long career in health care.

### Laboratory work

She graduated from Madonna College and attended Wayne State University in Detroit and the University of Notre

Dame in South Bend, Ind. She holds a master's degree in medical technology and hospital administration.

As chief medical technologist, she organized and directed the hospital laboratory for 18 years and established a School of Medical Technology.

In 1966, Camille Brick of Livonia was 20 years old and a young intern in medical technology when she began working with Sister Modesta, who was head of the laboratory then and also a teacher.

"She promised me she would just be a phone call away if I needed her," Brick said of working for Sister Modesta.

In 1977, Sister Modesta was appointed vice president with responsibility for diagnostic services.

### CEO of hospital

Then, she became the third president and CEO of St. Mary Hospital, now called St. Mary Mercy, in 1982.

During her tenure as president from 1982-97, the hospital underwent several major renovations and additions, including the St. Mary

Hospital Pavilion and Marian Professional Building (1988), Marywood Nursing Care Center and Marybrook Manor (1991), Emergency Center (1995), St. Mary Hospital Child Care Center (1996), Diagnostic Services Center (1996) and the West Addition (1997).

In January 1998, Sister Modesta was named senior vice president of special projects.

From 1998 through 2003, she and four St. Mary Hospital Critical Care nurses piloted the No One Dies Alone program. In 2003, the NODA program became a community volunteer program that maintains more than 80 volunteers at the present time.

"She's like a mini giant," Brick said of the diminutive Sister Modesta. "She's always gracefully giving and offering herself. I'm very privileged to have known her as long as I have. She is my mentor and my friend," she said.

"You do everything in a team effort," Sister Modesta said of her years of service.

Of all those duties, serving others has been her mainstay. "What I enjoyed the most was the people," she said.

And even though she says she's retiring, she has a twinkle in her eye when she mentions, "The other day I worked two shifts – I love to work midnights."

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# Northville church program focuses on values

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer



**Crumm Baker**  
www.OurValues.org  
project focused on civil dialogue on values

You don't have to be a United Methodist, or even a Christian, to benefit from an upcoming program on values at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Veteran journalist David Crumm of Canton will lead the OurValues program for four weeks at the congregation on Eighth Mile, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

"It's sort of a rare opportunity to see this," said Crumm, 58, the former religion writer for the Detroit Free Press. In 2007, he took a buyout from the paper to co-found www.ReadTheSpirit.com, an online magazine for which he's editor. It includes with founder Wayne Baker, a sociologist at the University of Michigan, the

ReadTheSpirit.com is also a book publisher that has carried Baker's numerous columns on values. Baker has a book coming out soon, *United America: The Surprising Truth About American Values, American Identity and the 10 Beliefs That a Large Majority of Americans Hold Dear*.

Those at the Northville church program, for which advance registration is required at 248-349-1144, are eager to be involved.

"We feel like these kinds of discussions about values are really a universal way to engage

people," said Sue Craik, Christian Ministries director for the First United Methodist Church of Northville. "It just kind of made sense for us to do that. No matter what your religion or your background, the values we hold are more in common."

The Northville church has a new lead pastor, the Rev. Marsha Woolley, who is a friend of Crumm's and eager to host the program.

**'Buzz about it'**  
"There's a buzz about it," Craik said. She and others hope to encourage dialogue about faith and getting along.

"I think it's really for a lot of different kinds of people," Craik said. The program's intended for adults and high school youth are also welcome.

Baker's research focuses on what Americans have in common. For the

second week in Northville, his book will be available. The \$20 book charge is the only charge in the program. It is beginning at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, followed by Northville. Crumm and Baker are members of the Ann Arbor church.

"The participants are actually going to help us finalize what we're going to talk about here," Crumm said of the study guide. Crumm's family is sixth-generation United Methodist.

Baker, who holds appointments at U-M, the Institute for Social Research and its business school, is known for his research on areas where Americans are in deep agreement. Baker identified 10 values where nine of 10 Americans agree and have for years.

"We're going to start from this point of agreement," said Crumm, for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Branch scholarship fund. The group is now collecting gently used fiction and non-fiction books, children and adults (please no encyclopedias, textbooks or damaged books).

**Contact:** Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

**Plymouth-Canton AAUW Book Sale**  
**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The sale will be part of the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show.

**Details:** The purpose of the American Association of University Women is to advance equity

adding Baker will attend one Northville session.

Crumm agreed courtesy can be present in a political debate. "I believe that is possible," he said. When ReadTheSpirit.com started, its 10 principles included that peace is possible and we can all come together.

He works with Michigan State University journalism students on books on understanding groups such as Asian Indian immigrants, Arab Americans and native Americans. "We believe very strongly it is possible to find a common ground in our communities," Crumm said.

He earned his bachelor's degree from U-M and returned as a graduate student, as well as a journalism fellow. Crumm has worked as a journalist since his late teens. He's married to Amy and the couple has two grown children.

Benjamin and the Rev. Megan Walther, a United Methodist pastor Downriver.

Crumm and his son, then 21, traveled the country for a Free Press series on spiritual values. "There are a lot of people who remember that series," David Crumm said.

**Open to all**  
"My purpose is to help people talk about their values," he said of his journalism. "We welcome people of other faiths."

He's glad to be in both Ann Arbor and Northville. "It's a wonderful community with a wonderful mix of people," he said. "This is about sharing those findings and inviting people who come to see how they connect to their own lives." Crumm said.

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## Miller Woods tours

**Dates/Time:** Sundays, Oct. 20 and 27, 2-4 p.m.

**Location:** Miller Woods, entrance on Powell Road between Ridge and Beck in Plymouth Township.

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## Health expo

**Date/Time:** Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Livingword Church, 46500 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

**Details:** Livingword Church partners with Oakwood Hospitals for a health fair, featuring vendors from the University of Michigan. Free blood sugar screenings and blood pressure checks will be offered; cholesterol checks will be available for a \$10 cost. There will also be a nutritionist on hand for free counseling. Admission to the event is free to the public.

**Newcomers meeting**  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:15 p.m.

**Location:** The meeting is held at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford in Canton.

**Details:** The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club welcome the public to their monthly meeting where

they will be hosting Linda Robin of Showroom of Elegance discussing "Jewelry and Fashion - What jewelry is right for you?"

**Contact:** RSVP to Noreen at nrybar@yah.com or call 734-981-0486.

## Blood drives

**Dates/Times/Locations:**  
» Thursday, Oct. 3, 9:30-3 p.m., Busch's Market, 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth.

» Sunday, Oct. 6, 8:30

a.m. to 2:15 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren in Canton.

**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at these times and places. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.

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## Diessel Club luncheon

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.

**Location:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia

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**Contact:** For information on the luncheon and preregistration contact Robert Pavol, membership director, at 734-455-2668, email [jrpavol@69prodigy.net](mailto:jrpavol@69prodigy.net) or John Lindlein, president, 313-863-8850, email [dieseljim@aol.com](mailto:dieseljim@aol.com).

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# Friends, family remember Dennis O'Neill as 'caring person'

Served as superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools from 1984 to 1992

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

administrator in 1992.

Dennis O'Neill is being remembered as a caring and loving man who loved life and loved people.

"Dad was the smartest person I know, but he would make you feel like you were the smartest person in the room," his daughter Maureen O'Neill said. "He was kind and very humble and an amazing father and grandfather."

Services for Mr. O'Neill, a retired Wayne-Westland school superintendent, were held Saturday, Sept. 28, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Mr. O'Neill was age 78 when he died Sept. 23, in Fort Myers, Fla., where he had been living with his wife Charlene.

He had been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease four years ago and "had lived life to the fullest even with the good and bad days," his daughter said.

"He went to sleep on Sunday and didn't wake up, that was how he wanted to go," she said.

Mr. O'Neill spent his entire educational career with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

He started as a teacher West Junior High School in 1960 and ended it as the district's top



Mr. O'Neill

didn't end up in the same building until Svitkovich became dean of students at Wayne High School. He ended up serving as Mr. O'Neill's deputy superintendent.

"He was a very unique person," Svitkovich said. "He loved his wife and his family dearly and was so very proud of them, but he also loved Wayne-Westland. He was a non-stop worker and put in a phenomenal amount of time. He set high expectations for himself and for those who worked for him."

According to Svitkovich, Mr. O'Neill had a vision that all students could learn and be successful and was before his time with the idea of a common core curriculum. While the same subjects were taught throughout the district, there was a difference on how and what was taught. He worked on creating a common curriculum throughout the school district.

"He really had a great vision about education and how students should learn," Svitkovich said. "He was a great supporter of choices."

#### Strong support

Mr. O'Neill also believed education needed strong government

support. A poster in his office that read, "It'll be a great day when the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a jet," spoke volumes about his sense of humor and his belief that education should get a greater part of the federal budget, Svitkovich said.

He also described Mr. O'Neill as a loyal friend, first of all, and "almost more than a mentor, he was a confidant."

"I talked to him about all kinds of things, I leaned on him an awful lot," he said. "He was my role model and certainly my mentor."

"Denny hired me back in the mid-1980s. He was not only a gentleman, but an honorable man," current Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "He was a great mentor for me and he always kept kids first when making decisions. He will be deeply missed."

He also was an avid runner, something he took up while in the Army. Over the years, he competed in at least 13 marathons, running more than 26 miles in around four hours.

He also was an avid reader and had thousands of books, according to his daughter.

"When they moved from their home in Gladwin, I got boxes and boxes of books," she said. "He read any and everything. He also loved music — Harry

Connick Jr., Motown. The music would be on low, but it was always on."

After his retirement, the O'Neills lived in the Irish Hills and later Gladwin before making their home in Florida, where they had wintered, about 10 years ago.

Maureen O'Neill recalls the years in the Irish Hills as "the best." "The kids went there when they were little until they were grown. They loved to go there because they were there and because it was like going on vacation," she said.

Mr. O'Neill is survived by his wife Charlene, his children Timothy (Maura), Maureen (Jon Schaber), Terry (Nancy), Colleen (James) McGinnis and Doreen Marsh, 16 grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

"He was always the most positive person I know and he will always be the most positive person I will ever know," Maureen O'Neill said. "He believed he could fix anything."

"He will be long remembered and certainly missed by those who knew him," Svitkovich added.

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## Watch out for 'double dipping' advisers

Q: Dear Rick: I've had a financial adviser manage my account for the last three years. I have not been overly thrilled with what he has done. My account has barely

moved since I turned it over to him. In fact, after fees and expenses, I've averaged a little over 1 percent

per year. I found out that in addition to the 1.5 percent that I am paying, he has also received commissions on the funds he has invested for me. When I questioned him about the fees, his answer was "That is the standard practice in the industry."

A: While it comes to advisers, there are three types — fee-only, commission-based and a hybrid.

Fee-only advisers charge a fee for services and do not take money from any of the investments they recommend.

The next type is a commission-based adviser. He or she receives compensation in two ways. The first is the commission they receive by buying and selling investments for you. In addition, some investments such as variable annuities and C-share mutual funds pay commission-based advisers a fee year after year, as long as money is left in that investment.

For example, if you own a variable annuity, the person who sold you that annuity receives a fee paid by you for every year you're in the annuity. Whether the adviser does anything or not, they still get paid.

The third type of adviser (the type you are using) — a hybrid — charges a fee and accepts commissions and other compensation from the investments they use.

I believe if an adviser is charging a fee for service, they should not accept commissions. I agree that it is double dipping. Typically, advisers will either accept a commission or charge a fee, not both.

Unfortunately, many people end up paying double the fees and the reason is that they don't know. Advisers who do take double the fees don't tend to tell their clients about the double dipping and, in addition, the investments that directly pay advisers do their best to hide the fees.

Fees do matter. High fees equal low returns. If nothing more, an investor would be able to increase their return by focusing on low-cost investments. In today's world, where returns are low, saving a percent or two may not sound like much, but it could increase your return substantially. Remember, a lot of these fees are not just charged once. They are charged year after year.

The best commission sales people I know never worry about commissions because their sole concern is their clients. Unfortunately, some commission sales people worry about one thing only — the commissions and the sales incentives that they can earn. Whether the product is good for their client or not is, unfortunately, not as important as the commissions and incentives that they earn.

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PREP FOOTBALL - WEEK 5

## Salem gridders rally to earn first victory

Jordan's three TDs make homecoming special

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Having endured a tough stretch to open the 2013 season, Salem's varsity football team wanted more than ever to literally make Friday's homecoming game a winner.

It took some doing, on both ends of the ball, for the Rocks to secure a 26-22 win over KLAAs Central Division opponent South Lyon East.

Senior running back Drake Jordan was the offensive star of

the night, scoring three touchdowns and rushing for 174 yards in 25 carries.

Jordan's third TD of the contest, a 10-yard carry just 54 seconds into the fourth quarter, brought Salem all the way back from a 20-7 first-half deficit.

Preserving that lead was sophomore defensive back Shaw Lyall, who intercepted a TD bid by South Lyon East in the Salem end zone just minutes later. Lyall jumped up to haul in a floating pass by Cougars quarterback Zach Powers, who had moved the team some 70 yards down the field on a series of



Salem's Freddie McGee (No. 31) tackles South Lyon East's Trent Willenborg during Friday's game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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## D-III academic honors for Alaniva

Canton High School alum Nick Alaniva was one of 13 Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) athletes named to the 2013 Division III All-Academic Team for men and women's track and field.

Announcing the honors was the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Washington U. women posted a cumulative GPA of 3.579, which ranked third among the 148 NCAA Division III women's track & field programs. On the men's side, Washington University's cumulative GPA of 3.457 ranked fifth out of 80 Division III programs.

Alaniva, a Washington U. junior who graduated in 2011 from Canton, is one of four men to garner the honors. He competes for the Bears in pole vault, sprints and jumps.



Alaniva

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 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 \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half-marathon) if registered by Oct. 3. Visit [heroesonhines.com](http://heroesonhines.com).

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The top-12 teams (three per division)

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## MU men's golfers 2nd

The Madonna University men's golf team moved up one spot in the final standings for Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 3, slipping into second place on Wednesday with a 303 for a 602 total at Coyote Creek G.C. in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Senior Joe Parker (Walled Lake Northern) led MU and finished in a tie for second with a 74 for a 146 total. Seniors Benjamin Gawronski (Hartland), who shot a 75, and Billy Teer (Grand Blanc), who posted MU's low score with 73, tied for ninth overall.

KLAAs BOYS TENNIS CROSSOVERS



Plymouth No. 1 singles player Jordan Lu is the picture of concentration against Walled Lake Central's Denali Kitayami. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## 'Cats ace the test

Plymouth rolls to victory over first place KLAAs North counterparts

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The stakes are being raised these days for Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team, with the KLAAs South Division champions squaring off Thursday against their first-place counterparts from the KLAAs North.

And as far as Plymouth head coach Tom

Kimball is concerned, the players — from 1 singles standout Jordan Lu down to the lowest-seed of the doubles lineup — are perfectly fine with that.

Against Walled Lake Central at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats rolled to an impressive 6-3 victory to improve to 8-2 overall (7-1 in the KLAAs).

"They enjoy the test," Kimball said. "They enjoy playing the tougher teams in

the KLAAs, and so to finish first in their division and play all the other first place teams is what they want."

Thursday's victory continues to show that Plymouth will be a team to be reckoned with Oct. 5 at the KLAAs championship tournament hosted by Novi.

The top-12 teams (three per division)

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KLAAs BOYS TENNIS CROSSOVERS

## Chiefs proving mettle in big KLAAs matchups

Canton wins battle of second place KLAAs teams

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Canton boys tennis coach Barb Lehmann is feeling pretty good about her team as the nitty gritty of the 2013 season comes into view.

On Thursday, the Chiefs knocked off Walled Lake Northern 5-4 in a matchup of No. 2 seeds from the KLAAs South and North divisions, respectively.

Even without excellent 2 singles player George Zhou, who was out due to illness, Can-

ton took care of the Knights and now look poised to make some noise at the Oct. 5 association tourney at Novi High School.


"Our wins against Brighton on Tuesday and Walled Lake Northern were really good," Lehmann said. "Plymouth's our nemesis right now. He (coach Tom Kimball) has got a strong team."

"But there are some spots that we did well against them (Wildcats) last Saturday (Sept. 21, at the Canton Invitational) and I think opened up a few more chances for us to truly play our own ability and our




Canton's Noah Lindlbauer continues to excel at No. 4 singles. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

# Breath of fresh air

PCA's Mady making quick impact on varsity volleyball team

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Not many ninth-graders step onto the varsity scene with the poise, ability and comfort level of Plymouth Christian Academy's Olivia Mady. Just 14, Mady already is considered a go-to player for PCA's varsity girls volleyball team, right there with established players such as seniors Jen Malcolm and Rachael Fuller.

She jumps almost into the rafters, or so it seems, to spike the ball for important points. She's also a jumper when she serves, putting more oomph into each salvo.

"I've been doing a jump serve for a couple years," said Mady, a Northville resident who also is a player on PCA's coed tennis team this fall. "And when we did training together we were working a lot on jumping. It's so much fun for me."

According to Eagles head coach Katie Decker, she pretty much knew from the opening week of tryouts that the outside hitter would be keeper on varsity.

"She played Legacy out of Novi, their national team," Decker said. "She definitely

came in seasoned and experienced. It was really nice to get a young player in that you don't have to teach all the basics to. You get someone you can just finesse.

"You can tell watching her play that she has experience because she knows what to do when it's not a great set, when it's not a perfect situation. She's very adaptable. She's got a lot of power."

Mady said if she was nervous when she participated in those August tryouts, any such trepidation melted away thanks to the welcoming attitude of her new teammates.

"Not really nervous, maybe a little at the first part of it, but I'm not nervous anymore," she noted. "Malcolm, Rachael Fuller, they're really encouraging and they always lift the team up."

Those veterans have also welcomed two other freshmen to the fold in middle blocker Josie Postma and defensive specialist Divna Roi — who also has been Mady's teammate on recent Legacy teams.

"This is our third year together," said Roi, following PCA's recent victory over Lutheran Westland. "I'm surprised but at the same time not surprised because I've played with her for three years. So I know how she plays."

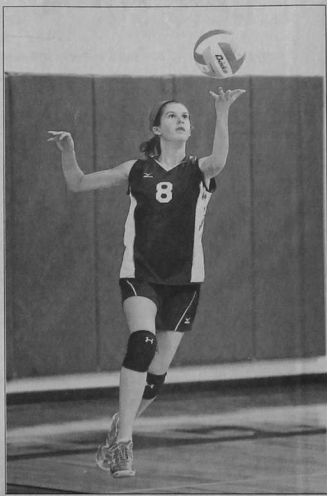
"But it's really surprising that she's so amazing and she's just a freshman."

It remains to be seen whether a successful postseason run is in the cards for the 2013 Eagles. If it does, that would be the icing on the cake for Mady's freshman season.

"I'm really having fun and having fun with all older girls," Mady added. "We're learning a lot, and I just have a lot of fun out there. I'm really happy to be part of the team."

That she never stops smiling, on the court or off, should tell you something about what playing on the PCA varsity means to her.

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Launching into one of her patented jump serves during a recent PCA contest is freshman Olivia Mady. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Plymouth spikers sweep past Zebras

Fueled by contributions up and down the lineup, visiting Plymouth swept Weyer Memorial in a KLAAS South Division varsity volleyball match.

The Wildcats (11-4, 4-1) downed the Zebras 25-11, 25-13, 25-18.

"Just a great team effort tonight (with a) variety of contributors," Plymouth coach Sarah Marody said. "We came out ready to take care of business right from the first serve."

Orchestrating the attack with 1-34 remaining in the third period Friday to snap a 2-2 tie and lift the Whalers to a 4-2 win over host Ottawa.

An empty netter by Ryan Hartman (two goals) at 19:56 sealed the Whalers' first victory of the season following three losses.

aces, four digs and five kills. Up front, Emily Burkman and Olivia Beyer helped the cause with eight and seven kills, respectively.

Burkman led the team with five aces and shared the honors in digs with Haylee Weber (10 each) while Beyer chipped in with eight digs — not to mention five blocks to lead in that category.

Other notable performances were turned in by Katie Stevens (four digs) and Lauren Clemons (three kills).

Wayne's record dipped to 1-20-3 overall and 0-5 in the KLAAS South.

PCA wins in 4

Visiting Plymouth Christian Academy earned a 25-21, 25-16, 24-26, 25-23 win Tuesday over Huron Valley Lutheran in a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference — Blue matchup.

For the Eagles (2-2 in the MIAC Blue), Jen Malcolm tallied 17 kills along with four blocks while Rachael Fuller contributed 10 kills and 14 digs.

Freshman Olivia Mady had another strong showing with 11 kills, 13 digs and three aces. Adding two aces and eight digs was Katie Gibson.

OHL HOCKEY

## Whalers finally break into win column

Victor Crus Rydberg scored with 1:34 remaining in the third period Friday to snap a 2-2 tie and lift the Whalers to a 4-2 win over host Ottawa.

An empty netter by Ryan Hartman (two goals) at 19:56 sealed the Whalers' first victory of the season following three losses.

The 67's opened the scoring early in the first when Brendan Bell sent a shot past Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (19 saves) but the Whalers gained the equalizer at 9:52 on a power play marker by Carter Sandlak (from Gianluca Curcuruto and Crus Rydberg).

Plymouth struck again with the

manpower advantage with 3:14 left in the second.

But Ottawa made it 2-2 before the end of the frame on a goal by Dante Salituro.

That's how the OHL contest stayed until Crus Rydberg's winner, with the lone assist going to defenseman Nick Malysa.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Chiefs survive big scare from Chorro

By Brad Emmons  
Staff Writer

State-ranked Canton proved Friday night it can go deep into the well and run a two-minute offense.

After upset-minded Livonia Churchill tied the game up on Johnson's 15-yard touchdown run followed by Brian Alsbrook's two-point conversion pass to Tim Dulin, the Chiefs had 2:15 left on the clock in a game tied at 28-28. That's when quarterback Greg Williams went to work and the junior delivered the game-winning TD drive, hitting three straight clutch passes for 19, 6 and 20 yards out of the Chiefs' run-oriented wing-T and leading Canton to a 35-28 victory while spoiling the Chargers' homecoming.

Charles Turfe scored the game-winning TD on a 2-yard run with only 1:53 seconds remaining as Canton stayed unbeaten at 5-0 and 3-0 in the KLAAs South Division.

Williams was 7-of-7 passing on the night for 123 yards while Turfe went for 161 yards on 23 carries.

"The kid is a winner," Canton coach Tim Baechler said of his QB. "He's so smart. He makes a lot of checks at the line of scrimmage. He's just a calm, cool customer. I like the ball in his hands."

Churchill (0-5, 0-3), which had defeated Canton in their last two meetings, liked the ball in senior tailback Malik Johnson's hands.

The 5-foot-8, 170-pound senior finished with 265 yards rushing on 28 carries as the Chargers looked far from being a winless team.

"We knew coming in they (Churchill) were a great offensive team," said Baechler, whose team won the tight yardage battle, 537-392. "Led by their offense, there's just so much stuff they run and you

prepare for. They're big up front and they execute well and their backs just ran hard. We were trying to move a lot on them, but when we were there, we couldn't tackle. But give them credit, they played great offensively."

"We just battled enough. It just worked out for the clock. We let them score just fast enough to let us have some time. We executed that last drive with some good throws by Greg Williams and good catches. My God, they just made plays."

Despite taking three 15-yard penalties, Canton scored on its opening drive of the game as Williams hit tight end Jake Boucher on a 25-yard TD pass with 8:39 left in the first quarter on fourth-and-six.

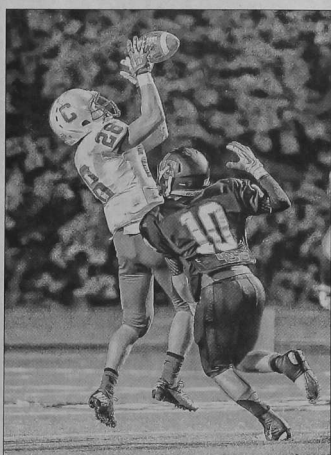
But Churchill came right back to score, as Johnson returned the ensuing kick 51 yards and three plays later the scored on a 3-yard run with 7:35 left after Alsbrook's 30-yard QB keeper set up the score.

Canton then scored on its second possession, going 80 yards in just eight plays, capped by Weston Price's 22-yard TD run up the middle with 3:44 to go to make it 14-7.

The Chiefs made it three-for-three on possessions scoring with 8:33 left in the half, when Williams rolled around end for a 15-yard keeper to make it 21-7. The drive covered 68 yards in 10 plays after the Canton defense stopped Churchill on fourth-and-12 on an incomplete pass in the end zone.

The track meet continued as Churchill zipped down the field in just 4:22 taking the running of Johnson, who had four carries for 61 yards. Alsbrooks hit Kyle Staff on fourth-and-10 for the 3 for a TD pass with 4:11 left to cut the deficit to 21-14.

But Canton answered again



Canton's Charles Turfe (left) makes the clutch TD grab for 43 yards late in the second quarter over Churchill defender Logan Facione (No. 10). DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

with just 1:08 remaining, when Williams hit Turfe over the umbrella of the Churchill defense to make an over-the-shoulder 43-yard TD grab to give the Chiefs a 14-point cushion at intermission.

Churchill, however, took the second-half kickoff and drove 80 yards in 13 plays, capped by Johnson's 4-yard TD run with 6:10 remaining. But the extra-point snap and hold was botched with 6:10 to go, leaving Churchill behind 28-20.

The Chargers' defense also stopped Canton on drives twice in the second half, but couldn't get the final spot.

"Just some critical mistakes at key times," Churchill first-year coach Bill DeFillippo said. "I'm proud of our kids' effort. We missed a couple of passes early in the first half on one drive where we failed on downs. And down at the one (in the final quarter) is when we had a couple of botched snaps. Early in the first half, we al-

lowed them out on some third-and-longs and fourth-and-longs, which kind of did us in at the end.

"They're a real good football team. Our kids played a great football tonight, just a couple of mistakes away from a victory over a great Canton team."

Johnson, meanwhile, could not be stopped as many of his yards resulted in broken tackles.

"By far our best player," DeFillippo said. "He's playing both ways offensively and defensively. And he's been running like that all year. Just outstanding. We just kept feeding him the ball and our O-line blocked their tails off up front."

One of the biggest plays came with 1:21 left in the third quarter and Canton ahead 28-20. Churchill got down to the Canton 1, but came up empty on fourth-and-goal at the 2.

"We had a couple of goal line sessions this week to get prepared for that," Baechler said. "They (the defense) battled. They knew it was coming. They (Churchill) made a lot of plays, too. They're good."

Churchill, meanwhile, found its defensive groove in the third quarter limiting Canton to just eight plays.

"It's hard, because their offense is very deceptive," DeFillippo said of the Chiefs.

"If you're not disciplined on defense, they can get some play-action pass over there. I thought our kids played real hard on defense tonight and really did a nice job, especially in the second half. We held them to seven points and that was on the final drive. We made some adjustments at halftime, but our kids stayed disciplined and I'm proud of them."

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PREP FOOTBALL - WEEK 5

## Big finish lifts Wildcats past Rockets, 37-21

Second-half surge helps Plymouth bounce back

Plymouth scored 30 unanswered points in the second half Friday and went to post a 37-21 KLAAs South Division football victory over host Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats (4-1 overall, 2-1 in the KLAAs South) trail 14-7 at halftime and needed to regroup to avoid a second consecutive loss.

That's exactly what they did, beginning with a 25-yard field goal by Viet

Nguyen with 7:41 to play in the third, slicing the John Glenn edge to 14-10.

Before the end of the frame, Plymouth jumped ahead 17-14 on a 1-yard run by D.J. Rossell — who had another spectacular game with 189 yards in 32 carries.

Plymouth's scoring surge continued into the early part of the fourth when quarterback AJ Converino (9-18, 93 yards) fired a 19-yard pass to Connor Stella to make it a 23-14 contest.

Rossell's 28-yard romp with 4:17 to play upped Plymouth's advantage to 30-14 and Anthony Kenney followed

with a 5-yard fumble return for the Wildcats' final points of the night.

John Glenn (2-3, 1-2) finally got back on the board with just four seconds remaining, when Kimari Johnson scored on a 44-yard run.

The Wildcats, who outgained John Glenn by a 307-233 margin, got off to a quick start late in the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead.

Converino's 17-yard pass to Matt Busch put Plymouth on the board, followed by the first of Nguyen's four extra points.

For the Rockets, running back De-

von Spalding had another productive game.

He ran 22 times for 117 yards, including a long 56 yards for a TD that made it 7-6 with 5:58 left in the second.

Spalding scored again 12 seconds later, on a 21-yard run. But the Wildcats put the defensive clamps on Spalding and the rest of the Rockets for virtually the rest of the night.

Penalties hurt the Rockets. They were whistled 11 times for 74 yards; there were only 45 penalty yards assessed against Plymouth.

### SALEM

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short, snappy passes.

"Shaw's had a great week of practice," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "He was like that all week, hawking the ball in practice. So that was a good pick by him and at an opportune time."

Britnell, whose team improved to 1-4 overall and 1-2 in the KLAAs Central, tipped his cap to the enthusiastic crowd that came out in Salem's blue-and-white colors to cheer on

the team. He said the energy from the bleachers made an impact.

"Guys walked in this morning in a m. In what they did last night and I just get their chills, all the decorations," Britnell said. "The school spirit was awesome and I'm glad we got a win for everybody."

"It was a great crowd tonight. They (players) get it, we talk about that all the time. They play for something bigger than just them."

#### Early excitement

Jordan was the main man, who brought those fans to their

feet throughout the night. With less than four minutes gone in the contest, he capped off Salem's first drive of the game with a 5-yard score, triumphantly raising his arms after crossing the goal line.

"We practice hard and I think my team really deserved this," Jordan said. "We had a rough start, but we're going to have a strong finish. I think we'll be all right."

"What we were missing (before) was enthusiasm and we're going to bring that and that's a promise for the rest of the season."

After the extra point by Alex Kenrick, Salem enjoyed a quick 7-0 lead.

That's how things stayed until early in the second.

Powers — who completed 12-of-19 passes for 205 yards in the first half alone (and 28-of-43, 306 yards for the game) — drove the Cougars 72 yards in five plays, capping off the drive was a 3-yard plunge by Alex O'Brien.

The Cougars followed that up with a 5-yard TD run by O'Brien, but a 36-yard pass from Powers to Wade Morris (followed by a two-point con-

version) to put South Lyon East up 22-7 with about six minutes left in the second.

Setting up the Morris TD was a fumble by Salem quarterback Alex Nicholson (7-of-12 passing, 88 yards, one TD) that was recovered by the Cougars' Lucas Marconcin.

Salem bounced back to score with 3:52 to go on a 1-yard run by Jordan, one play after Nicholson broke around right end for a 13-yard carry down to just outside the goal line.

Before halftime, the Rocks struck again to slice the deficit to 22-20. Nicholson fired a 17-yard pass deep into the end zone, which senior receiver Michael Hoover jumped high to haul in. Salem missed on a bid to tie the game on a two-point.

#### Extra effort

Both defenses tightened things up in the second half, however. The Cougars' half-time lead would last all the way until Jordan's ultimate scoring score.

It was the first play of that drive Jordan burst through the middle and veered left for

a 45-yard run down to South Lyon East's 25.

A penalty against the Cougars moved the ball inside the 15 and, two plays later, Jordan finished off by bulling his way over the goal line with a defender draped all over him.

Jordan was not going to be denied on the special night.

"Cougars got on us (at halftime) and (how) we're going to drive the football, hit people and score touchdowns and that's what we did," Jordan said.

"Our defense came up for us. Our got stops, we played as a team and we finished."

Britnell said the roller-coaster ride turned out to be worth it, largely because of the team's positive attitude — epitomized by players like Hoover, Nicholson and Jordan.

"Nothing has been (easy) this year, but it was a good team win and a credit to the guys for hanging in there," Britnell said.

"It's been a rough first month, but they believe in each other, there's no quit."

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BOYS SOCCER

## Chiefs keep rolling, blank Churchill

Canton's varsity boys soccer juggernaut continues to gain steam into the second half of the season, with Thursday's 3-0 whitewashing of visiting Livonia Churchill.

Aidan Shennan and Griffin Parks got the Chiefs each scored goals in the final nine minutes of the KLAAs South Division tilt to cap off the win for the division leaders (3-2, 8-1).

The way senior goalkeeper Brandon Pickert and a sturdy defense performed, those goals were just icing on the cake. Getting Canton off to a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute was Sam DeLoay, with what proved to be the game-winning marker.

In addition to Pickert, Canton coach Mark Zemanski pointed to excellent play by defenders Jack Zemanski,

Sam Belcher and Kyle Metlach to keep the Chargers (6-6-1, 4-4) in check.

Meanwhile, Parks added two assists and DeLoay and Shennan each scored on one goal.

**STEVENSON 8, SALEM 0:** Livonia Stevenson (5-5-2, 3-2-2) played lock down defense Thursday to earn a scoresless KLAAs Central Division draw against the visiting Rocks (1-7, 6-1-1).

Stevenson goalkeeper Austin Kazianczak (three saves) and Mike Bolin (combined on the shutout, while Collin Hervey had the last save for Salem).

The tie came on the heels of Salem's first defeat of the season, a tough 1-0 loss Tuesday against Northville due to a penalty kick with four minutes remaining.

**FRANKLIN 3, FRANKLIN 1:** Goals by Jason Huitable, Jason Lygorn and Mike Blake helped Franklin (6-1-1, 1-1) defeat Franklin South Division triumph Thursday over the visiting Hawks (2-1-1, 1-1).

Robert Riga tallied the lone Franklin goal with 14 minutes left and Patrick goalkeeper Spencer Leach (1-0-0) saved 14 times.

**PCA RECAPS:** In double overtime Tuesday, Plymouth Christian Academy lost 2-1 to Ann Arbor Greenhills. The Eagles and Steezy Creek Summit to Ann Arbor Greenhills. The game was delayed one hour due to field conditions.

KLAAs BOYS SOCCER

## John Glenn stops rival Wayne Memorial in KLAAs South game

There was a lot left Parrish liked about his Westland John Glenn boys soccer team's performance Thursday.

The visiting Rockets got two goals from Nyle Ellis to beat rival Wayne Memorial for the second time this season, 5-0.

"It's was a good game for

our guys," said Parrish, whose team improved to 5-8 overall and 2-6 in the KLAAs South Division. "We've been playing some close games against really good teams like Plymouth, Churchill and Franklin.

They are continuing to build as a team and getting better each week."

Carlos Santiago and Akshay Komnana each chipped in with a goal and assist, while Daniel Sovar added the other Glenn goal. Tunde Alawode assisted in the Ellis goal.

David Petkov and Andrew Doyle were named for saves and the shutout for the Glenn.

PREP TENNIS PREVIEW

# PCA boasts solid, balanced lineup

Team starting 2013 off where '12 team left off

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity tennis team enjoyed a big year in 2012, going 7-0-1 in dual matches followed by a 5-3 mark in regionals.

A successful encore already is in progress this season.

Led by seniors Matt Sumner, Alex Huber, junior Josh Fitzpatrick and freshman Drew Kwang, the 2012 Eagles excelled in singles play (PCA took first place at 1-3 singles at the Taylor Kennedy Tournament).

And head coach Mike Kwang was recognized by his peers as regional coach of the year.

This season, the coach is optimistic about the infusion of youth as well as returning vets such as Fitzpatrick and Drew Kwang. Early returns are positive, too.

"This year we are a much more balanced team," Mike Kwang said.

"Our doubles teams are much improved. This is clearly demonstrated at the News Herald Tennis Tournament in Taylor (Sept. 7) where we finished in fourth place with seven of our players winning medals.

This is the first time we had at least one point generat-



Plymouth Christian tennis players (from left) Andrew Fernandez, Greg Manni, Jake Maxwell, Matt Myers, Jake Shook, Austin Greuber and Will Creelius pose with their medals earned at the recent News Herald Tournament.

ed from every player on our team."

Once again, PCA will sport a strong lineup throughout.

At 1 singles is sophomore Drew Kwang, followed by senior Josh Fitzpatrick (2

singles), sophomore Jake Shook (3 singles) and senior Josh Paladino (4 singles). Leading the team in doubles is junior Roderick Hatcher and senior Luke Holmes at 1.

PCA boasts an experienced duo at 2 doubles with seniors Matt Myers and Jake Maxwell.

A younger duo is competing at 3 doubles, namely sophomore and

Will Creelius.

Rounding out the line are junior Greg Manni and freshman Olivia Mady at 4 doubles and freshman Andrew Fernandez and junior Jordan Talbot at 5 doubles.

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play in one tournament, and the bottom 12 teams play in another tournament," Kimball said. "So we'll play with the big guns there."

The team's strong, top-to-bottom depth is a key to the team's success. Of course, it starts with 1 singles player Jordan Lu, who suffered a tough 6-3, 6-2 loss to Central's Denali Kitayami, a well-regarded freshman.

### Setting the tone

"Jordan's the table setter," Kimball said. "To see a sophomore that hits the ball as hard as he does, it's just one of those rare players that can come in to the program."

"He sets the tone as far as not just the level of play, but his work ethic and his attitude and his sportsmanship. He's young but a great role model and an inspiration for the other players on the team."

Despite being defeated, Lu said the matchup against Kitayami will help him down the road.

"I've learned some strategies watching him play," Lu said. "Like, running around the back end and then hitting forehands, because forehands are harder shots that can hit winners and open up the court."

"Sometimes you have to play defensive, mix up your styles. I saw him return a lot of my harder shots and I was surprised by that."

Lu entered the match looking for improvement over the previous time he faced Kitayami, in a tournament. "I came in expecting a tough match because I've played him in other tournaments and he beat me pretty badly," Lu said. "The last time was like 6-3, 6-0. So today I was hoping I could get a set, or possibly win a match."

"I played fairly well in the first set. It was tied 3-all, 40-love my lead but I

couldn't close the game and then the momentum shifted from there."

### Conn flair

Another excellent singles player this season has been senior Jon Conn in the 4 slot. He was Plymouth's lone victor in the singles matchups, winning 6-1, 6-4 against Vamsi Garimella.

Conn, a varsity wrestler during the winter, is described by Kimball as the best-conditioned player on the squad.

"Jon has the best record on the team," Kimball said. "I think he's only lost two matches all year out of close to 20 (and) that's pretty impressive."

"He has a very unorthodox style of play that just drives the opponents crazy, gets under their skin and tends to win almost every match. ... He'll just wear you down. The war of attrition, he'll win it."

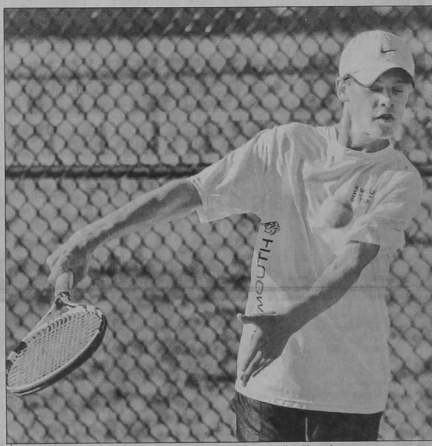
Plymouth's doubles lineup also made an obviously huge contribution to Thursday's victory — sweeping all five flights.

"My doubles teams stepped up," Kimball said. "We had some guys (Alex Tsokoff-Charlie Anderson at No. 5) start down 0-6, 0-4 in the second set and come back and win it in three sets (0-6, 6-4, 6-3). All the close ones really are going our way."

Also needing three games to win was the 3 doubles tandem of Tyler Smith-Yogesh Mohanraj, taking their match 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

At 4 doubles, Matt McDonald-Ramana Ramanathan won in a pair of 7-5 games. Also victorious were Jared Hof-Deven Patel at 1 doubles (6-3, 6-3) and Justin Kapke-Kevin Hou at 2 doubles (7-5, 6-3).

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Matt Decker, Plymouth's 2 singles player, looks to return a volley Thursday. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## CHIEFS

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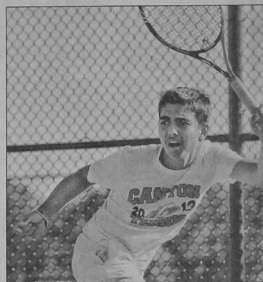
style. I think the association tournament will be interesting to see."

Lehmann raved about the play of her revamped singles lineup against Rohan Vaishnav at 1 singles. He prevailed 6-0, 7-6 in his flight.

"What I see him doing now, when I didn't see when the season started, is his strength and power," said Lehmann, about Vaishnav. "Right now he's in great shape, but what he's now doing is making the opponent work for him. It's not just simply a ball going back and forth 20 times. ... It's Rohan setting up the shots and the kid has to book for it. He has to make sure he gets to it, because it's not something he's just going to hand to him. Which is nice to see."

She subbed in Austin Tetlow for Zhou at 2, but Athul Rao and Noah Lindbauer excelled in the 3-4 spots, respectively.

Rao and Lindbauer are growing more and more comfortable as singles players with every match; they were a doubles tandem in 2012 for the Chiefs. Rao won his 3-singles matchup against Adam Benson by a 7-5, 6-1 tally; Lindbauer earned a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Will Schultz.



Gearing up for his next shot Thursday is Canton 1 singles player Rohan Vaishnav. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Moving on up

"Today he (Rao) went back to how he knows how to play and he hit the ball rather than just being a guy out there practicing against an opponent," Lehmann said. "Today he beat the kid, he won the match."

As for Lindbauer, she could hardly hold back her enthusiasm. "Noah has become a great singles player," Lehmann noted. "He's not your typical 4, a lot of times you see a 4 that's a push player, but just kind of rally for 30 or 40 shots. He's not that player."

"What he's done is made the kids play his

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Notice is hereby given that registration for Qualified Voters for the November 5, 2013, General Election for electing vacancies for the City Commission, will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours. Business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. City Hall is located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, and the City Clerk office is on the first floor. Registration will close on Monday, October 7, 2013 and no further voter registrations will be accepted. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registering to vote are as follows:

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# Church program focuses on values

Religion reporter David Crumm to lead discussion

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer



Crumm



Baker

You don't have to be a United Methodist, or even a Christian, to benefit from an upcoming program on values at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Veteran journalist David Crumm of Canton will lead the OurValues program for four weeks at the congregation on Eight Mile, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

"It's sort of a rare opportunity to see this," said Crumm, 58, the former religion writer for the *Detroit Free Press*. In 2007, he took a buyout from the paper to co-found [www.ReadTheSpirit.com](http://www.ReadTheSpirit.com), an online magazine for which he's editor. It includes with founder Wayne Baker, a sociologist at the University of Michigan, the [www.OurValues.org](http://www.OurValues.org) project focused on civil dialogue on values.

ReadTheSpirit.com is also a book publisher that has carried Baker's numerous columns on values. Baker has a book coming out soon, *United America: The Surprising Truth About American Values, American Identity and the 10 Beliefs That a Large Majority of Americans Hold Dear*.

Those at the Northville church program, for which advance registration is needed at 248-349-1144, are eager to be involved.

"We feel like these kinds of discussions about values are really a universal way to engage people," said Sue Craik, Christian Ministries director for the First United Methodist Church of Northville. "It just kind of made sense for us to do that. No matter what your religion or your background, the values we hold are more in common."

The Northville church has a

new lead pastor, the Rev. Marsha Woolley, who is a friend of Crumm's and eager to host the program. Woolley is the former pastor at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

## 'Buzz about it'

"There's a buzz about it," Craik said. She and others hope to encourage dialogue about faith and getting along.

"I think it's really for a lot of different kinds of people," Craik said. The program's intended for adults and high school youth are also welcome.

Baker's research focuses on what Americans have in common. For the second week in Northville, his book will be available. The \$20 book charge is the only fee.

The program is beginning at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, followed by Northville. Crumm and Baker are members of the Ann Arbor church.

"The participants are actually going to help us finalize what we're going to tell other groups," Crumm said of the study guide.

## Agreeing on values

Baker, who holds appointments at U-M's Institute for Social Research and its business school, is known for his research on areas where Americans are in deep agreement. Baker identified 10 values where nine of 10 Americans agree and have for years.

"We're going to start from this point of agreement," said Crumm, adding Baker will attend one Northville session. Baker's presentation will include stories and real life experiences.

Crumm agreed courtesy can

be present in political debate.

"I believe that is possible," he said. When ReadTheSpirit.com started, its 10 principles included that peace is possible and we can all come together.

He works with Michigan State University journalism students on books on understanding groups such as Asian Indian immigrants, Arab Americans and native Americans. "We believe very strongly it is possible to find a common ground in our communi-

ties," Crumm said.

He earned his bachelor's degree from U-M and returned as a graduate student, as well as a journalism fellow. Crumm has worked as a journalist since his late teens. He's married to Amy and the couple has two grown children, Benjamin and the Rev. Megan Walther, a United Methodist pastor Downriver.

Crumm and his son, then 21, traveled the country for a *Free Press* series on spiritual val-

ues. "There are a lot of people who remember that series," David Crumm said.

## Open to all

"My purpose is to help people talk about their values," he said of his journalism. "We welcome people of other faiths."

"This is about sharing those findings and inviting people who come to see how they connect to their own lives."

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# Annual 'Giving Circle' event teaches women about philanthropy

Carol Goss, president and CEO of The Skillman Foundation, will present "How Philanthropy Can Help Save Detroit" at the annual meeting of the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

With assets of over \$43 million and an annual budget of \$23 million, The Skillman Foundation is a private, independent foundation with a mission is to improve the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit by strengthening schools and neighborhoods. Goss joined the foundation in 1998 as a

program officer and became president and CEO in 2004. She was named one of the 2010 Michiganians of the Year by *The Detroit News* and received the Eleanor Josaitis "Unsung Hero" award in 2008 as part of the Shining Light Awards sponsored by the Detroit Free Press and Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. She plans to retire at the end of the year.

"Carol Goss is an amazing woman in terms of her experience with the Skillman Foundation," said Nancy Eggenberger, chair of the Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle. "We are thrilled to have her. "Although our goal is



Goss

to support women in the Plymouth-Canton area and we are focused here, I don't think learning about philanthropy (in Detroit) can do anything but improve our knowledge. If Detroit does well, we all do well."

Eggenberger said the annual October meeting helps the Giving Circle explain to women in the

community "what philanthropy is and why we do it." Registration and a reception will begin at 6 p.m. The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Madrigal Singers will perform. Goss's presentation starts at 7 p.m. A short business update, coffee and deserts will conclude the evening's program. Ticket price is \$20, with registration through the Canton Community Foundation at www.cantonfoundation.org or call 734-495-1200.

Founded in 1966, the Giving Circle was born out of the belief that women in the Canton-Plymouth area can work together to make a mean-

ingful impact on the lives of women and families in need.

The organization has granted more than \$28,000 to local women and children through organizations such as First Step, the Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank, Starfish Family Services, and the Detroit Area Diaper Bank.

Patron memberships are \$1,000, which can be paid over three years. A supporting patron gives up to \$1,000.

Eggenberger said some attendees contribute by giving money to a "pass the hat" collection at Giving Circle events. Others offer their time

by volunteering on event committees.

"There has been a concern with the economy recently, but we have a 'pass the purse' at every event and we continue to raise money by women just throwing \$5, \$10, \$20 in the hat. It's been inspiring," Eggenberger said. The organization's membership and its annual meeting is not restricted to women in Plymouth and Canton, although its bylaws require that more than 50 percent of monies raised be spent in those communities.

—By Sharon Dargay

## Walk/run proceeds send foster kids to camp

Lace up your running shoes and help send 48 abused and neglected children to camp next summer.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville and Northville Christian Assembly (NCA) church co-sponsor a of Royal Family Kids Camp in Fenton every year. It's one of 150 camps nationwide that provide recreation, education and affirmation designed to aid emotional healing for youngsters who are in foster care.

The fourth annual Walk-N-Fund Run on Oct. 5 will help raise public awareness and financial support for the camp in Fenton.

The event will feature a two-mile and a four-mile walk along with a two-mile and a four-mile run. Registration will run from 8:30-9 a.m. followed by both the walk and fun run events. They'll start at the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile, and will follow the I-275 hike path from the church to Grand River



and back.

Participants may bring their dogs to the Walk-N-Fund Run which will include a dog watering hole at the halfway mark.

The fee of \$30 per walker/runner will include a commemorative T-shirt, water and a snack. The event is free to children 12 and younger. Prizes will be available to participants.

Register by contacting Shelly King at 248-348-7600 or by email at sking@dfcnazarene.org, or Peggy Sanchez at 313-682-1045 or by email at gmp7stander@aol.com. Registration forms

Runners and walkers head toward the starting line at the annual Walk-N-Fund Run that raises money for a Royal Family Kids Camp in Fenton.

also will be available the morning of the fundraising event. A sponsored walker form is available for runners and walkers who plan to raise money through pledges.

More than 80 volunteer staff members from throughout metropolitan Detroit will spend a week next year to help provide a positive, life-changing summer camp experience for children, ages 7 to 11, who are involved in the foster care system in Wayne County. The camp is free for youngsters who are selected for camp by Wayne County Department of Human Services.



A Thunderbird Ski Club member, Ron Ferenczi, skis Steamboat, Colo.

## Ski club provides fun year-round social events

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Thunderbird Ski Club members will toss bowling balls, kick up their heels on the dance floor, and taste a few fine wines in the coming weeks.

Some of them may even strap on ski gear and head to the slopes beginning in January 2014.

Mary Ann Baier, "Tbirds' vice president, says the club offers dozens of year-round meeting and mingling opportunities along with seasonal ski trips. It's both a social club and travel group for skiers. The ability to ski is not a prerequisite and some individuals attend only non-ski events.

"We're open to the public. We have a lot of golfing and social activities. We're having bowling at Thunderbird Lanes. We have 20 tickets to see *War Horse* (at the Fisher Theatre). We have social nights — it's a way of getting together," Baier said. "People give suggestions for activities. We also ask people to volunteer to run them and we come up with our own suggestions, too."

In addition to bowling and wine tasting, the fall activities roster also includes a barn dance, golf trip, Plymouth Whalers hockey game, movie night, live theater and a Christmas party. Golf, baseball games, bike and canoe outings, boat trips and dinner meet-ups are scheduled throughout spring and summer. The Club holds a picnic every month from June-September. The final picnic includes a chili cook-off.

"Of course our main thing is skiing. We run five trips," Baier said. "We go through a seasoned travel agency that has been putting together ski trips for years and we have a good rapport with them."



Ski trophies? No, members of Thunderbird Ski Club won awards for making the best chili at recent Club outing. They are Dieder Volmer (left) of Canton, Kathy Miliucci, Cecilia Palen and Ron Glowinski of Plymouth.

### More information

She and other Tbirds board members will be on hand at an open house with information about trips and social events, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

The open house will include ski vendor displays, a DJ, dancing, appetizers, cash bar and prize giveaways. Cost is \$5, age 21 and over only. Membership is open to age 21 and over and is required for overnight ski trips. Children can accompany their parents on trips, although some outings — such as skiing at Shanty Creek Resort in January 2014 — are more family-friendly than others.

Most of the local social events draw adults only. Membership is \$35 for the first year and \$25 each additional year. Nonmembers may participate in any of the social activities, Baier said, but they may pay a slightly higher admission for some events. Cost is \$1 more for nonmembers, for example, at the upcoming bowling night at Thunderbird Lanes in Allen Park. Club meetings are held Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 18 and Jan. 8, 2014, at Doc's Sports Retreat,

19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The gathering starts with a "mix and mingle" at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Tbirds, founded in 1949, is a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council.

"That's an umbrella group of about 20 ski clubs. Some are totally family-oriented. Because we're affiliated we have reciprocal agreements," Baier said, adding that Tbirds members can participate in ski trips offered by affiliate groups.

Visit the Tbirds website at [www.tbirdskiclub.com](http://www.tbirdskiclub.com).

Here's a sampling of other local ski clubs listed on the Council website:

» Livonia Ski Club offers social activities and ski trips. It meets at 8 p.m., the first Thursday of the month, at Subaru's Leather Bottle, located on Farmington Road south of Eight Mile.

» Skis 'N Tees, a ski and golf club, meets at 9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, at Livonia Elks Lodge #2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Find a list of activities at [skistesites.org](http://skistesites.org).

For more listings, see [mdecski.org](http://mdecski.org).

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Livonia Garden Club

Steve and Donna Turner will talk about African violets at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m., Oct. 1, at the Civic Park Senior Center...

Farmington Garden Club

A guest speaker from the Detroit Institute of Arts will talk about the meaning behind flowers and plants in the history of art...

Friends of the Rouge

Experienced paddlers can tour the Rouge Oct.

12. Heaven Canoe Rental is partnering with Friends to offer the trip that follows the Lower Branch within the city of Wayne. This trip is part of Rouge-A Palooza, a river celebration that will take place in Wayne's Gouy Park...

English Gardens

English Gardens stores in Metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

Learn what needs pruning and dividing before winter sets in at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at all stores.

Get tips on selecting plants and caring for them at "Personal Gardening 101," 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 12, at all stores.

"Putting Your Garden to Bed" will include information on preparing the garden for winter. It's free and starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at all stores.

Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Ma-

ple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Bible garden

The Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden is open sunrise to sunset from spring through 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...

MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT

COCCIA-OSTENRUDE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coccia of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Grace Coccia, to Jacob K. Ostenrude, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ostenrude of Cavalier, N.D.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University. Her fiancé graduated from the University of Northern Colorado. Both are employed by Roche Harbor Resort, in Roche Harbor, Wash.



Alyssa Grace Coccia-Jacob K. Ostenrude. An August 2014 wedding is planned at Lake Leelanau.

ENGAGEMENT

CORNELL-FRY

Heather Nicole Cornell and Michael John Fry announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bryan and Penny Cornell of Canton, earned a master's degree in counseling from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as an intake therapist at He-gira Programs Inc.

Her fiancé is the son of Jack and Susan Fry of Canton, attended the International Masonry Institute in Warren and is employed by Apex Inc.

A September 2014 wedding is



Heather Nicole Cornell and Michael John Fry PHOTO BY SUSAN FRY

planned at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

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KRANE, PENNY

86 of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died on 21 September 2013. Beloved wife of 64 years of Dr. Mark Krane. Cherished mother of Dr. Kevin (Janet) Krane, Dr. Vikki (Diane Mahling) Krane and the late Mitchell Krane. Mother-in-law of Kellie Krane. Loving grandmother of Dr. Spencer (Mente) Krane, Abby Krane, Stewart Krane, Max Krane, Josh Krane and Kathleen Krane.

Services were held Graveside on Monday AT CLOVER HILL PARK CEMETERY. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL 248-549-9020 www.irkafman.com



MEADE WILLIAM A.

September 25, 2013, age 69 peacefully at home in Franklin. Longtime bowling proprietor and manager. Currently a real estate broker with Hall & Hunter. Beloved husband of Judy (nee Kraemer) for 27 years. Dear father of Philip S. Hutchinson (Tammy) Loving grandfather of Estelle and Lois. Uncle of Vicki Heldenbrand (Richard), Pamela Danner (Kenneth), Michael (Dawn), John (Mary Pat) and the late Kenneth F. II (Sharon). Also survived by his dog, Boonie.

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KRULL, JERRY

Age 81, September 4, 2013. Beloved husband of Audrey Lovell (nee) Krull (Michelle) and David Krull. Dear grandfather of 3. A Memorial Service will be held at Roseale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 960 Hubbard, Livonia, Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 11am with gathering at 10am. Please share a message of Jerry in his guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com



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REUNIONS

A 40th reunion will be held Oct. 5 at The Henry Ford and Best Western Greenfield Inn. Register on: www.eventbrite.com

Event 75277088579. Email 1973reunion@gmail.com. Call or text: Donna Sly at 734-552-0485.

LADYWOOD

A reunion is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Station 885 in Plymouth. Cost is \$30 per person. Spouses may attend. For more information call Claudia (Kuraz) Garcia at 313-561-2139.

CLASS OF 1973

For more information about the 40th class reunion planned for Oct. 19, contact Bright Lenaghan Taylor at bright.taylor@ameritech.net. Deadline is Oct. 4.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

A birthright reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Check-in and cash bar at 7 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. Call Kathy Shinn at 810-229-7534.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

A 50-year reunion luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novi. Contact mercy.hs.1963@gmail.com or call J. Quainte at 734-776-2561.

REDFORD THURSTON

All '80s Reunion

The reunion runs 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 30, at Greektown Hotel and Casino Hotel Ballroom in Detroit. It will include reception-style appetizers, desserts, late-night pizza and entertainment. Tickets are \$50 each if purchased by Sept. 30; \$70 each in October; \$90 each in November. For more information, contact Heidi Saunders at heidrs32@gmail.com or Dan Phillips at daniele42@comcast.net. Or search for 1913reunion@gmail.com. All '80s Reunion Plus or Minus on Facebook.

REDFORD UNION

A 50th class reunion is set for Oct. 19. Looking for former classmates. For more information, contact James (Infantino) Fraley at fraley.j66@yahoo.com.

ST. LADISLAUS

A 40th reunion is set for Oct. 26 in Warren. Contact Chuck Marzana at 248-705-5206 or charlem4@bcglobal.net for more information.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. Tickets are on sale now. The is \$75 per couple or \$140 per couple. The price includes a strolling dinner and open bar with DJ. Make checks payable to Brian Baker, JGHS Class of '83 Reunion and send to P.O. Box 0876, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, email Linda Harbison at jghs.1983@gmail.com.

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BLODGETT, JEAN K.

Her Legacy... Age 87, of Farmington, Michigan, passed away on September 24, 2013. Jean was born on September 24, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Roland and Gladys (Matthew) Krane, she worked at Botford Hospital until her retirement in 2009.

Her Family... Jean leaves behind her son, Lawrence Blodgett of Pinckney, MI; brother, James Krane of Tennessee; and sister-in-law, Judy Blodgett of Brighton, MI. She is preceded in death by her former husband, Burton Blodgett and her son, James Blodgett.

Her Farewell... A private family gathering was held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 1pm, at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Please sign Jean's guestbook at borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900.



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CIOCH, LOUISE

NE SEBESKY. Sept. 24, 2013, Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Henry. Loving mother of Tommy and Kevin (Sandy) Ciach. Her grandson, Ryan, Briana, Nicole and Nolan. Visitation: Sun, Sept. 29, 2013, 1-4pm, at the Holy Vigil Service at Harry J Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Funeral Mass: 10am Mon, Sept. 30, 2013 (10-State 9:30am) at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. Please visit: www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

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CANTON AND SALEM HIGH SCHOOLS

CLASSES OF 1993

A 20-year reunion is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, at Nick's in Plymouth. Get tickets at http://www.payit-square.com/collect-page/5123.

FERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1973

A 40-year reunion is set from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 29, at the Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call 248-451-9653. Tickets are \$75 presale only. Includes dinner, dancing, good times. Get tickets from www.73hs40reunion.net or join the reunion Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/503456823023714. Reunion contact is Sande Easterwood Rourke.

GARDEN CITY

CLASS OF 1963

The class will celebrate its 50-year reunion from 6-11:30 p.m., Oct. 26, at Sheraton Novi, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information email Terri Koleski Kohler at CPKohler36801@yahoo.com or Shirley Knight at shirleyknight@msn.com. Call Knight at 248-862-5859. Visit the reunion's Facebook page — Garden City High School Class of '63.

GARDEN CITY EAST-WEST

CLASS OF 1973

The Detroit Institute of Arts' InsideOut art exhibition has returned to the Southfield Municipal Complex as part of the city's International Festival taking place Oct. 4-6 in the Southfield Pavilion.

Now in its fourth year, InsideOut brings reproductions of masterpieces from the DIA's collection to the streets and parks of the metro area. On Sept. 24, the DIA installed six reproductions throughout Southfield Municipal Complex; they will be on display until the end of October at the second time that the

DIA has displayed reproductions in the city of Southfield.

Detailed maps outlining the location of each reproduction are available in City Hall, and can be downloaded from the City's website at cityofsouthfield.com or viewed interactively at http://maps.cityofsouthfield.com. A detailed index titled "insideout/index.html" is also available.

The city of Southfield, in partnership with the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, will sponsor the 90th annual International Festival (formerly the All World Market) from Friday-Sunday, Oct. 4-6 in the Southfield Pavilion,

26000 Evergreen Road.

Visit International Festival with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services swearing-in ceremony of new citizens in our city. Last year, more than 100 immigrants from 37 countries were sworn-in as new citizens.

The festival continues until 5 p.m. Friday, then runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. A weekend pass is \$3 per person or \$5 per family with free parking. For more information, call 248-796-5130

cityofsouthfield.com.

HARTT, EVANGELINE "ANGIE"

92, of Farmington Hills, died September 27, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Paul (d. 1983); loving mother of Heather Hartt, April Hartt and the late Phyllis (Victor) Hartt-Bucalfari; cherished grandmother of six, and great grandmother of three. Sadly, in addition to her husband and daughter, Angie was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Lee Wright. Visitation Sunday, Sept. 29, 3-8 pm, at the Honey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 21720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-2200). Funeral Ceremony Monday, Sept. 30, 10:00 am (in state 9:50 am) at the Holy Family Church, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills. Interment Roseland Park, Berkeley Memorial tributes suggested to CurePSP or Respite Hospice.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### SEPTEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

Botsford Hospital is collecting non-perishable foods through Oct. 31 for Michigan food banks. Food collection boxes are stationed at the main entrance to the hospital, the main entrance to the Ziegler Center and the main cafeteria entrance on the ground floor. The hospital is located at 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; 248-471-8000.

### OCTOBER ALZHEIMER'S CARE TRAINING

Home Instead Senior Care will offer a free Alzheimer's care training workshop, 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. During the workshop participants will learn about managing behaviors, encouraging engagement and caring for themselves while caring for a loved one. For reservations call 734-525-5300.

### CELIAC SUPPORT

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet Oct. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting, featuring the group's dietitian advisor, Lana Coxton, begins at 7 p.m. Coxton will talk about "Gluten-free living — Surviving the holidays." For more information visit [ccg.net](http://ccg.net)

### HEARING AND DIABETES

Ariel Waitzman, M.D., an otolaryngologist, will talk about diabetes-related hearing loss, 7:45-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. He'll also talk about the signs of hearing loss and causes of hearing loss other than diabetes. The program is free. For more information call 734-655-8950.

### HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Cochlear implant manufacturer, Med-EL will present its new products and will answer questions, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Garden City Hospital, Allan Braxie Medical Office Building, classroom 1, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-666-3297 or [afreak@comcast.net](mailto:afreak@comcast.net).

### LAMAZE AND BEYOND

St. Mary Mercy Marian Women's Center offers expectant parents two options for childbirth education classes. The first is a one-day Childbirth Education Workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. The second option is a five-week series of weekly Childbirth Education Classes, 7-9 p.m. Monday, beginning Oct. 7. The series of classes teaches the same information as the one-day session, but with

more practice of breathing techniques. Both classes meet in Classrooms 1 and 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Classes are based on the Lamaze method and are designed to help expectant parents increase their knowledge and build the confidence needed to lessen the fear of childbirth. The fee for either option is \$75 per couple. To enroll, call the Marian Women's Center at 734-655-1162 or go to [www.stmarymercy.com](http://www.stmarymercy.com)

### DIABETES SUPPORT

Learn how to make healthier food choices at the "Healthy Eating with Diabetes" workshop led by Gina DeAngelis, Botsford Hospital registered dietitian, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes handouts, recipes, activities, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Center or by phoning 248-427-7400. Limited seating. Tickets sell out fast. Registration required.

### STABING AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

Dawn Farn will offer a free program addressing the intersection of substance abuse and domestic violence, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, "Ipsilanti." Presents include Christine Watson, legal advocate at SafeHouse Center, and David J.H. Garvin, LMSW, founder of Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, and chief operating officer for Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. For more information call Dawn Farn at 734-485-8725.

### WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Nathan Foster, cardiologist, will discuss how to prevent sudden cardiac death, during Botsford Hospital's monthly nature walk and discussion, noon, Thursday, Oct. 17, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The most common cause of sudden cardiac death in adults over age 30 is a buildup of cholesterol plaque in the arteries. Meets rain or shine. Call to register: 877-477-DOCT (3621), option 1.



Dr. Nathan Foster

### 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 1:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**  
Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

### BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (C5), and lipid panel (S10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights, and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For more information, call 734-458-4300.

### BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

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

### CHOIR THERAPY

The Therapy Chorus of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org).

## U-M improves detection test for prostate cancer

The University of Michigan Health System has begun offering a new urine test called MI-Prostate Score to improve on the traditional prostate cancer screening test.

The traditional test measures a prostate specific antigen, or PSA, but doesn't give doctors a complete picture. The new test incorporates three specific markers that could indicate cancer and studies have shown that the combination is far more accurate than PSA alone.

"Many more men have elevated PSA than actually have cancer but it can be difficult to determine this without biopsy. We need new tools to help patients and doctors make better decisions about what to do if serum PSA is elevated. Mi-Prostate Score helps with this," said Scott Tomlins, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of pathology and urology at the University of Michigan.

Researchers validated the new test on nearly 2,000 urine samples. Mi-Prostate Score, or MiPS, was significantly more accurate than PSA alone for predicting cancer as well as predicting aggressive prostate cancer that is likely to grow and spread quickly.

Mi-Prostate Score developed from a discovery in the

lab of Arul Chinnaiyan, M.D., Ph.D., in 2005 of a genetic anomaly that occurs in about half of all prostate cancers. These studies show that the gene fusion almost always indicates cancer.

The new urine test looks for the T2ERIG fusion as well as another marker, PCA3. This is combined with serum PSA measure to produce a risk assessment for prostate cancer. The test also predicts risk for having an aggressive tumor, helping doctors and patients make decisions about whether to wait and monitor test levels or pursue immediate biopsy.

"This combination test is not designed to say definitively at diagnosis whether a man has aggressive prostate cancer, but it can provide a more accurate estimate of the likelihood of having cancer and the likelihood of that cancer being aggressive," Tomlins said.

The test is available to anyone but requires a request from a doctor. For more information, call the University of Michigan's MLabs at 800-862-7284.

## Gala benefits patient room renovation

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 21st annual Gala "La Dolce Vita" is set for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

The event will start with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet Italian dinner, dancing, music by Intrigue and special La Dolce Vita entertainment.

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

paign to renovate patient rooms in the North Wing at St. Mary Mercy Hospital from semi-private to a private setting and to improve inpatient care.

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

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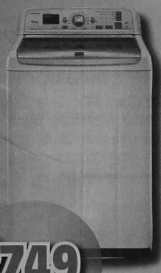


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## Work in Medical Billing

Critical Knowledge For Those Interested To Work In Medical Billing And Coding



By Kristy Turner  
Contributing Writer

The health care industry is continuously growing and there's no sign of it slowing down soon. The growth can also be seen on the allied health care services closely tied up to medicine.

The reason for this growth is the continued demand for health care. It was further fueled in the past decade by the fact that the world population is aging and is therefore requiring more health care services.

Based on this knowledge we can easily see that one of the best industries to start a career in is health care. With its continued growth this industry promises a stable career as well as possible fulfillment knowing that if you are a professional in this field, you are helping directly in making people's lives better.

However, it's not a secret as well that the traditional ways of obtaining a job in the medical industry isn't easy nor expensive.

It takes years and a lot of money to study for a health care career especially if you are working on the clinical side.

The good news is that there's another side to the medical industry where accountants, programmers, encoders, and people from other professions can go into. That is the administrative side of the health care industry.

Though the clinical side of health care is the heart of this industry, allied services are also required to keep the health care system working.

Accountants, marketers, purchasers, stock room custodians, computer programmers, encoders, transcribers, and back office staff are also needed in the administrative side of the health care system.

So if you are thinking of starting a career in the health care system but you don't have the money to invest for a profession in the clinical side of things, you can study for one of the allied health care services. One of the fields you can go into is medical billing and coding.

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Though working on the administrative side of health care that particularly deals with the health insurance system, the medical billers and coders are still adept in the theoretical knowledge of medicine. Medical billers and coders won't be able to directly provide any form of health care to patients and are not licensed to do

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The working knowledge of medical billers and coders in medicine is a must. They are interacting with physicians and health care workers so it's a requirement that they know how the theories of medicine.

So the best way to become a medical biller and coder if you are interested in becoming one is to have professional training and learn all of the following critical knowledge required from all medical billers and coders:

- Human anatomy, physiology and diseases
- Medical language and terminology
- Health insurance and reimbursement process
- CPT and ICD-9-CM medical coding databases

These are the subjects that you must learn and master if you want to get into the health care industry by becoming a medical biller and coder. Though it will still take time to study these subjects it won't be as hard and as expensive as studying for a career directly involved in the clinical side of health care. Good luck!

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- Hamilton's prov.
- Lace or ribbons
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- Against
- Splinter group
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## Toyota, Lexus Go Mass and Niche to Promote New Vehicles



By Dale Buss

As Toyota and Lexus have regained footing in the US market and restocked their product portfolios, the brands' marketing has taken on new confidence as well. And like the rest of the auto industry, Toyota and Lexus are pursuing both the masses and the niches of American consumers with more fervor than ever as they seek to squeeze every last sale out of a vibrant US car market.

Of course, the biggest thing Toyota has going on right now is a very mass-market campaign to launch the new 2014 Toyota Corolla, its bread-and-butter compact sedan. That effort includes a ubiquitous primary broadcast spot called "Style Never Goes Out of Style," which features Corolla over its 45-year history in the U.S. - very Forrest Gump-like - as a fixture of American pop culture just like the decades of evolving music that the ad celebrates.

But Toyota also is using a narrower approach than ever before to marketing the dramatically restyled 11th generation of Corolla. It includes a slate of ride-and-drive experiences around the country, custom Vine and Instagram videos in social-media effort, a virtual "test drive" through the "Corolla Touch Drive" mobile app, and billboards and outdoor signs in major markets such as New York and Los Angeles that launches a virtual test drive through certain smartphones.

"We're thrilled to debut a fun campaign that reaches a younger audience through social, digital and mobile elements that convey the Corolla's elevated design," said Ed Laukes, a marketing executive of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A.



Toyota rolls its one-millionth Tundra truck off in San Antonio plant.

Another thing Toyota is doing now is occurring way down the breadth scale from Corolla - about as far down as the brand could go.

Toyota is experimenting with a partnership with DirecTV to zero in on would-be customers for the all-electric version of its RAVU SUV. Even though Toyota essentially has given up on EVs as a high-volume proposition - in favor of flogging the Prius hybrid brand - the company is attempting to target tech-savvy early adopters in major California cities using DirecTV subscriber data to reach narrow slices of consumers.

"A national campaign doesn't make sense," Dionne Colvin, Toyota's national media marketing manager, told *Automotive News*. "But we do want to get the message out."

Meanwhile, Toyota is also taking a more concentrated tact toward pickup truck buyers as it seeks to get a share of the booming segment for its Tundra rangleplate. Overall, the brand doesn't invest nearly as much in pickup sales as the Detroit Three

do; Tundra hasn't been redesigned since 2007, and doesn't offer all the optional configurations that GM, Ford and Chrysler do for their trucks.

But Toyota does believe Tundra has a shot at some of the so-called "lifestyle" buyers who are coming back into the pickup market after being chased away by the Great Recession and its aftermath. These are people who don't need pickups for construction work, farming or other professional applications - individuals that Toyota has taken to calling "The Evolved Truckster" in a new campaign.

And while some truck executives believed such buyers were basically extinct, Toyota's new TV-ad campaign that began this week focuses on Tundra as a family vehicle for DIY home projects, for instance.

Lexus is doing its share of edgy marketing as well. There are the planned openings of the brand's new Intersect lounges in select major cities around the world, for one thing. But in the US, Lexus also is experimenting with all kinds of unusual events, sponsorships, grass roots movements, social media, performances "and a mashup of the

above," as Marketing Daily put it. For example, Lexus has a two-year-old Culinary Masters Team that works with the brand on multiple initiatives including customer-appreciation programs and charitable outreaches. Earlier this month, more than 100 diners gathered at Animal restaurant in Torrance, Calif., for a Lexus Culinary Masters program featuring a menu crafted by renowned chef Michelle Bernstein.

Another of those innovative efforts is a four-week program called "It's Your Move After Dark," a partnership with NBCUniversal that comprises a series of TV spots for the new Lexus LS sedan that are being created on the spot by improv actors and comedians based on suggestions from viewers and online denizens. It is happening in ad spots on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*.

"People are so busy and doing so many things that a great ad isn't enough to get people's attention," Brian Smith, CMO of Lexus in the US, said at a recent marketing seminar, according to the publication. "We have to do it in a different way. Our approach is simple: creating great content and delivering it appropriately, and driving 360 experience."



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# OPEN HOUSES

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**OPEN 1-4 | 7341 Wood Pointe Dr., Almont** - peaceful country living with city amenities close-by. \$214,900  
**Sharon Lewellyn 586-850-5714**



**OPEN 1-4 | 1742 S. Maple Rd., Ann Arbor** - Luxurious 3BR/2.5BA townhome. Ideal for entertaining. \$219,500  
**Michelle Jarrant 313-673-5806**



**OPEN 1-4 | 2529 Crystal Dr., Ann Arbor** - Solid brick ranch is move in ready. Updates galore! \$195,000. **Hosted by Loraine Wiloy 734-834-4332**



**OPEN 1-4 | 3187 Ellwood Ave., Berkeley** - Newer construction, 6 year old home. High ceilings, many upgrades. \$278,000  
**Joyce Ward 248-514-1910**



**OPEN 1-4 | 3801 Cornwall, Berkeley** - Opportunity. Knocking on St John Woods Brick/Stone Ranch. \$199,900  
**Jack Bertoia 248-310-9940**



**OPEN 1-4 | SALE PENDING!** Charming 3 bedroom Berkeley bungalow in move-in condition. \$149,900  
**Carol Clark 248-225-3564**



**OPEN 1-4 | 2427 Thomas Ave., Berkeley** - Cute brick charmer, walk to downtown Berkeley & Catalpa Oaks Park. \$139,000  
**Sandra Daw 248-410-0300**



**OPEN 1-4 | 31165 Sheridan Dr., Beverly Hills** - Birmingham Schools but w/ Beverly Hills taxes-winning combo! \$192,000  
**Janet Burger 248-770-6183**



**OPEN 1-4 | 1843 S. Bates St., Birmingham** - Looking for that incredible opportunity in B'ham? Here it is! \$179,900  
**Kevin Cristbrook 248-417-7682**



**OPEN 1-4 | 1564 Henrietta St., Birmingham** - Prime "walk to town" locale, great street. Granite, hardwoods. \$540,000  
**Rosalee Hill 248-408-1552**



**OPEN 1-4 | 1410 Yorkshire Rd., Birmingham** - Beautiful vintage 2-story Colonial, hardwoods, granite kitchen. \$449,000  
**Patrick Carolan 248-342-7653**



**OPEN 1-4 | 1116 Washington Blvd.** - Cute-as-can-be bungalow 3BR/2BA 1400+ sq ft. of living near downtown! \$300,000  
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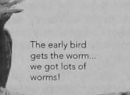
**OPEN 2-5 | 2647 Dorchester, Birmingham** - Beautiful charming ranch! Loaded with thousands of \$\$\$ in updates. \$235,000  
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**OPEN 2-4 | 2020 Yorkshire Rd., Birmingham** - A gem! This cute ranch is just waiting to welcome you. Bright/OPEN \$179,000  
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**OPEN 1-4 | 40900 Magnolia Dr., Clinton Twp.** - PRICE REDUCED! Well-maintained end unit. Two bedrooms, 2 bath. \$125,000  
**James Hedrick 586-242-6466**



**OPEN 1-4 | 8102 Rolling Meadows Dr., Canton** - Exquisite & custom built in exclusive Rolling Meadows Sub. \$799,000  
**Chris Patrick 734-546-9978**



**OPEN 1-4 | 46758 Creeks Bend, Canton** - Three bedroom two and a half bath. Living room, dining room combo. \$200,000  
**Ed Spain 734-748-3921**



**OPEN 2,30-4,30 | 13450 Redmonds Hill Ct., Chelsea** - Finished basement w/full bath, family room & more. \$349,500  
**Glenda Gerbstadt 734-668-2407**



**OPEN 1-4 | 5068 Rockaway Ln., Clarkston** - Outstanding Oakhurst Golf & Country Club home. Limestone built. \$799,000  
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**OPEN 2-4 | 17300 Bedore, Clay Twp.** - HARSEN ISLAND Pride of Ownership! Well maintained & spacious. \$450,000  
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**OPEN 2-4 | 35566 Stillmeadow Ln., Clinton Twp.** - Lovely 2BR condo with lots of custom throughout. \$94,000  
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**OPEN 12-2 | 32487 Olde Franklin, Farmington Hills** - Fabulous Colonial in desirable Olde Franklin Sub. \$265,000  
**Susan Wojtkas 248-249-2470**



**OPEN 1-5 | 805 Pemberton, Grosse Pte. Shores** - Well maintained Colonial in Windmill Pointe Sub. \$325,000  
**Rita Tucker 586-489-8264**



**OPEN 2-4 | 89 Willow Tree, Grosse Pte. Shores** - Stunning professional decor 4BR/2 full, 2 half BA. Custom built. \$759,000  
**Christian Mortimer 313-525-1170**



**OPEN 2-4 | 87 S. Deeplands, Grosse Pte. Shores** - Spacious center entrance six bedroom Colonial. \$499,900  
**Joe Rich 313-550-6800**



**OPEN 2-4 | 2002 Roslyn Rd., Grosse Pte. Woods** - Magnificent Quad-level. 5BR possible 6th, 3BA. Newer kitchen \$189,000  
**Jim Addison 313-662-2152**



**OPEN 12-5 | 1977 Allard Ave., Grosse Pte. Woods** - Charming 3BR home on tree-lined street is close to parks. \$159,900  
**Scott Jesnjig 586-354-8510**



**OPEN 1-4 | 39439 E. Archer Dr., Harrison** - The Waterfront home you've been waiting for! Totally reds. \$329,900. **Hosted by Christine Obarto 586-484-2806**



**OPEN 1-4 | 41122 Scarborough Ln., Novi** - Treasure in the middle of the ex. Exquisite landscaping. \$419,900  
**Mary Fitzpatrick 248-891-9019**



**OPEN 1-4 | 4806 Goodson Pl., Oakland Twp.** - The most spectacular locale in Goodson Pl. Open floor plan. \$675,000  
**Leslie Doran 248-390-3930**



**OPEN 1-4 | 576 Oriskany Dr., Oakland Twp.** - Walk out your back door right on to Cranberry Lake! \$350,000  
**Leslie Doran 248-390-3930**



**OPEN 1-4 | 3183 Woodview Cir., Orion** - When you walk into this Birmingham model home, you see the dramatic detail. \$425,000  
**Leslie Doran 248-390-3930**



**OPEN 1-4 | 1956 S. Ortonville Rd., Ortonville** - Beautiful lakefront home on all-ports Bald Eagle Lake. \$239,900  
**Cindy Fisher 248-505-2172**



**OPEN 1-3 | 821 Beech Ct., Plymouth** - Quality updates inside and out make this 2650+ square feet perfect! \$499,900  
**Janie Clemons 734-546-7007**



**OPEN 1-3 | 48560 Timber Crest Ct., Plymouth** - Immaculate & custom! 1st floor master. Large gourmet kitchen. \$389,000  
**Heather Bullard 734-751-7854**



**OPEN 1-4 | 44641 Strathmore Ct., Plymouth** - Make an offer! Seller motivated! Exterior trim freshly painted! \$299,000  
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**OPEN 1-4 | 7077 Weeks Rd., Richmond Twp.** - Well-kept, private setting. 30 deep professionally treated pond. \$204,900  
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**OPEN 2-6 | 836 Petosky, Rochester Hills** - New build in Clear Creek, move-in ready! Brick, stone limestone. \$299,900  
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**OPEN 1-4 | 1930 Laurome Dr., Royal Oak** - Stunning remodel in Vinsetta neighborhood! Quality workmanship. \$524,900  
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**OPEN 1-4 | 2027 Clawson Ave., Royal Oak** - Charming 1924 bungalow in highly sought after Northwood Sub. \$299,000  
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**OPEN 1-4 | 202 Austin, Royal Oak** - Beautiful vintage Craftsman Cape Cod. Hardwood floors, chm gal, more. \$249,900  
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**OPEN 2-4 | 702 Louis Ave., Royal Oak** - Craftsman bungalow w/ amazing updates. 3 blocks from downtown. \$239,900  
**Jessica Tremonti 313-478-0819**



**OPEN 1-4 | 728 E. 2nd St., Royal Oak** - Stunning renovated bungalow 4 blocks from downtown. \$229,000  
**Anne Hammond 248-417-7682**



**OPEN 12,30-3,30 | 1503 E. 5th St., Royal Oak** - Don't miss this one... stroll to town from this updated ranch. \$195,000  
**Donna Boushon 248-515-1043**



**OPEN 2-4 | 535 S. Edison Ave., Royal Oak** - Vintage charm! Arched entry door leads to 20th character-filled home. \$182,000  
**Carole Etzelman 586-612-3130**



**OPEN 1-4 | 3219 Garden Ave., Royal Oak** - 2013 custom kitchen w/handmade cabinets, laminate floor & more. \$148,000  
**Mary Barrett 248-225-0396**



**OPEN 1-4 | 10759 Escalbur Dr., Shelby Twp.** - Welcome to Paradise! 1.5 acre site backing to preserve. \$599,999  
**Leslie Doran 248-390-3930**



**OPEN 1-3 | 48028 Ben Franklin Dr., Shelby Twp.** - Looking for space? This is it! Large comfortable Colonial. \$220,000  
**Tom Deuel 888-495-7400**



**OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair** - 2-car attached & 3 car detached garage & full finished basement. \$425,000  
**Laila Abud 313-886-4200**



**OPEN 1-3 | 33130 Shrewsbury Dr., Sterling Hts.** - Beautiful Colonial. Original owner home. 4 BRs, 2.1 baths. \$174,900  
**Jeffery Alaina 248-425-2979**



**OPEN 2-4 | 14015 Bery Dr., Sterling Hts.** - Beautiful 2BR/1.5BA ranch condo. Everything on 1 floor. \$109,900  
**Kay Rinke 313-701-2729**



**OPEN 11-1 | 3334 S. Lynn Ct., Trenton** - You'll love this 3BR home. Hardwood floors, newer windows, super cute. \$108,500  
**Jessica Tremonti 313-478-0819**



**OPEN 1-4 | 6904 Granger Dr., Troy** - Expansive & situated in private oasis setting! Stunning 5 story great room. \$549,000  
**John Farhat 248-797-3257**



**OPEN 1-4 | 2650 Cherokee Hills Cir., Waterford** - 3-car heated garage with its own electrical system. \$174,900  
**Barb Czerniewski 248-705-8028**



**OPEN 1-4 | 5265 Gedardhurst Dr., West Bloomfield** - Updates in last year roof, rear off! downwall, 5 yrs heating-furnace. \$264,995  
**Julie Papagni 248-628-4818**



**OPEN 1-4 | 20927 Hunter Ridge, Northville** - Timeless & classic. Private Colonial is tucked away on almost 5 acres. \$785,000  
**Denise Bondoni 248-231-8969**