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Canton faces sobering money woes

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Township officials are facing grim financial projections through 2015, amid warnings of an eroding general fund surplus and potential deficits for the police and fire funds.

Finance Director Wendy Trumbull, calling it "a worst-case scenario," attributed Canton's declining financial position to escalating retiree health care costs, employee medical benefits

and scaled-back property tax revenues.

"We still have problems that we need to address going forward," Trumbull said Tuesday evening during budget talks with the Canton Township Board of Trustees, adding later, "We have time to fix this."

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the latest projections, though troubling, underscore Canton's wisdom in developing a multi-year budget blueprint so officials can seek ways to reverse the financial decline.

"It's not going to end this way," he said, referring to budget deficits.

Tumbling funds

The latest figures show the general fund balance plummeting from \$5.5 million in 2012 to just \$2.9 million in 2015. During the same period, the police fund is projected to fall from \$2.3 million to a deficit of \$840,704.

The fire fund, meanwhile, could plunge from \$1.7 million in 2012 to a deficit of \$821,364 by 2015 — after nar-

rowly averting a deficit next year by shifting \$500,000 from the township's 9-1-1 service fund.

"I think the numbers are more negative than what we had anticipated," Trustee Pat Williams said. "But we're going to straighten out the ship before we go over the cliff."

Just three years ago, Canton had faced a potential \$15 million deficit for the combined general, police and fire

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The Rev. Steve Darr, dressed as the apostle Paul, speaks with volunteers before food is distributed. Michele Yoder of Canton, dressed as Lydia, Jackie Darr as Ruth, Kathy Howat of Garden City as Naomi and Rena Santamour of Howell as a Christian monk, listen to his message. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ministry brings spirit of giving to Halloween

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Paul the Apostle, arriving in Canton from the first century for Halloween, seemed comfortable in his modern surroundings as he handed out trick-or-treat bags of spiritual pamphlets and candy to hundreds of families who lined up in cars outside the Open Door Ministry food pantry.

This apostle didn't even know what a sweet tooth was. "We do not have these treats in my time," said Paul, who bore a striking resemblance to the ministry's director, the Rev. Steve Darr. "I've come to the 21st century to be able to meet all these wonderful people."

Wearing a flowing robe covered by a decidedly modern rain poncho, Darr and other volunteers dressed up as apostles, monks and other spiritual leaders as Halloween coincided with their Thursday evening food distribution from a



The Rev. Steve Darr leads Open Door Ministry. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

Westland resident Richard Asher was dressed as one of the Blues Brothers on a mission from God as he and dozens of Open Door volunteers gave frozen fish, hot dogs, collard greens, potatoes, asparagus, apples and other food to an estimated 1,400 people from 450 area families in need.

"This is the most pleasurable

thing I do every week," said Asher, who directs traffic outside the Open Door Ministry warehouse.

Westland friends Crystal Coffey, Denise Tackett and Cindy Pearce had nothing but praise for the volunteers, who helped make sure their families wouldn't go hungry.

"It's great," Tackett said. "With food stamps being cut back, it helps a lot."

Inside the warehouse, Plymouth resident David Karlinski helped organize the food for families in need who depend on the kindness of Open Door Ministry.

"We've got a little bit of everything," he said, pointing to food stacked on pallets inside the vast warehouse.

Already this year, Open Door has distributed 1.2 million pounds of food to 60,000 people, many of them return customers. Last year, Asher said, the ministry distrib-

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Schools get district-wide assessment

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education have been saying for months now they'd like to see an assessment of everything teachers and administrators are doing in the district, but that they wanted to wait until their new superintendent arrived.

Now that Michael Meissen is here (he started July 1), the district is going ahead with the assessment.

A group of six former educators, led by former school Superintendent Perry Woldwedel, author of the *School Board Fieldbook: Leading with Vision*, will spend three days this week talking to teachers, administrators, staff and community leaders about the educational process in Plymouth-Canton schools.

The goal, according to Meissen, is to identify areas where the district is strong and find places where improvement is possible.

"It's about being committed to continuous improvement," said Meissen, who used a similar metric when he was the superintendent in Glenbard (Ill.) schools.

"We want to go from good to great,

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Evidence ruling goes against ex-Detroit cop

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Wayne County Circuit Court judge has rejected a motion to suppress evidence and quash information against Canton defendant Clifton Jermaine Whately, a suspended Detroit police officer accused of orchestrating a crime spree that included a Canton retail store.

Judge Gregory Bill issued his ruling Monday against Whately, 35, though Bill did reduce bond from \$1 million to \$50,000 in a decision that allowed Whately to remain free with a tether until his trial, now set for Jan. 21, according to court records.



Whately

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funds – a far deeper crisis than the township is now facing.

Officials responded by imposing a 1.75-mil public safety tax increase, negotiating concessionary contracts with armed employee unions and forcing budget cuts across all departments.

"We've guided ourselves through the worst

of it," Williams said. "It doesn't flip on a dime."

Canton's property values have begun a slow recovery, but Trumbull said tax revenues still declined by 3 percent this year after some property owners appealed their assessments to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Earlier, revenues had been expected to potentially inch upward.

Using the best projections she has, Trumbull said property tax revenue

is now expected to increase by 1.25 percent in 2014 and 1.5 percent in 2015. In any given year, the increase is limited to 5 percent or the rate of inflation – whichever is less – by state law.

Hearing scheduled

The latest financial talks come as the township board has set a public hearing for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, on the new budget. Township officials already have decided not to raise tax

rates, though property owners could see a slight uptick in their taxes as property values slowly recover.

On Tuesday, Canton department heads gave a synopsis of their budget goals, saying they are continuing attempts to rein in expenses while moving forward with purchases, such as a fire department ladder truck, that can no longer be delayed.

"Our approach really is no savings is too

small," Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

In other developments: Mutchler said Canton still has fewer police officers and firefighters per 1,000 residents than most area communities of comparable size. Over-time costs have plunged 61 percent since 2009 for the fire department and 43 percent for police.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said numerous projects have

been deferred, but Summit on the Park's east parking lot is slated for a \$230,000 facelift in 2015: "This parking lot is in really bad condition."

► Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bihrey-Honsowet said Canton has to prepare for even more financial challenges in coming years as the community's recreation facilities age.

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Bill ordered Whately to have no contact with witnesses in the case.

With a not guilty plea in his court file, Whately could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of the armed robbery, three counts of unlawful imprisonment and one count each of bank robbery, conducting a criminal enterprise and felony firearm.

Whately's attorney couldn't be reached for comment.

Whately is accused of orchestrating a crime spree, that included the Feb. 6 robbery of the Family Dollar store on Joy Road near I-275. He had been charged in March as Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said her office would "vigorously" pursue the case against a defendant who had served a decade on the Detroit Police Department.

Wayne County authorities have said Whately is facing trial for charges he was involved in plans leading to the holdup of two employees of the Family Dollar store and another robbery in January of a Check-N-Go store in Taylor.

Some additional charges tied to other communities have been

dismissed, authorities said.

Although Whately is accused of spearheading the crimes, authorities have alleged the Canton robbery was committed by his 19-year-old nephew Raymond Maurice Whately, and 21-year-old co-defendant Eric Anthony Reed, 21, both of Detroit. Their fate on charges of armed robbery, felony firearm and conducting a criminal enterprise is still pending in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Yet another defendant, longtime Clifton Whately friend Layman Deshawn Armstrong, is set for trial after some charges as Clifton Whately on charges of armed robbery, bank robbery and felony firearm for his alleged role in the Taylor incident, officials have said. The two men are expected to have separate juries.

Canton police Lt. Debra Newsome has said township police contacted the Michigan State Police corruption unit for help during the initial investigation after the Family Dollar robbery.

"We worked very closely with the Michigan State Police, who by the way, did a fantastic job, as did the prosecutor's office," Newsome said after arrests had been made.

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take a really strong district and make it better."

The assessment is designed, in lofty terms, to tell the district where it stands now, where it wants to go in terms of educational excellence and how to get there.

The team will start by gathering data and talking to stakeholders: teachers, administrators, students and parents. It will spend three days (Wednesday through Friday) identifying strengths and areas of improvement and then develop a report that would serve as an action plan to address the team's recommendations.

The assessment focuses on three "buckets" of

focus – learning, collaboration and results – with criteria inside each bucket. It includes a "report card" for each bucket, listing goals and criteria and grading how the district is doing in reaching them.

The first day will be spent mostly with administrators, principals and teachers, the second and third days feature site visits to the district's schools and a debriefing and analysis.

The assessment team will deliver an oral report at the end of the visit, with a written report expected within a week after that.

"It will set us up for identifying our next steps for improvement," Meissen said.

Board of Education Trustee Mark Horvath, who frequently describes

himself as a "process guy," said the report will make an assessment of the district using "best in class" benchmarking criteria.

"It's a real opportunity to put us out in front, take what we do well and do it better and find the places we need to improve," Horvath said. "It's the basis for a continuing improvement plan. Rather than saying, 'We met this line and that's good enough,' this is a 'best-in-class' look at improving our systems. I'm real excited about this."

Meissen's experience with similar assessments was one of the things board members liked when they hired him last summer.

He said the district has established its vision, its mission and its goals.

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uted a record-shattering 1.6 million pounds of food, up from 1.5 million pounds in 2011.

"It's a clear indication that the damaging effects of the Great Recession are still very much in play today," Asher said.

Dressed as a monk for Halloween, Rena Santamour of Howell said she and other volunteers decided to have a little Halloween fun while giving out food and spiri-

tual guidance. Open Door even has an on-site FM radio station that reaches only the perimeter of the warehouse.

"We love these people," Santamour said, "and we want to pass on the good word."

One thing seemed certain. At Open Door, there is no Halloween tricks or pranks, unless a steady downpour of rain counted.

With that, Paul the Apostle approached another car, smiling as he handed out another trick-or-treat package. This Halloween, he didn't



The Rev. Steve Darr talks with volunteer Richard Asher of Westland, who is costumed as Elwood Blues. At right, Michele Yoder of Canton dressed as Lydia, considered the first European convert to Christianity. BILL BRESELER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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School show rocks with nutrition push

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Joanne Randolph, Plymouth-Canton's nutrition coordinator, knows she could stand up in front of youngsters and tell them to eat more healthy food and less junk food.

She also believes she could deliver that message until she's blue in the face and it wouldn't come close to being as effective as an interactive, exciting and musical demonstration like the one kids got Thursday at both Bentley and Eriksson elementary schools.

That's when Jump with Jill, a traveling "rock and roll nutrition show" that espouses healthy eating to elementary school kids, came to town.

Jump with Jill spent almost an hour at each school Thursday, talking to students with words and music about eating fruits and vegetables, about the virtues of drinking water, milk and juice rather than soda and about getting plenty of exercise.

"I could stand up or their teachers could stand up in front of them and say, 'Junk food is bad for you, healthy food is good for you,' but research shows you learn better by moving," Randolph said. "This will stick with them much longer than anything else they learn."

Bentley and Eriksson were chosen by the national Jump with Jill campaign as the result of a contest the district entered. Randolph saw the good that came from similar demonstrations in six Plymouth-Canton elementary schools last year and wanted to show to come back again.

"It's a fun and lively way for the kids to learn about good food and healthy choices," Randolph said before the Bentley show. "She's going to get the kids up, they're going to have fun times that will stick with them. It's the best way to learn, through music and dancing."

Hayley McDonnell of Garden City couldn't agree more. Working with DJ Devon Watson, McDonnell, who plays the



Hayley "Jill" McDonnell of Garden City extolled the virtues of a good breakfast during her Jump with Jill nutrition presentations Thursday at Bentley and Eriksson elementary schools.

Michigan version of "Jill," sings and dances her way through her presentation, exhorting kids to wave their hands and clap.

McDonnell, who owns a degree in education and actually spent time student-teaching in a nutrition class before taking on this gig, believes it's a method of teaching with which kids really connect.

"I think the kids really connect with the fact we're making it fun and singing about it and making it cool," said McDonnell, who joined Jump with Jill after seeing the original "Jill" at a conference a year ago. "You see a lot of advertising for junk food and we're the spokespeople for healthy food and getting them excited to try something new, like a vegetable they might not have liked before."

"We use a behavior approach," she added. "Instead of saying, 'Don't eat junk food,' we say, 'Eat vegetables or eat fruit or drink water.' We use that behavior and positive action words to empower kids to make healthy choices."

Jerry Meier, the principal at Bentley, saw the reaction of his kids and believes the demonstration had positive effects.

"The message about health and nutrition is great," Meier said. "It's a real positive message and good role modeling for the kids."

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Woman faces prelim in shooting accusation

A 57-year-old Canton woman faces a preliminary hearing Tuesday in Oakland County's 52-3 District Court after allegedly shooting her boyfriend during an argument last week.

Sheyl Ann Lamothe was arraigned Wednesday on charges of assault with intent to murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. She was handed a \$100,000 cash/surety bond and faces her preliminary hearing in front of Judge Julie Nicholson.

In addition to the bond, if Lamothe posts bail she'll have to wear a GPS tether and have no contact with the victim, according to information provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Lamothe allegedly shot her 54-year-old boyfriend in the groin following an argument Tuesday. Oakland County Sheriff's deputies responded to the incident in the 400 block of Sandalwood Drive in Rochester Hills after reports that the man had been shot.

Witnesses told deputies the woman had fled the scene in a dark-colored vehicle.

The victim was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment.

Sometime later that day, OCSO dispatchers received a call from someone who, according to police, told them he was with the suspect in the shooting.

Patrol units were sent to a strip mall in the area of Bywater and Union Lake Road and took the Lamothe into custody.



Lamothe

Walker-Winter school gets historical gift

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton has received a treasured gift from the Canton Historical Society — framed black-and-white class photos of students from the 1930s and 1940s.

CHS volunteer Jordan Taylor said the photos harken back to a time when students graduating from the eighth grade would "get all dressed up" and head to the Bonish Photo Studio in Detroit to have their pictures taken.

Taylor said the pictures, displayed long ago when Walker was a one-room schoolhouse, have been returned to their long-ago home. She said Walker was one of nine one-room schools in Canton.

"The Canton Historical Society had in its collection a group of these photographs and had the great opportunity to return them to the site where they were first hung," Taylor said, adding that the collection brings a bit of school history back to the walls for modern-day students, employees and parents.

Taylor and CHS President Bill Tesen recently delivered the photographs to the Michigan Avenue school, part of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.



Walker-Winter Principal Julie Mytych (center) accepts historic photos of the school's students from Canton Historical Society President Bill Tesen and CHS volunteer Jordan Taylor.

"Our Walker staff is honored to receive these historical class photos of graduating students from when Walker was a one-room schoolhouse," school Principal Julie Mytych said.

Mytych said the pictures are proudly displayed in the

school lobby and in a hallway.

Taylor, a Canton resident and University of Detroit-Mercy history student, has worked at Greenfield Village as she immerses herself in history. She said she is glad local historians were able to return the historic photos to

the Canton school, saying "it was very exciting to return them to the school where the students in the photos used to attend."

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Colbeck uses technology to conduct town hall

Almost 6,000 southeast Michigan residents took part in a tele-town hall meeting this week with Sen. Patrick Colbeck. The meeting provided a means for Colbeck to discuss with his constituents recent policies debated by the Michigan Legislature.

"The tele-town hall format provides our office with yet another tool to connect with our constituents," said Colbeck, R-Canton.

"This technology allowed thousands of southeast Michigan families to participate in a discussion about the important issues facing our state as well as express their thoughts,

opinions and priorities for the future. During the town hall,



Colbeck

residents had the opportunity to participate by asking live questions and by voting on questions posed during the meeting.

"Engaging the hard-working people of southeast Michigan on the important issues facing our state is important to my effectiveness as a civil servant," he added.

"We talked about many key issues, such as road funding, 'Obamacare' and expanding

career and technical education."

A live poll-question during the call asked participants, "Did you know that due to economic growth, our state generated \$1.4 billion more in additional revenue for fiscal year 2014 than we did during fiscal year 2013?"

Twenty-one percent responded "yes" and 79 percent responded "no."

Colbeck noted the strong turnout further proves that the people of southeast Michigan care deeply about the issues that the state faces and he hopes to see more constituents with such pertinent questions

at future events within the 7th District.

The tele-town hall events supplement other constituent outreach activities already conducted by Colbeck such as in-person office hours throughout the district, his active Sen. Patrick Colbeck Facebook page, community events, personal meetings with constituents and mailers filled with useful information.

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Community health fair

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 14, 3-5 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.
Details: The Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, the Plymouth Council on Aging and Plymouth Lions Club to present a Community Health Fair. The event is free and open to the public. Fern Vining, a certified diabetes educator and retired registered nurse, focuses on Diabetes Awareness. A representative of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be there to talk about their Senior Assessment Resource Institute 4-4:30 p.m.
Contact: For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Montessori open house

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 7, 5:30-7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, 45245 Joy Road in Canton.
Details: Families interested in learning more about authentic

Montessori programs for children in preschool and kindergarten are invited to attend an open house at Plymouth-Canton Montessori School. Teachers and staff will provide informational classroom tours. Children are welcome to attend the open house with their parents. Light refreshments will be served.
Contact: Call 734-459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » Friday, Nov. 8, Canton Library, 1200 Canton Center, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 » Monday, Nov. 18, St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth, 1-4:45 p.m.
 » Sunday, Nov. 24, St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty in Plymouth, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
 » Tuesday, Nov. 26, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton, 1:30-7:15 p.m.
 » Friday, Nov. 29, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive in Canton, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the above dates, times and locations. Appointments can be made and walk-ins are welcome,

when possible.
Contact: Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 to set up an appointment.

Lions Club euchre

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.
Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts a euchre tournament featuring cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A \$20 registration is payable at the door. New this year is quarter cups, get euchred, pay quarter. Bring your quarters for the Got Euchred, cups-quarters will be available for purchase. Also, pizza, snacks and a cash bar. Money raised from the tournament will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in the community, including those who need assistance during the slow economy. The Canton Lions Club has 42 members and meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.
Contact: Preregister your first and last name by calling 734-358-4280 or emailing Canton LionsEuchre@yahoo.com by Oct. 30.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton.
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor. The counselor can help understand Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicare, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.
Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/page/about.html

Hospice support

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

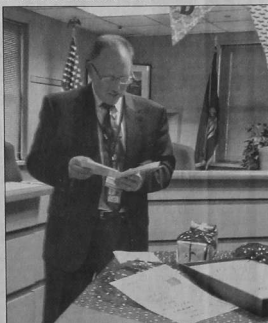
Vendors wanted

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.
Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers.
Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://funorthville.org/willmissions-service>, email fumbazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Hearing loss seminar

Date/Time: Wednesday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fond farewell



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Assistant Superintendent Phil Freeman reads cards and opens presents during his farewell party Wednesday. Freeman, who has been with the district more than 15 years, is taking the post as superintendent of Lakeshore Public Schools in Stevensville.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.
Details: Learn how to identify if you have a hearing problem, how to enhance communication and listening skills, understand common hearing issues and see the latest advancements in hearing technology. Complimentary refreshments will be served.
Contact: To register for the event or to find out more information, call at 734-451-0800. Registration for the event closes Oct. 25.

Support group

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.
Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope-4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.
Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

Seeking crafters

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three to four photos of craft items for judges to determine participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are eight feet wide, although there are some space variations available. Space is tight, so vendors will need to limit their display area to the size of the table or an equivalent space. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle.
Contact: The application is available at www.plymouth-history.org/uploads/downloads/event/117/craft_show.pdf. Crafters not accepted for the bazaar will receive a full refund.

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The Michigan Association of Health Underwriters will hold a forum about the Affordable Care Act 9:11-30 a.m. Wednesday at the Vis-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The forum is intended to inform citizens and business owners about the nuts and bolts of the ACC in a non-partisan, non-biased way.

MAHU is the state trade association for reputable, local insurance agents who want to share their expertise and help serve as advocates for the public during this time of change.

Summit offers 'Kids Night Out'

Area parents who are looking to spend a Friday night out on the town while their children have somewhere fun and supervised to go can now take advantage of a new Kids Night Out program offered by the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Summit Parkway, for an evening of supervised fun and then go enjoy a night out on their own. From 6-10 p.m. children ages 5-12 can enjoy an evening of activities, such as games, pool time and a movie, all supervised by Summit staff. Pizza and beverages are also included. Fees to attend a Kids Night Out program are \$20 for

members, \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents for each child. Future Kids Night Out dates are scheduled for Dec. 13, Jan. 10 and Feb. 14. Pre-registration is required. To sign up for any Kids Night Out dates, call 734-394-5460. For additional information about future Kids Night Out dates, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Orchestra plays Plymouth church

The Michigan Philharmonic, hot after sold-out concerts and a month of major national awards and recognitions for innovation programming, brings a world premiere and soloist who has appeared with the Boston Pops to Plymouth.



Piper Nancy Tunnick performs a Scottish bagpipe concerto for the first time.

The Celtic Pipes & Drums of Birmingham on a rendition of Highland Cathedral. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth. To purchase group, season, or individual tickets, call 734-451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org. The Michigan Phil is bringing its events into an ever-expanding roster of Michigan communities, including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia, Farmington, Walled Lake, downtown Detroit and many others.

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Don't forget to enter O&E Media's third annual Halloween photo contest. Upload your favorite Halloween photo for a chance to win two tickets to Emagine Theatres and a coupon for a free pizza from Buddy's.

This contest is all about fun and sharing photos with friends. Enter the contest and vote at: <http://woo-box.com/5v17u>. Voting ends Nov. 11 and the top three finishers get two movie tickets and a coupon for a Buddy's pizza. You can also find the contest under the Don't Miss module (on the right side) of our website at Hometownlife.com.

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Sentencing this week in gas station robbery case

Man facing 15 years after pleading guilty

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The sentencing for one of the men involved with a pair of gas station robberies in Livonia and Plymouth will be pushed to later this week. Matthew Ross, 21, of Taylor was originally scheduled to be sentenced this past Friday in Wayne County Circuit Court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. It was delayed until 9 a.m. Friday, when Ross will go before Judge Linda Parker for sentencing after he pleaded guilty to a charge of unarmed robbery.

Ross was originally charged with two counts of armed robbery, but accepted a plea deal to have those charges dismissed and instead plead guilty to a single unarmed robbery charge. Instead of facing up to life in prison under the armed robbery charge, Ross faces a maximum of 15 years in prison. The two men are accused of being involved with a pair of gas station robberies in Livonia and Plymouth back in June. Police say 20-year-old Canton resident Tyler Robinson entered a gas station at Schoolcraft and Merri-man and demanded cash from the attendant. According to police, Ross drove Robinson away from the gas station after he demanded

the money. Police in Plymouth believe the two men were also involved with the robbery of the Shell gas station at Five Mile and Beck that took place the same night as the Livonia incident. Ross was bound over to circuit court in July after 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh ruled there was enough evidence to go to trial. Robinson was held pending the results of a competency exam and was bound over to circuit court in September. Robinson is next due in court at 9 a.m. Thursday for a calendar conference before Judge Craig Strong.

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Visitors recall history made at Willow Run plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It's been more than 60 years since Lee Detrich stood inside the Willow Run Bomber Plant, where she had worked from July 1942 until after the end of the war in Europe in 1945.

"It brings back some memories," the South Lyon resident said. "I remember I made \$1.15 an hour and they paid us in cash. I worked a nine-hour shift and 54 hours a week."

Detrich was among hundreds of people who accepted the Yankee Air Museum's invitation to see the portion of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant that it is confident will become the museum's official home.

YAM presented an afternoon program with guest speakers talking about the history of the Willow Run Plant and about Detroit as the Arsenal of Democracy before announcing in a hangar within a few hundred feet of the plant that it had until May 1, 2014, to raise the remaining \$2 million to buy the 175,000 square feet of the facility where, at its peak, was producing one B-24 Liberator bomber every hour.

"I thought we'd have a few hundred people, but this is a great turnout," said Kevin Walsh, the museum's executive director.

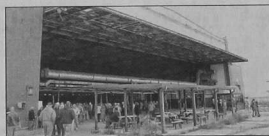
"Thank God, we got the extension to May 1."

Sharing the day

Former bomber plant employees and their relatives were joined by



Lee Detrich of South Lyon and Ivan Woodard of Grand Rapids were among workers who helped build the B-24 Liberator bombers. Both were riveters.



The massive overhead door, where the B-24 bomber left the plant, was up, letting people go inside and see the future home of the Yankee Air Museum. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

former GM employees who came to see the plant one last time before it is torn down for redevelopment. They peered into the cavernous area where the finished B-24 Liberator bombers rolled off the assembly line in the 1940s and where GM manufactured transmissions until closing the plant in 2010.

"It's kind of emotional," said Jeff Dold of Garden City, who retired in 2009. "It's exciting because I hope to see some of my fellow work-

ers, but it's sad to see what's going to happen to it. I worked from this end to the far end."

Dold was at the plant with his wife Kim and son Jake, who saw a story about the event and called his father.

"I only remember seeing it from the outside when I was a kid," Jake Dold said. "He used to bring us out here and park in the lot to watch the air show for free."

"I remember driving out here and it was like Dodge Cars," Kim Dold

said. "I stopped at a red light and Jeff asked me why. Nobody stopped for the red light."

Joining them was Morgan Price of Garden City. Known around the plant as Mo, he rattled off the three locations of horse shoe pits outside the plant.

"This is an historic day," he said.

'Needed a job'

Detrich also was a part of the plant's history. She started working there just after graduating from high school.

"I needed a job, so I came from Chicago," she said. "I just turned 18, I was one of the younger ones."

Detrich was a riveter on the inner wing of the airplane and was "let go as soon as it was over."

That wasn't the case for Ivan Woodard who came from Grand Rapids with his daughter Myra Neuman. He started working in the plant in November 1942 as a riveter on part of the fuselage.

"I was on one side and there was a Rosie on the other," he said. "I did that until the Ohio draft board found out I was up here and sent me an invitation to come home."

Woodard spent three years in the Army Air Force, all in the U.S., working as a mechanic, including 18 months at Freeman Field in Seymour, Ind.

"I wanted to fly, but I couldn't pass the eye exam," he said.

Like Detrich, he, too, remembers being paid in cash, but "with \$2 bills."



Margaret Strickland of Bloomfield still has the section drawing of the wing and fuselage assembly that she snuck out of the Willow Run Bomber Plant where she worked in the summer of 1942.

"It was a wonderful, a great experience," he said.

Earlier in the day, Margaret Strickland of Bloomfield struck a pose with the museum's Rosies who have been promoting the SaveTheBomberPlant.org campaign. Strickland came to the event with her sons, Tom of Bloomfield and Richard of Seattle, Wash.

Strickland was attending University of Michigan and spent a summer working in the plant's blueprint department. She can't really remember what she did there, but does recall that when she left, she took a section drawing of the bomber's fuselage and left wing.

"It doesn't show every detail, but I thought it was so beautiful. It was

all hand-drawn," she said. "I snuck it out. I remember I was scared to death, but I wanted something because I knew it would be a part of history."

"It was a unique time when the country came together," she added. "We were concerned about our survival. Germany and Japan was taking over everything. It was an unbelievable time. I couldn't wait to get home to turn on the radio."

'It's important'

Vivian Litchard wasn't a Rosie; she worked in the sewing department. The first couple of weeks she worked on a sewing machine until she put a needle into her finger.

"It was a big needle and my finger wasn't that big," she said.

Litchard started working in February and March 1942, when the plant wasn't even finished yet. She was 18 at the time. She cut material and did hand sewing. The department made padding that went over the frame of the inside of the airplane and covers for the rudder ailerons and elevators.

"I came here because I wanted a job," she said. "I graduated in June of 1941, there weren't a lot of jobs then. I think I started at 75 cents an hour and worked my way up to \$1.15 an hour. I wanted to join the WAACS, but no one in my family would let me."

Looking around the plant, Litchard didn't recognize anything "except that it was big, but then it was big back then."

"I wouldn't want to see it torn down," she said. "It's important to people, not just the men who flew the planes, but everybody."

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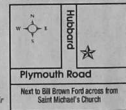
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Mercy High presents 'Our Town'

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Thornton Wilder's celebrated tale of small-time life and its simple, pure lessons comes to the Mercy High School stage next weekend.

Our Town, Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning classic, will be presented by Mercy's Performing Arts Department at 8 p.m. Nov. 8-9 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 10.

"It's my favorite play of all time — for all it teaches about appreciating the moments and enjoying particular points of our lives," said Kathleen Sill, *Our Town* director and Mercy's Performing Arts Department instructor.

Describing it as "a tender and romantic recollection of the life" in New England at the turn of the 20th century, Sill said the play reflects "Wilder's philosophy of life, to take a moment to reflect, take a break from our hurried lives."

The play's three acts — *Daily Life, Love and Marriage and Death* — follow the lives of Emily Webb and George Gibbs, who grow up as next-door neighbors in a New Hampshire village.

The set is minimal she said, nearly void of props and scenery, to "stay true to what Wilder had in mind. His whole vision was (to portray) the simplicity of life."

The two dozen-plus cast members — including a few boys from University of Detroit-Jesuit and Catholic Central high schools, and one from Power Upper Elementary School — have been practicing four days a week since they were selected at the start of the school year.

Main characters are portrayed by Dani Aboud (Emily Webb), Gabe Kokoszko (George Gibbs), Amelia Fanelli (Mrs. Gibbs), Jacqueline



Cast members during dress rehearsal of 'Our Town.' JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Cast members in full costume. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Weldy (Mrs. Webb), Stephen Hanksnecht (Dr. Gibbs), Joe Soave (Mr. Webb) and Natalie Apollinari (stage manager), who narrates the play. "I like to think everybody is perfectly cast," Sill said.

Apollinari, for example, has a phenomenal number of lines and, due to her leadership, "just makes everyone else rise to the occasion," she said.

Apollinari admits learning the volume of lines has been challenging, but along the way it has been a very enjoyable experience, too. "Once I memorized all the lines and could really get into the character, it's really fun," she said.

"*Our Town*," she added, has a "very touching message."

Which is? "People don't really appreciate their lives," she said.

Weldy, who portrays Emily Webb's mother, said she believes "Our Town" is one of the greatest American plays. It has beautiful themes that

apply to society today. To be in the cast is a blessing and it's one of my first major roles, which is really exciting for me."

This is the eighth time Sill has directed *Our Town* at Mercy High School, most recently 11 years ago. Each time is special, Sill said.

"To me, what's exciting is the journey — watching (the students) evolve, taking raw talent to get to this point," she said.

It's the 75th anniversary of *Our Town*, Sill noted, yet its message is timeless: "Living life to the fullest and finding the beauty and meaning in the simplest things."

"And when you see it performed on stage," she added, "it's beautiful." Tickets for *Our Town* are \$8 and can be purchased at the door. The box office and doors open 30 minutes before curtain.

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Natalie Apollinari as stage manager of Mercy High School's production of 'Our Town.' JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Gabe Kokoszka as George Gibbs and Maureen McGough as Rebecca Gibbs rehearse their lines. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Author tells story of life changed by paralyzing accident

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There was a time when she was 19 that her parents thought Marilyn Overly's life was over. She had a different view. Paralyzed from the chest down, she felt that God had a reason for sparing her life and she wanted to find out.

Overly was driving a friend's car on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth when she lost control and it crashed in a ravine beside the roadway. She survived the 1967 crash, but when emergency personnel grabbed her by her arms and legs and slung her onto a stretcher, her body went numb all over. Level C5 and C6 of her spine was broken.

She was immobilized at the hospital, but the damage had already been done. She was left paralyzed from the chest down, with limited use of her arms and even less use of her hands.

"It was about 1 a.m. on April Fool's Day and I was being a fool, driving too fast on the road that night," she said. "It was souped up for the drag strip and he was going to take it racing the next day."



Marilyn Overly has been confined to a wheelchair since crashing a car on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth when she was 19 years old. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

More than 45 years later, Overly's life is anything but over. Married to her husband Darrel for 47 years, she is the mother of five adopted children and a grandmother. She has taught

school, authored two books about her life and is even painting.

The Garden City resident spent seven years writing her book, which recounts her life from being born and growing up in Livonia to just a few years ago. Originally planned to be one book,



Marilyn Overly's autobiography has been published as two books, "Snatched from Hell by God's Grace" and "Fulfilling the Life of Grace through Him." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

her editors at Exlibris recommend she make it two. The first book, *Snatched from Hell by God's Grace*, covers her earlier years up until she was recommitted to Christ. The second book, *Fulfilling the Life of Grace through Him*, is her life since she committed to a Christian life.

Growing up

Overly grew up on Mayfield at Six Mile in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School. She had only been out of school for two years when the accident happened in 1967. She remembers clearly what the doctor told her when she asked how long it would be until she was back to normal. He told her she would never walk

again.

"At the hospital, I was pronounced dead and the doctor went out and told my parents I was gone," she said. "During that time, a miracle happened and God brought me back to life."

Overly ended up at the Harper Hospital Rehabilitation Unit, where she met her husband Darrel, who worked there. Within three months of meeting, they married. Once she married, she "got saved." In January, they celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary.

Her faith in God rekindled, Overly returned to church and became a Sunday school teacher. Then she and her husband moved to California, where they attended Bible college.

They both became Christian school teachers and when the offer of a job in Michigan surfaced, they decided to come home.

It was a friend of her husband who invited them to attend his church, United Baptist Church in Garden City. They went and "after hearing the pastor preach and meeting the people who were so friendly," Overly knew she had found her place with God.

"I loved it and it was so full of love," she said. "The people were so friendly and so down-to-earth. The pastor preached straight from the Bible and spoke to my heart."

Overly ended up teaching at the United Christian School, mostly the third grad. for 24 years. She was forced to retire in 2005 because of her health. She is no longer able to sit up all day in a chair.

Seven-year effort

She started writing her book when she developed a wound that kept her bedridden for four months. She developed

the outline and then started writing. It took seven years to write.

"I didn't stay on it all the time," she said. "There were months when I didn't work on it with my teaching and working at church. I had to go and find a break and then go back and rewrite the ending of the first book and write a beginning for the second book."

The title for the first book is based on her belief that she would "have spent an eternity in hell." If she had died that night because she didn't know Christ at the time.

Ten years ago, Overly and her daughter revisited the scene of the accident. Her daughter went down into the ravine and found a couple of trees with marks and trees that had been uprooted. She also found pieces of the car. It was creepy, she admitted.

The books are available on amazon.com and Overly's can be placed by calling her at 734-628-2331 or by email at darrelmarilyn@sbcglobal.net.

In addition to her writing, she also has resumed painting, a talent that unfolded while in high school. She has been selling her work as gleece prints on the Yessy Art Gallery at yessey.com and etsy.com.

"My paintings are a partnership with God. He inspires me and we work together to make it happen," she said.

And even though she is confined to a wheelchair, she says her plate "is a little full" with her painting and her grandchildren. But there is always a place for God.

"I've always had a tenderness toward God," she said.

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The Garden City High School Girls Chorus will perform "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B," made popular by the Andrews Sisters in 1941.

Students salute veterans at annual fall concert

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It's become a tradition dating back to 2007 and it continues Thursday, Nov. 7, when the choral groups at Garden City High School honor veterans at their annual fall concert.

The Garden City Chorus, the Garden City Chorus and the Garden City Singers, under the direction of Steven H. Olsen, will take to the stage of O'Leary Auditorium to perform a selection of patriotic songs, including Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the U.S.A.*, when a 20-foot by 30-foot American flag will unfurl and become a backdrop for the concert.

"When the flag comes down, people stand up," Olsen said. "It's really moving."

More than 100 students will participate in the 1½-hour concert, which will open with a performance of *Awakening* and end with the singing of *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. The students also will per-

form a selection of 1940s songs, including *Pennies from Heaven*, *In the Mood* and the girls performing *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B*.

The high school's AF-ROTC cadets will present the colors for the concert and serve as ushers, while the high school band will also make a guest appearance. In addition to the music, the concert also will include the cadets reading of the names of veterans who have died, provided by members of the audience.

Tickets for the concert are \$2, veterans are free.

"They are our guests of honor," Olsen said. "They come dressed in their fatigues and their uniforms."

Olsen plans on having his 89-year-old father at the concert. His father Charles, a Westland resident, is a World War II veteran. He served on a Liberty ship that carried munitions and gasoline across the Atlantic.

This is the sixth year Olsen and his students

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have presented the concert that has attracted 500-600 concert goers. It has become a "neat tradition" with people come from outside Garden City to attend, Olsen said, adding that "there's nothing in the area like it."

"Every concert, I try to do differently, but this one really a good thing," he said.

After the fall concert, Olsen and his students will shift gears and get ready for their winter concert Dec. 19.

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D1 BOYS SOCCER SEMIFINALS

Salem title march ends one step short

Rocks' bid for finals stymied
by opportunistic SkylineBy Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After spotting Ann Arbor Skyline two goals Wednesday night, Salem's varsity boys soccer team went into high-throttle mode in hopes of rallying for a spot in the Division 1 state finals.

Although Connor Cole did bury a penalty kick with 13:29 to play in regulation, the Rocks were unable to score again and send the D1 semifinal at Holt High School into extra time—falling 2-1 to the Eagles.

Once the final seconds had elapsed, player reactions again illustrated how razor thin the line is between winning and

losing in the one-and-done state tournament. Several Salem players glumly sat on the pitch with jerseys pulled over their heads, shocked at the finality of the situation.

Not too far away, Skyline players danced and shouted in jubilation about making the finals for the first time in school history. Skyline (20-1-5) was slated to face Bloomfield Hills on Saturday at Troy Athens.

"We did so many positive things over the past two months," said Salem first-year head coach Scott Duhl, whose team finished 16-3-6. "At the end of the day, tonight was just a matchup of two real quality teams."

"They were fantastic in terms of some of their quality going to goal. They got a couple guys that were just causing us headaches

all game. But in fairness, I thought we caused them some problems too."

The Rocks might have had an early indication it wasn't going to be their night when the school bus broke down on the trip to Holt.

They walked onto the field just 25 minutes before the contest was scheduled to begin, but Cole emphasized the late arrival had no impact on how the team fared.

Tough breaks

Instead, Cole lamented some missed opportunities as well as one play where a penalty kick was not called midway through the second half after a Skyline player apparently got a hand on the ball inside the 18-yard box.

"I definitely think they missed it," Cole said. "Obviously,

I'm not going to blame anything on the refs. It was us that lost, it was our team. That's what it comes down to sometimes."

Cole did get a chance for a penalty kick mere minutes later, and he blasted the ball past Skyline senior goalkeeper Cameron Lekas.

"I thought the first one was more of a penalty than the second one, and the second one Connor did a great job of finishing," Duhl said. "It's tough. You wish you would have gotten the first one and you could have gotten the first goal with 20-plus minutes to go rather than 12 or 13 minutes or whatever it was."

Cole added that it was "unfortunate we couldn't connect" on several plays around Lekas down the stretch.

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Whalers stopped

The Plymouth Whalers were unable to get the best of Saginaw Spirit goaltender and Detroit Red Wings prospect Jake Paterson Wednesday night, as the host Spirit earned a 6-2 victory.

Paterson made 32 stops to spearhead Saginaw (7-6-1) to the Ontario Hockey League win.

Plymouth (7-10) managed single goals by Zach Loretz and Carter Sandlak.

The Whalers remain on the road until Saturday, Nov. 9, against Windsor at Compuware Arena. Game time is 7 p.m.

Rock the Clock

The first Rock the Clock 5-kilometer run-walk will be at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

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A Rock the Clock pint glass will go to the first five finishers in each age group.

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Coaches clinic

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has teamed up with the Michigan Youth Athletic Association to offer a one-day clinic dedicated to youth football coaches.

The clinic, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, will feature several guest speakers and breakout sessions on topics of interest to the youth coach and youth programs.

The registration fee for the clinic is \$25 if paid before Dec. 13. It increases to \$35 from Dec. 14 through the day of the clinic.

For more information, visit www.miyaa.org.

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FOOTBALL PREDISTRICT

Canton nearly pulls it off

Amazing comeback by
Chiefs goes for naught in
44-41 loss to WLWBy Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Yes, it was only a predistrict football game.

But for thrills and skill, Friday's Division I contest between Canton and host Walled Lake Western might exceed anything that takes place later this month at Ford Field when the champions are crowned.

The Chiefs—stoked by the running game of junior Chuck Turfe and the passing combo of junior quarterback Greg Williams to senior tight end Jake Boucher—came all the way back from a 38-20 deficit in the fourth quarter with 21 unanswered points.

Canton went up 41-38 with 2:27 to play when Williams found Boucher for a 23-yard scoring strike.

Unfortunately for Canton, the Warriors weren't done, marching right back to win the game 44-41 with 1:06 left on a 28-yard pass from senior quarterback Kyle Bamard to senior split end David Walczyk.

"It's a very tough district, it's a shame somebody has to lose," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team finished 8-2 for the season. "It'd be nice to be matched up



Canton senior Jake Boucher (No. 11) eludes Walled Lake Western's Luke Schuman after catching a pass Friday night. JOHN KEMSKI EXPRESS PHOTO

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Chiefs look to extend impressive string

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Led by a nucleus of seniors, Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team is on the cusp of a sixth consecutive KLAAs South Division championship—whether outright or shared with another team, such as Plymouth last season.

The Chiefs already hold the top spot in the division with a

dual meet record of 5-0 (5-2 overall) with the Wildcats in second place (4-1).

This weekend's KLAAs South Division Meet at Westland John Glenn is when Canton could clinch the championship outright. They'll face challenges from Plymouth and the third place team, Livonia Churchill.

"This senior class is expected

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Destinee Barmore-Hicks, shown from earlier this season, is part of an impressive senior class for Canton. The Chiefs are eyeing another division title this weekend. BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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SALEM

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"In games like that where you have so many opportunities you just wish one of them would go in," he continued. "It was just one of those days where things don't go your way."

Less than two minutes after the Salem PK goal, senior Brady Cole sent a pass to senior Matt DeMoss inside the 18-yard box. DeMoss' try, headed for inside the left corner, was batted away by the diving Lefkas.

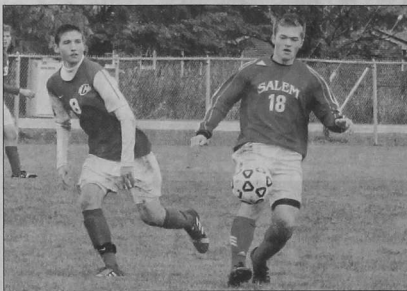
A spinning kick above the 18-yard box by Brady Cole with under five minutes to play sailed over the crossbar. Skyline then put the defensive clamps down, keeping the ball in the Salem zone for much of the rest of the match.

"They're a great passing team and late you could see it was hard for us to in the last couple moments get the ball back," Duhl said. "The clock's dwindling down and guys know their season's coming to an end."

"But even then, I thought we fought right up to the end. I'm happy with the group, ... we did a lot of positive things over the year."

Homework pays off

Skyline had a lot to do with Salem's plight, however, getting back on defense and doing an excellent job of defending corner kicks and other set



Salem senior David Schroeder (No. 18) competes against Canton senior Zachary Homco during a recent game. JOHN KENSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

pieces.

"We got a good look at them (Rocks) when they played Saline (in the regional semifinal)," Eagles coach Chris Morgan said. "We knew that they played pretty direct. And that was the biggest difference, just a bend but don't break (defense)."

"We wanted to make sure we stayed

staggered in the back. If you're flat across they'll beat you with their speed. And they flick the ball so well, they play those through balls. And their keeper (senior Collin Hewett), oh my god, he's knocking it 75 yards or whatever."

Both teams came out of the gate cautiously, and the contest remained scoreless until an unfortunate defensive miscue by the Rocks led to a goal by Joey Halpern with 14:44 remaining in the first half.

Alex Brenner stripped the ball from a Salem defender in the right corner and then sent a crossing feed to Halpern, who dove the ball into the lower right-hand corner of the Rocks' cage.

"For as good as we've been in the back line, a couple of our guys got beat and then it was unfortunate for us they served the ball and we literally fell

down," Duhl said. "The ball fell to their guy five yards from goal. A good finish by him."

Skyline's second goal also followed a defensive mishap by the Rocks.

Nearly 10 minutes into the second half, a Salem defender slipped while trying to clear the ball from the top of the box. It bounced to Ethan Fabes who had a gaping net to kick the ball into.

"The second one, we stress how important it is to play the game and swing the ball with our back line," Duhl stressed. "We just didn't play a friendly ball to our center-back and he tried to make up for it and he slipped. They went in alone."

Senior legacy

The coach talked about how both Skyline markers came on plays where Salem players lost their footing, somewhat ironic because the field itself was in perfect shape.

"The surface is fantastic out here," he said. "It's not wet, it's dry. I don't think we could have asked for a better night (weather wise) so to have both goals happen off of guys slipping is really quite strange because I would have thought the footing would have been good tonight."

Despite the heartbreaking conclusion, the Rocks — especially the talented senior class — have plenty to be proud about.

"Great senior class," Duhl said. "It's rare that you see that many good players in a class, guys that are going to go on and have good futures playing college, and some really smart guys that are going to go on and do much better things than play soccer. For me, it was a joy to be able to coach that group."

That class featured the Cole twins, Hewett, DeMoss, Andriy Pelekh, Josh Dillon, Joe Kummhath, David Schroeder, Walid Kandah and Alex Price.

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Wednesday, Nov. 6: Novi vs. A-8 winner, 5 p.m.; Canton vs. Northville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals; Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Novi vs. Fenton district champion.)

CLASS B

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Monday, Nov. 4: (A) Tinseltown Junior Prep at (B) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 6 p.m.; (C) Livonia Clarenceville at (D) Livonia Ladywood, 8 p.m.; (E) Detroit Communication & Media Arts at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Detroit Community vs. A-8 winner, 5 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-4 winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals; 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn Divine Child district champion.)

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Tuesday, Nov. 5: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 5 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.

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Friday, Nov. 8: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Birmingham Ruoper vs. Saline Washburn Christian district champion.)

GIRLS SWIMMING

Friday, Nov. 8: Kensington Conference Prems at Novi High School, 4 p.m.

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Raising the roof: expects a lot

NAIA All-America
Naubert returns

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

At least on paper, the hype surrounding the 2013-14 Madonna University men's basketball program is warranted.

The Crusaders return four of five starters off last year's squad, which was the best in school history after going 25-9 overall and earning its first-ever trip to the NAIA Division II National Tournament.

The WHAC playoff champions, who upended preseason favorite Davenport University three times last season, were picked second in the conference preseason coaches' poll — and rightfully so.

That's because the Crusaders have kept their stellar senior backcourt intact with the return of Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson), a second-team NAIA All-America, and Travis Schuba, an All-WHAC first-team selection.

"Our expectations are as high as ever," MU fifth-year coach Noel Emehiser said. "But this league is going to be as good as ever in my opinion. I think every team got better, even some of the teams that graduated last year — and I'm not knocking those players. They brought in players to replace them. We have an extremely difficult nonconference schedule — three teams that made the national tournament last year. But these guys believe they're up for the challenge. And over and over they've proven that."

Making a point

Naubert led the WHAC in assists (6.4 per game) and ranked third nationally while averaging a team-best 16.7 points per outing.

But immediately after last season, the 5-10 point-guard underwent a minor surgical procedure to repair the meniscus in his knee.

Emehiser believes the time off did wonders for reigning WHAC Player of the Year. "He's really improved his shooting, and in a few other areas being off his legs during the summer," Emehiser said. "I think having that time away from being able to play, he improved mentally, physically and improved the skill parts of his game."

Schuba, who hails from Rapid City, led the country in three-point field goals made and 3-point field goals made per game (3.82), while knocking down a total of 130 triples last season.

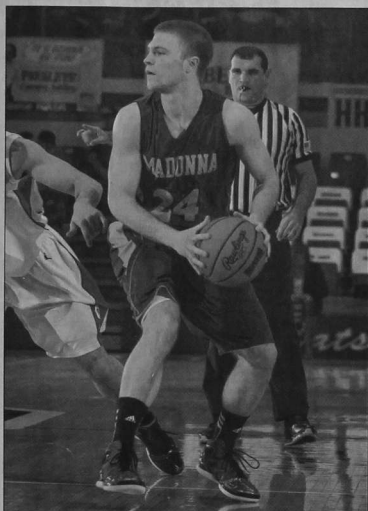
The 6-foot Schuba was also right behind Naubert in scoring, averaging 16.4 points a game.

Sharpshooter

And the first-team All-WHAC guard apparently has picked up where he left off from the 2012-13 season.

In the team's first exhibition game last Thursday, Schuba nailed 10-of-16 triple attempts en route to a team-high 35 points in a 97-92 loss at Ferris State.

Meanwhile, also back in the fold is 6-6 Fred Williams (Berkley), an explosive wing player and fifth-year senior who averaged 12.8 points and 4.6 rebounds a game. Despite foul trouble, he scored 27 against FSU.



Salem alum Tyler Stewart (No. 24) is shown the first round of the 2013 NAIA Men's Division II Basketball National Championship. COURTESY MADONNA ATHLETICS

And yet another key returnee is Plymouth native Matt Jenkins, a 6-3 senior guard from Ann Arbor. Gabriel Richard who started all 33 games last year while averaging 5.2 points per contest.

Also returning are frontcourt players Derek Lennon (Schoolcraft), a 6-6 senior, and Donald Owens (Inkster), a 6-8 junior. That tandem hopes to make up for the loss of graduated senior starter Eoghann Stephens, who averaged 6.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game.

Fifth starter?

"It will most likely be Owens," Emehiser said of the fifth starter. "He's our best defensive communicator. He doesn't block shots the way Eoghann did, but he does a good job at a lot of the details. We're going to be rotating quite a bit at that spot. We're going to replace Eoghann more as a group rather than one person for one."

Dan Hall, a 6-6, 220-pound freshman from Trenton, may also get a crack early on in the front court, along with 6-8 freshman CJ Ezeani (Enugu, Nigeria via Detroit Consortium Prep).

Also waiting in the wings, but maybe a year away, is 6-6 freshman Chris Dierker from Salem.

Meanwhile, in the mix at guard are junior Zach Wedesky (South Lyon), sophomores Tyler Stewart (Salem) and Jordan Short, and freshman Khalil Malone (Waterford Mori).

"We're trying to figure out where everybody is going to fit in role-wise," Emehiser said. "We're trying to figure out that rotation and see where everybody is going

to be at. We hope to be able to use our depth a little better this year. I think with the rule changes were going to have to be diligent with how we use our bench and make sure they're going to be in a good position to be successful."

Big comeback

In the exhibition game against Ferris, MU fell behind by as many as 25 points during the first half before clawing back to within one with just 10 minutes remaining before eventually losing by five.

"We're just not going to overwork anybody with individual talent," the MU coach said. "We're going to have to play together as a group and with chemistry to be successful."

"If anything, we learned (at Ferris State) that we have to play that way. We just can't do it individually. It was a great lesson for us and hopefully we gained some confidence that when we do play that way, we're going to be a much better team."

The Crusaders kick off their 2013-14 season this Friday at Goshen College (Ind.) as part of the Maple City Hoopfest.

"Our expectations are high, but the goal is to get better each day and let the wins and the losses fall where they may," said Emehiser, whose team fell to Southern Oregon 83-66 in last year's NAIA Tournament opener. "Obviously we hope for a lot and we hope to put ourselves in position to accomplish a lot. We'll see how it all falls out."

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Graves eager to evaluate new-look Crusaders

With their first seven games scheduled for the road, the Madonna University women's basketball team will certainly earn plenty of travel bonus points.

And just where those actual points will come from is the key question for the Crusaders entering the 2013-14 season.

That's because 47 of the 68.7 points MU averaged last year was lost to graduation, including NAIA honorable mention All-American Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), a four-year standout who averaged a team-best 16 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

Eight letter winners return, but six newcomers may be the key to the Crusaders' fortunes.

"I'm really hard to tell this early, but I think we've got a lot of talent," said MU eighth-year coach Carl Graves, who is coming off 20-11 season. "But until we actually play against somebody other than ourselves, it will be difficult to tell."

MU opens its season Friday at Penn State-Greater Allegheny before taking on Point Park (Pa.) on Saturday.

Road warriors

The Crusaders then travel to Eastern Michigan, Northern Michigan, Grand Valley State (exhibition) for non-conference games before opening the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule at Indiana Tech (Nov. 16) and Marygrove College (Nov. 20).

"The kids love it," Graves said. "We were a 20-win program last year with three NCAA Division I teams and a GLIAC team. This year it's actually less. We play only two D-I's. We dropped Bowling Green, but we added Grand Valley in exhibition."

MU was 11-1 at home last year and finished 15-7 in the WHAC, but the Crusaders missed out on an at-large bid for the NAIA Tournament.

Picked 3rd in WHAC

The WHAC coaches' preseason poll picked MU to finish third with Davenport and Siena Heights tabbed as one-two.

Junior guard Rachel Melcher (Birmingham, Marian), who averaged 11.7 points and 5.2 rebounds per game, is the Crusaders' top returnee and was named to the preseason all-conference team after earning

honorable mention honors a year ago.

She'll be joined in the backcourt by 5-foot-5 Tori Duffey, a transfer from New Hampshire, along with 5-8 junior Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin), who averaged 4.6 points per contest, and 5-7 sophomore Justice Dean (Garden City).

Frosh impresses

"Often is another guard that has shown a really high basketball IQ," Graves said. "She's not playing high school basketball. She's

ready to play and is going to do some nice stuff for us and probably will start right now."

Melcher

Chelsea (Williams) got some good minutes for us last year. She's stepped up in a bit of a leadership role and doing some nice things."

Saginaw Valley State transfer Erin Menard, a 6-foot sophomore from Livonia Churchville, hopes to fill the void left by McGrath.

Veteran talent

Other returnees include senior Carrie Kloster; juniors Yazmeen Hamid and Haylee Stemping; along with sophomores Molly Knoph (Stevenson), Taylor Hinkson and Dominique Mosby (Farmington Hills Mercy).

Sophomores Tiffany Zito and Sabrina Kent, along with two freshmen, Kelsey Gerhardt and Sarah Carlson, round out the MU squad.

"We have a core of new faces that I think are going to do some great things," Graves said. "And we have a group of kids that are going to get an opportunity with so many seniors on the team last year who are going to look to step up."

Williams

The Crusaders will certainly lean on their backcourt once again in their quest for their first postseason berth since 2003.

"I'll actually look very similar to Graves said, "but I don't know where the production will come because we don't have a lot of experience that we had last year."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Pilots buzz past Crusader men, 94-90

The Madonna University men's basketball team came up just short in its 2013-14 season opener Friday in the Maple City Hoopfest hosted by Goshen (Ind.) College at Gunden Arena.

Despite 28 points from senior forward Fred Williams and 22 more from senior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson), the No. 17-ranked Crusaders fell to No. 9 Beth (Ind.) College, 94-90.

After leading 51-40 at intermission, MU was outscored 34-40 during the second half.

MU connected on only 13-of-33 three-point tries as senior sharpshooter Travis Schuba went 3-for-9 and Williams 4-for-13.

Schuba contributed 10

assists, while Schuba added 11 points. Freshman forward Dan Hall grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

The Pilots had four players score in double figures led by Landon Booker and Ryan Benner with 24 and 26 points, respectively.

Matt Schauss and Zach Miller combined for 13 and 11, as the Pilots shot a blistering 56.9 percent from the floor (33-of-58), including 8-of-17 beyond the arc.

MU shot 47.8 percent (32-of-67) from the floor. The Crusaders played host Goshen on Saturday.

MADONNA VS. PENN ST. (Ind.) (Nov. 15) (WOMEN): Junior Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin) scored a game-high 15 points and Tori Duffey added 14 Friday as Madonna University (4-0) cruised to a season-opening victory over Penn State-Greater Allegheny (0-1).

The Crusaders, who led 58-21 at halftime, also got 10 points from Dominique Mosby (Farmington Hills Mercy).

Madison (Wisconsin) and Rachel Melcher also combined for 14 rebounds.

Taylor Fulton led Allegheny with 13 points.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ocelots start season with seven players

It didn't take long for new Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer to figure out a starting lineup.

That's because the former Oakland Community College assistant has only seven available players for the start of the 2013-14 season. Kinzer is awaiting the end of the women's soccer season, which could last through Nov. 24 if the nationally-ranked Lady Ocelots make it all the way to the NJCAA Tournament in Melbourne, Fla.

And then, returning sophomore guard-forward Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) and Taylor Bunyak (Anchor Bay), won't be available along with freshman guard Jessica Parry (Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes).

Meanwhile, two other players — 5-foot-9 forward Adajiah Pittman (Redford) and 5-4 guard-forward Raybrielle Thomas (Romulus) — won't be eligible until Jan. 4.

That leaves Kinzer a bit short-handed for Monday night's season opener.

Kinzer's starting five will consist of Bri Berberet, a 5-foot-7 sophomore guard from Salem; Sara Gammons, a 5-3 freshman point-guard from Burton-Atherton; Teniece Roberts, a 6-foot freshman center from Windsor (Ontario) Assumption; Tabitha Mann, a 5-11 sophomore center from Salem; and Chelsea Wesley, a 5-4 guard from Morrice.

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with a 5-4, 6-3 team, but that's not how it works in our state. "The better team is moving on and we're not, unfortunately. We gave ourselves a great chance to win. I'm so proud of our kids, it was an incredible comeback and a heck of a game if you're a fan." Western (9-1) moves on to face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, as the Shamrocks defeated Northville on Friday.

Worth the hype

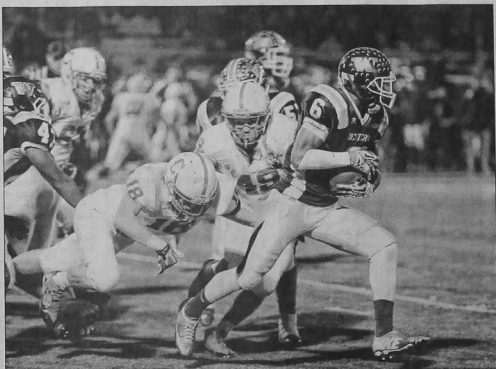
Bambard, who is a candidate for MLive's Player of the Year Award, showed why he is so highly touted. The 5-9 quarterback was a dominating force from the start of the contest, completing 10-of-17 passes for 141 yards and three touchdowns while also running for 214 yards.

He showed his mettle when his team needed it most, finding itself down following Canton's fourth-quarter explosion — which also included Williams' 66-yard TD pass to Boucher (seven catches, 198 yards, two TDs) and a 3-yard scoring plunge by Turfe (24 carries, 193 yards, three TDs).

A pass interference penalty against Canton moved the sticks near midfield and Bambard ran for chunks of 13, 7 and 6 yards down to the Chiefs' 28.

Bambard then found Walczyk (eight catches, 117 yards, three TDs) in the end zone to give him the lead and crush Canton's hopes in the process. "He's unbelievable," Baechler said about Bambard. "Even when we had him locked up, we couldn't tackle him. He's just a quick, shifty kid. He's tough."

He controlled him a couple times, but for the most part it was a tough night trying to tackle that kid."



Canton defenders Forest Hall (No. 18) and Jake Pugh (No. 49) try to haul down Walled Lake Western's John Simmons during the predrift football contest. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

With just over a minute left and 80 yards to drive the football, there wasn't much time for one last miracle.

Go the distance

"It's got to be that we put the ball in the end zone," Bambard said about the mid-set after suddenly trailing the Chiefs late in the fourth. "As an offense we're confident. The whole game we were moving the ball, just a couple self-inflicted wounds."

"But we moved the ball all game and we just knew that we had to do it one more time."

Boucher congratulated the Warriors for the hard-fought victory and wished them the best against Catholic Central. "I'm hoping they make it far," he said. "I don't want to lose to the team that loses the next round. I want them to win

states."

Canton actually got out of the gates quickly, leading 14-3 midway through the first. After Western opened the scoring on a 42-yard field goal by — who else — Bambard, the Chiefs took a 7-3 advantage on a 47-yard run down the sideline by Turfe.

Drew Misenko recovered an ensuing Warriors fumble and Turfe scored two plays later, from 19 yards, out to give Canton a sudden 11-point lead, quieting the home fans at Warrior Stadium.

Bambard got seven of those points right back, on a 10-yard TD pass to Walczyk before the end of the first.

Canton looked to be marching toward another touchdown early in the second, especially after Williams (12-of-15 passing, 249 yards, two TDs) con-

nected on a 33-yard pass to Turfe on fourth down.

Turfe grabbed the ball near the 15 and was pulled down inside the 5-yard line by John Witkowski.

On the next play, however, Williams fumbled the snap right back to the Warriors and it only took Bambard three plays to turn the tables for a touchdown.

He ran for 68 yards on one play and then threw a 25-yarder to Walczyk in the left corner of the end zone to make it a 17-14 Western lead.

Bambard's next highlight-reel play was good for a 32-yard touchdown run and sent the Warriors into halftime with a 24-14 edge.

After Bambard veered toward the sideline, he went completely against the grain, cutting it all the way to the far

side of the field and into the end zone.

The Chiefs sliced that deficit to 24-20 with 7:08 left in the third on a 1-yard run by Williams.

An interception by senior Daniel Kilgore led to that TD. Kilgore snared a tipped ball near the Western 40 and ran it down to the 17.

Western took a 31-20 lead into the fourth, thanks to an 11-yard run by John Simmons, and padded that to 38-20 early in the fourth when tailback Torreze Nesbit scored on a 30-yard dash with 10:04 remaining.

At that point, the Warriors looked as though they had everything under control.

No time to waste

Canton then started its ferocious rally, with Williams completing a laser over the middle to Boucher for a 66-yard touchdown that pulled the Chiefs to within 38-28.

Boucher got it done on defense, too, clobbering Bambard in the backfield on third down to help the Chiefs get the ball right back.

Williams then completed five passes, each for double-digit yardage, to move the ball inside the 40-yard line and Turfe took it from there for his third score of the game.

Despite a missed extra point, the Warriors only led 38-34 and Canton recovered the ensuing onside kick near the 50-yard line with 3:45 to go.

Turfe's 30-yard gallop around right end started the series and it ended three plays later on a 23-yard pass from Williams to Boucher. Following Andrew Loehnis' extra point, the Chiefs led 41-38.

Unfortunately for Canton, there still was plenty of time left for Bambard to do his thing.

"They just had so much time left. They're a great offense," Boucher said.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Madonna clinches conference title share

Crusaders also land berth in NAIA tourney

The fourth-ranked Madonna seasons of women's volleyball team clinched at least a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title Wednesday night with a 25-23, 25-18, 25-10 victory over host Indiana Tech at the Schaefer Center.

With the victory, the Crusaders, now 34-0 overall, clinch the first of the WHAC's two automatic bids to the NAIA National Championship as well as the top seed for the upcoming WHAC Tournament, Nov.

15-16, at the MU Activities Center.

For MU, the title marks the 14th crown in the Crusaders' 17 seasons as a member of the WHAC. It's also the second straight for the Crusaders after a three-year drought.

"This is so exciting," said 6-foot-3 senior middle hitter Emilie Freeman, who sparked the MU offensive attack with 14 kills. "This is what we've been working for. This is what our goal was from the beginning of the season. We've all known it, we've all talked about it, but we knew we had to go practice by practice, day by

day, game by game. So now that we're actually here reaching our goals, it means the world. We just have to keep working hard because we want to go as hard as we can."

Samantha Geile contributed eight kills and 13 digs as the Crusaders also improved their WHAC record to a perfect 10-0.

Other contributions came from Stacey Catalano (18 digs), Evia Priedits (30 assist-to-kills), Payton Maxheimer (15 digs) and Amanda Obyrsky (14 digs).

"We are ecstatic about tonight's match," Freeman said. "We knew we had to come out

and play hard. We knew it was going to be a good game on our court. We all came out and played our game. We knew what we had to play each part of the game. We're ecstatic we took it in three, but it was point-by-point. We knew it was going to be hard like that, but we're happy."

Katelyn St. Martin paced the Warriors (11-21, 5-5) with 13 kills and 17 digs, while setter Kelsey Fitzpatrick and Alexandra Roberts combined for 28 assists with 15 and 13, respectively.

MU can clinch the WHAC regular season championship

outright with a win Wednesday, Nov. 6 at home on Senior Night against Siena Heights (13-12, 6-4). The match starts at 7 p.m. Freeman will be one of four seniors honored along with Priedits, Catalano and Nastija Seremetjeva.

"I'm really excited for the game on Senior Night, but it's really going to be tough," Freeman said. "Like I said, we're so close, but it's going to be hard playing our last match as seniors with this team on our home court. It's going to be a great game and we're going to play our hearts out."

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to score many points at the South Division Meet, and help lead the Chiefs to their sixth (title) in a row." Canton head coach David Weber said.

He listed Destinee Bar-more-Hicks, Mackenzie Du-gas, Faith Goodwin, Melissa Green, Hannah Jenkins, Kimberly Langolf, Madeline Madison, Carmen Maglie, Haily Vaunado, Laura Weisz and exchange student Miesha Sonntag as keys to the 2013 squad's success.

If Canton does end Saturday's proceedings with the South Division crown, next would be a shot at the Kensington Conference champi-

onship on Nov. 8-9 at Novi. Also this weekend at South Lyon East is the Central Division Meet, including Salem. Undeatable Northville is first in the Central entering that meet.

From 2008-13, the Chiefs went undefeated during KLAAS South divisional duals to finish first for that portion of the season.

Meanwhile, although the Wildcats outscored Canton at the divisional meet in 2009, 2011 and 2012, the final overall standings showed a deadlock between the teams.

That's because ultimate finishes are determined by a 50-50 split between duals and the divisional meet, Weber stressed.

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Irish take crown from Mustangs

Notre Dame dethrones Marian in championship

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Birmingham Marian and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep squared off for the Catholic League A-B Division championship match Monday evening at Madonna University.

Notre Dame Prep, the No. 1-ranked team in Class B, came in looking to dethrone the Catholic League champs. Marian, ranked No. 2 in Class A, had hoped to defend its title and secure its 12th overall championship.

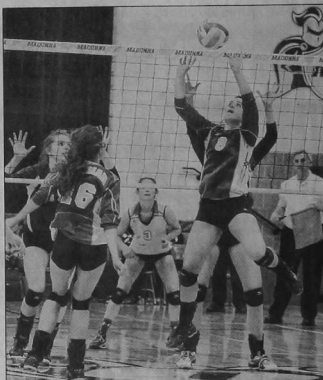
In the end, it was the Irish who prevailed. Notre Dame swept past Marian in three straight sets, 30-28, 25-20, 25-18.

The Mustangs played without Miss Volleyball candidate Jessie Kopmeyer, who injured her ankle during warmups, and first-year head coach Angela Kalczynski was forced to juggle her lineup at the last minute. Although the Mustangs played hard, they dropped many of the key points, which allowed Notre Dame to claim its first Catholic League championship.

"It was unfortunate that she got hurt during warmups," Kalczynski said. "I think the team responded well. But we hurt ourselves today. We had a lot of errors and mentally we weren't as strong at times as we could have been."

"Notre Dame is a good team, but I think we're much better," she added. "We battled hard. But we rely on her so much today and we needed to be able to step up and we couldn't at times."

The opening set was a tussle



Senior setter Erin Turner (8) runs the Marian offense in Monday's Catholic League championship match against Notre Dame Prep at Madonna University. JOHN STORMZANG | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

from start to finish. Neither team led by more than four points and the set was tied numerous times heading down the stretch.

Marian served for the match twice when leading 26-25 and 27-26, but was foiled on each occasion. Notre Dame Prep finally pulled through for the two-point victory on a Marian miscue.

The second and third sets were similar, with the Irish earning their key points in the end. Prep's Danielle McCormick served out to win the

second set and teammate Katherine Carlson closed out the third and final set with a kill down the middle.

For Marian, junior Katarina Mazanka had six kills and senior Paige Carey had four. The Mustangs hit at a 25-percent clip and served at 84 percent, below what Kalczynski prefers.

Marian, which won the Beast of the East Invitational over the weekend in Warren, is 40-12 on the season. Notre Dame Prep hiked its record to 54-2.

Sense of loss: Pet owners get help, support in discussion group

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Dennis Cuper still grieves Max's death.

The Livonia retiree sometimes even feels guilty that his golden retriever, whom he considered his son, is gone. Cuper decided to end Max's suffering from neurological problems in August, after trying traditional medicine and acupuncture for two years.

"In June he started getting incontinence. I was getting two hours sleep every night for two months straight. I was totally worn out," said Cuper. "I had caretaker burnout."

Was Max ready to leave him? Cuper knew he'd find that answer in Max's eyes.

"Did I really see it in his eyes or was it just burnout?"

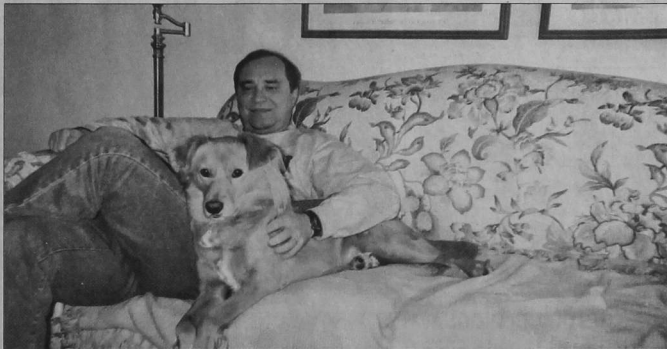
Cuper hopes to put the question to rest and find some peace through Tail Waggers' 1990's new Circle of Life Pet Ownership Discussion and Support Group.

The group's first meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Tail Waggers' 1990, 28402 Five Mile, in Livonia. It will meet at the same time every Tuesday. Attendance is on an as-needed, drop-in basis. Call 734-855-4077 to reserve a spot.

Questions, answers

Tricia Luggner, a pet owner with a master's degree in clinical psychology from the Michigan School of Professional Psychology, will facilitate discussion, which will include such topics as taking care of sick pets, deciding when to say goodbye, struggling with the frustrations of medical treatments, feeling grief, sadness or guilt, and considering a new pet.

Laura Zain, Tail Waggers' 1990 founder, said the new program is more than grief



Dennis Cuper, a volunteer at Tail Waggers' 1990 in Livonia, plans to attend its new pet discussion group. Cuper is still grieving the death of his dog, Max, pictured with him.



counseling. It's a chance for participants to share stories, questions, grief and successes with others.

"We decided to start this because of the number of inquiries that come to our office. We have so many people call-

ing with questions about their pets," Zain said. "They will call us wanting to know if we euthanize. When we explain we don't, it opens a conversation — they don't know if it's the right time, what are the signs, can they come in and talk to a vet."

"They are turning to us for advice for their pet needs. They're using us as a resource center."

Feeling empowered

Zain and Luggner, a Tail Waggers' 1990 volunteer, struck up a conversation about the callers' questions. Luggner offered her services for free, but suggested a discussion and support group, rather than a grief counseling program.

"I'm hoping this will empower people to make the right choice without prolonging the animal's life unnecessarily," Zain said. "People come in and donate their (deceased) animal's leftovers. When people come in here with bowls, collars and leashes, there would be tears. We'd talk to them about it and find out what happened and give words of encouragement. Now I feel like we can give them something more."

The group is open to all ages, but weekly sessions are limited to approximately 15 individuals. Zain said she would consider starting a second weekly session, if needed.

"If we get a lot of children or teens, we'd probably devel-

op their own group," she added.

Zain said she is facing the "challenge of letting go" with one of her own pets, an elderly cat that has been treated for cancer.

She'll be on hand at the group for at least the first few sessions. She hopes Circle of Life will not only draw pet owners with questions, but those who also want to share their answers.

That's exactly what Cuper intends to do.

"When you're with other people who have similar (experiences), it helps you to realize they are going through that, too. It tends to help," Cuper said. "Maybe by being there, I can help someone else."



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The auction will start at 11 a.m. and will include clothing, personal treasures, holiday gifts and ornaments, and decorative pieces. Complimentary finger foods will be available at lunch for all guests. Admission is free.

Questions? Email to ishewbridge@twm1.rr.com.



Cheryl Partin is among the Garden City Garden Club members who posed for a 2014 Garden Club calendar

Garden club plans calendar sale, signing

Buy Garden City Garden Club's 2014 calendar and have it signed by the calendar's models at the same time, during an autograph and sale, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 at Garden City Cafe, 5662 Middlebelt, just north of Ford Road, in Garden City.

"Garden City Garden Club Reveals All... About Gardening" 2014 calendar features photos of 14 Club members, by photographer Charlotte Lawrie, along with garden tips. Calendars are \$12. If you want a calendar, but can't make it to the autograph signing, call Cheryl Partin, the Club's secretary, at

734-788-1319. Or visit the group's website at gccc.weebly.com or its Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/gcccm1. The Club will mail calendars for an additional \$3. Garden City Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at Garden City First United Methodist Church. The group plants hundreds of annual flowers every spring in downtown Garden City, maintains a butterfly garden in Garden City Park, provides an annual scholarship to a high school senior, and donates food from its community garden to local food banks, among other projects.

Pumpkin artistry



With a hot glue gun, drill, feathers, gourds, glitter and googly eyes in hand, Farmington Hills resident Craig Miller took his granddaughter, Lauren Michie, 6, of Northville, to the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Sculpture Workshop at Golder Walsh Garden Center in Pontiac. JULIE YOLLES



Sandee Rellinger of Plymouth, (left) first-year Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) member Kevin Prather of Macomb, Rick Miller of Pontiac and first-year Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) member Brian Bartes enjoy the Distinguished Grand Jester's Reception. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

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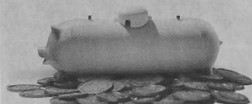
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Parade Company President and CEO Tony Michaels (left) and his wife, Clarice, of Rochester; and Livonia resident and Parade Company Board Trustee John Landis. Landis will be sporting a new custom-made costume in America's Thanksgiving Parade this year in honor of his 25th anniversary as a Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) member. He led the Parade in 2007 as the Grand Jester.

Parade supporters gear up for big day

A major contingency of the Distinguished Clown Corps (DCC) descended upon The Reserve in Birmingham for the Parade Company's 2013 Distinguished Grand Jester's Reception. Gracious host and Reserve and Big Rock Chophouse co-owner Norm LePage welcomed DCC guests for the sixth year. LePage, along with his son, Scott, are six-year DCC members and are gearing up to walk down Woodward this year for America's Thanksgiving Parade.

The Parade Company is very busy indeed this month, starting with the VIP Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 8 at the Parade Company Studio in Detroit.

Next up is Hob Nobble Gobble, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, the family-friendly bash of the



Julie Yolles
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year presented by Ford Motor Co. Guests wear their finest black tie clothes or clown ruffles and enjoy a crazy, fun evening of carnival games and rides, delicious and decadent food, prize giveaways and dancing all night long at Ford Field. Tickets are \$200 (ages 6 and under) to \$4,200 for a table of 12. The gala is always a sell-out. Money raised benefits the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation. Call 313-923-7400, Ext. 244, to make a reservation. This event is not to be missed.

Contact Julie Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or 248-642-9465.

NOVEMBER

BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16

Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Friends of Bethany will host a monthly breakfast.

Coming up: Bethany Together Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 30. Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27245 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Attire is business casual. Admission is \$13. Bethany provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. It's an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: www.bethanysemin.org or 488-888-0454

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 53 Mile

Details: "Thanksgiving Praisefest," will include performances by five praise bands, with free will donations to help Livonia Career Group that provides utility and rental assistance to residents in need. Cash Corridor Apartment Rehab, which rebuilds buildings to create affordable apartments in Detroit, and Brightmore Community Christmas Store, which enables needy families to create an affordable Christmas celebration

Contact: 734-422-6038

CONCERT

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: Laurie Berkner will bring her "The You & Me Tour" to the congregation. Tickets range from \$10 to \$18 per person.

Contact: 248-537-5544; shaareyzedek.org/education/laurie-berkner

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10

Location: Prens's Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park

Details: The group studies and creates Judaic needlework. At its next meeting, members will prepare a Purim table for the Holiday Tables event. Nov. 23-24 at Spicer House in Farmington Hills. They'll also complete Chanukah table runners

Contact: Judy Galperin at 488-661-5337

VETERANS DAY BRUNCH

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. brunch, 10:30 a.m. keynote, Sunday, Nov. 3

Location: Congregation B'nai Moche, 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: Guest speaker Colonel Benet Gruber of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) will present, "Ethics in the Field: An Inside Look at the Israel Defense Forces." He'll talk about the ethics facing IDF commanders in locating terrorists within a civilian population, IDF's unique ethical code, and the effectiveness of the IDF's efforts to prevent terrorist attacks

Contact: 248-921-0687

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Mass, followed by fellowship and refreshments. Widowed Friends is a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246

DECEMBER

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The 32nd annual Christmas concert will feature St. Aidan's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5 along with two non-perishable food items that will be used for Christmas baskets for the needy

Contact: 734-425-5590

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coyne Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 8 p.m. Sundays

Location: 42200 Tully, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: 5 Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 733-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Peter.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniamichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. 5 Mile, Northville

Details: Learners Bible study is held

Family Community Meal

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawneese, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Brian Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7:30-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergarten; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children.

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-4650 for MOPS and Susan Magnier at 248-478-3643 for MOPSnext details

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive motherhood support,

practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-424-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet treats and toys are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and

aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

door. Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1691, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests

Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; leffdw@worldoutreach.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m., social hour, 8:30-9:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9:30 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry, cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 53 Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Sabbath

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services.

Location: FL, his sister Denise

literation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email naryn@naryn@aol.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Garden City

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Open Oakland Parkerson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

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DEACOSTER, DAVID ARTHUR

Age 74, Lady Lake, FL, died October 29, 2013. Dr. DeCoster was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 12, 1939 to the late Arthur and Eleanor DeCoster and was raised in Detroit.

Dr. DeCoster was an administrator and faculty member at various universities, receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan and his doctorate from the University of Florida. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Honor Society. During his career in higher education he co-authored four books and contributed numerous chapters and articles to other publications and research journals. He served as a frequent consultant, speaker and external evaluator for colleges, universities and educational organizations throughout the United States. David was the recipient of a number of national awards including the Contribution to Knowledge Award in recognition of research, writing and advocacy for the mission of postsecondary education. Other affiliations include the American Association for Higher Education and the American College Personnel Association. His community service activities included membership on the Board of Directors for a number of organizations, including crime, deterrence, human rights, anti-racism and a rape and domestic violence shelter. Some of David's hobbies and interests included golfing, gardening and antique restoration. He left to cherish his memory are two sons, David M. DeCoster, Kennesaw, GA and Douglas A. DeCoster, Lincoln, NE; his daughter Deborah E. Shragar, Lady Lake, FL; his brother Dennis A. DeCoster, Englewood, FL; his sister Denise A. DeCoster, Hailey, ID; stepchildren Frank, Dawn and Vicki Watson, 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 21 years, Virginia L. Brown on March 3, 2007 and his sister Dale A. Schumaker. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is assisting the family with private arrangements.

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NEW FACES

Kelly Ann Dinnan, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and now serves as the hospital's medical director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. The unit cares for patients requiring specialized pulmonary, renal, cardiovascular, neurological, or post-operative monitoring.

Dinnan, a board-certified general surgeon, also has become a member of Oakland Surgical Specialists, a practice at Professional Center North, Suite 208 North, 28800 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

After graduating from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Dinnan served a general surgery residency at Botsford Hospital, where she also served as resident director for the Trauma Committee, as chief resident, and as chief surgery resident. Dinnan also was selected as Botsford's most outstanding resident. She completed two one-year fellowships in surgical critical care and acute care surgery at University of California San Francisco-Fresno.

In addition to having earned a certificate in acute care surgery, Dinnan is board-eligible for surgical critical care. She also is certified in advanced trauma life support and pediatric advanced life support. Dinnan is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, the American Osteopathic Association, and the Michigan Osteopathic Association.



Dinnan

Dentists help expand bone marrow registry

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Kimberly Branham, D.D.S., knows a simple cheek swap may save a life.

Her Livonia dental practice is participating in a bone marrow registry drive for the second year.

It's co-sponsored by the Michigan Dental Association (MDA) and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan.

Branham figures about 100 of her patients volunteered to submit swabs for the registry last year. One person became a donor after his swab sample showed he'd be a good match for a patient in need.

"We didn't realize until (his dad) came in for check-up that he had gotten chosen. He's college aged," Branham said, adding that his bone marrow recipient was a 10-year-old child. "They flew him out to Maryland, paid for the hotel. He brought his dad with him. You donate under general anesthesia. They take bone marrow out through the hip. Everything went well. And you couldn't have asked for nicer person (to donate)."

Out of a total 2,500 swabs submitted during the drive last year, five matched individuals who needed bone marrow.

Branham didn't hesitate to participate in the second annual "Take a Bite Out of Cancer" campaign, which runs through November.

"Any patient who walks into the office, we offer it to them to see if they want to do it. They swab their own cheek. There's no training required," Branham said. "It's so easy. You fill out a questionnaire because we paramaters for health and age. If you meet them, it's just a swab on the side of the cheek."

Do-it-yourself

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan, in partnership with DKMS Labs, the world's largest bone marrow donor center, is providing the swab kits free of charge. Participating dental offices offer the kits to their patients and encourage them to do their own swabs. Patients deposit the swabs into tubes, which the dental office mails to a lab where they are tested and entered into the international bone marrow donor registry.

"We are happy to participate



in the bone marrow donor registry," said Mario A. Tomei, DDS, who practices in Livonia. "Several of our patients' families have been affected by a blood cancer. Knowing what those people have had to endure, our office is more than willing to do anything we can to help those who have it lead a healthier life."

More than 5,100 cancer patients in Michigan — and more than 1 million nationwide — are waiting for a bone marrow transplant.

Hope for many

"Michigan dentists and their patients have the chance to offer hope to thousands of Michigan residents, and we are very grateful for their partnership," stated Norb Promo, deputy executive director of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan.

The MDA works to educate about oral health, promotes the science and art of dentistry, and provides educational materials and services to its 5,500 members. For more information go to www.slmimichigan.com.

Getting to Know MS ...could change your life!

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Pawlak
Neurology

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a potentially debilitating disease, with many yet unanswered questions. GCH Health Expert and Board Certified Neurologist, Dr. Anne Pawlak, discusses this frequently misunderstood disease.

Q: Who can get MS?

A: Anyone may develop MS but there are some patterns. More than twice as many women as men have MS. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50. Studies suggest that genetic factors make certain individuals more susceptible than others, but there is no evidence that MS is directly inherited. MS occurs in most ethnic groups, including African-Americans, Asians and Hispanics/Latinos, but is most common in Caucasians of northern European ancestry.

Q: I was recently diagnosed with MS. Am I going to end up in a wheelchair?

A: The natural course of MS is highly variable, and it is impossible to predict the nature, severity or timing of progression in a given patient. Some people with MS will have a more progressive disease course than others. In some cases, the course of MS over the first five years may provide a clue to the progression of the disease over the next 10 years. Recent studies indicate that 90% of patients with minimal disability five years after onset were still ambulatory at 15 years. It is estimated that at 20 years after diagnosis, about 1/3 of people who receive no treatment may require a wheelchair or other assistive device. With the present available therapies, the goal is to slow the progression of disability. Some people with MS respond quite well and may have no progression over years. For others, the treatment may slow, and not stop the progression. It is important to be proactive and work with your physicians, get in shape, eat a healthy diet and take the best possible care of yourself.

Q: Is multiple sclerosis contagious or fatal?

A: MS is neither contagious nor fatal. People with MS have a life expectancy that is not really any different from the general population. Only a small percentage of patients experience a rapidly progressive type of MS, which may cause more significant health issues early in the disease. MS tends to affect quality of life, not quantity of life. There are unusual variants of MS that can be very aggressive and potentially shorten life, but these are not the norm.

Q: What type of doctor specializes in MS and how is it diagnosed?

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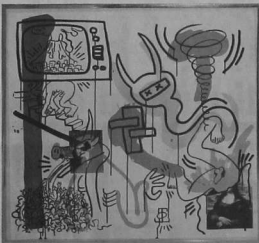
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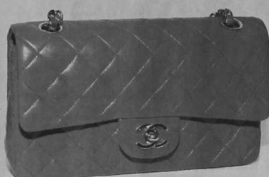
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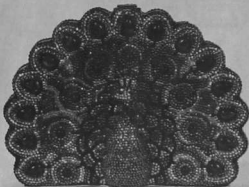
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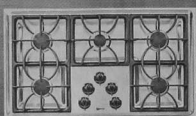
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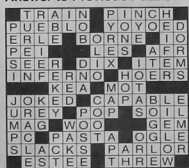
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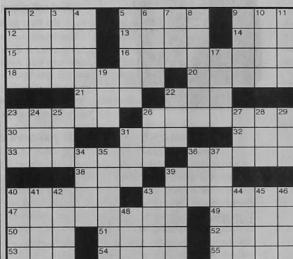
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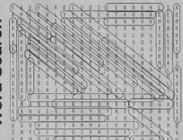
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Jeep Cherokee Storms Back into Mid-Size SUV Market



By Dale Buss

Chrysler is pulling out all the stops to reverse the early backward momentum of the launch of its crucial Jeep Cherokee and make sure that there are enough of the highly anticipated new vehicles on dealer lots this fall – and that the introduction is supported by an appropriately ambitious marketing campaign.

Cherokee went into production on June 24, about a month later than originally planned, at the company's Toledo assembly complex. But because of software glitches with the trailblazing nine-speed transmission, the company couldn't begin delivering the SUV to dealers until last week. And that delay only exacerbated the difficulties from the fact that Chrysler had run out of the now-defunct Jeep Liberty which gave way to Cherokee.

"We were naive that it would be a seamless introduction," Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne told journalists in late October. But, he stressed, "What we've learned is that we'll never repeat it. We're never going to take a plant down and be out of the market for over a year. We were just naked in 2013" in the mid-sized SUV segment after dealers sold all the 2012 Liberty units last year.

Now, the Toledo complex is churning out about 1,000 Cherokees a day, six days a week, as dealers and consumers anticipate volume availability of the new vehicle.

Meanwhile, in an effort to get it right



The ad campaign for the new Jeep Cherokee talks about freedom.

the first time with this crucial launch, Chrysler's advertising is taking the road less traveled again. Even for the launch of the revived Cherokee — a widely anticipated new version of an iconic SUV nameplate that disappeared for 12 years — the company has crafted an emotional, oblique approach that barely shows the Cherokee at all and fits neatly into the story-telling genre that it has used so successfully for four years.

In a 60-second TV spot that breaks today under a campaign called "Built Free," Jeep links one scene after another of people at play, of kids cavorting and office workers feeling the nostalgia of such moments, busting out of their confined environs and pursuing their outdoorsy passions. The backdrop is Bob Dylan and the voiceover encourages viewers to think of the new Cherokee as the key to invoking that sense of freedom.

"And little by little it changed," says the spot Jeep titled "Manifesto." "People told you things. Where to go. What to do. What not to do. Little by little, the world

started to feel smaller. Only ... it isn't. You're still here. And you're still you. The horizons haven't gone anywhere."

Kim Adams-House, Jeep's advertising director, told me that the point of the first spot for the new Cherokee "was to provide a link from the past

to the present to make sure Cherokee is in keeping with its history as a segment leader. We reached back to that time and brought it forward."

The ad debuts squarely in the new Chrysler tradition of shaping a brand story and making the vehicles secondary, which began with the "Born of Fire" spot featuring Eminem and the Chrysler brand in the 2011 Super Bowl, continued with the Clint Eastwood "Second Half" ad for the brand a year later, and extended to last year's Big Game with a commercial about Jeep's efforts to help military veterans, and a Ram ad that was an ode to the American farmer.

"One thing we're adept at is telling a story, and authenticity is one of the core values of the [Jeep] brand," Adams-House said. The new Cherokee ad "tells a human story

that connects with consumers emotionally and resonates with them personally."

Still, Adams-House said, the campaign for the crucial new Cherokee will become more product-centric over coming weeks. In early November, she said, Jeep will introduce a slate of 30-second spots about various attributes of the new vehicle including fuel efficiency, the segment-first nine-speed transmission, interior craftsmanship and ride quality and handling.

With its mainstream styling and a base price of about \$22,000, the new mid-size SUV is set to play a key role in boosting the Jeep brand not only in the U.S. market but also overseas. "Cherokee was always our last [planned] springboard to get to 800,000-plus" sales for the Jeep brand each year, "and I am convinced we'll do it on the back of that vehicle," Michael Manley, CEO of the Jeep brand, told the Detroit Free Press recently.

And Adams-House insisted that Cherokee availability won't be a problem now that the production bottlenecks have been corrected. "All systems are go from the availability perspective," she said.



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