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District nears privatization vote

Custodial services could be outsourced to help trim deficit

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A report done for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials by Creative Collaborative Services says the district doesn't have enough custodians to adequately clean and maintain the district's 26 buildings.

Facing a \$6.9 million budget deficit they've only come half-way toward eliminating, dis-

trict administrators are on the verge of recommending custodial services be farmed out to a private contractor.

Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and operations, said Friday the administration will likely present the board "with the opportunity to ratify" a contract with a vendor he declined to name because the decision hasn't been made.

Administrators are sched-

uled to meet with the custodians this week; however, Killian said the administration is "very close to having all the financial details to be able to recommend a highly qualified firm."

A consultant hired shortly after Dr. Michael Meissen arrived as the district's new superintendent called the district's financial model "unsustainable." Meissen and Killian have both maintained since

then the district's financial discussions and decisions are being made to reverse that trend.

"We are in the process of analysis with the general goal of increasing quality, expand services and contain costs," Meissen said recently. "One of the options being reviewed... is a model of a performance contract for cleaning and custodial services."

Though board members aren't expected to vote on the issue until the June 10 meeting, some already know how they

feel. Board Treasurer Mark Horvath is in favor of privatizing and has been since the discussion began several months ago.

And the district's struggles after privatizing transportation — it's already had to change transportation vendors after the last one experienced a number of problems, including keeping drivers in the seats — haven't deterred Horvath.

"(Custodial work) is not part of our core business," Horvath

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UNION DUES

Canton author lends personal insight to UAW's ascension

By Robin D'Angelo
Correspondent

It's one thing to watch history in the making on the evening news, but quite another to watch it unfold across the dinner table.

From childhood, 62-year-old Canton resident Bob Morris had a front-row seat to the high-stakes and often brutal struggle that was the Michigan labor movement and the rise of the United Auto Workers, in which his father Ken played a significant role that nearly cost him his life.

In *Built in Detroit: A Story of the UAW, a Company and a Gangster*, Morris details the birth of the UAW, the struggles within and the shocking violence and intimidation on the part of the auto industry. Woven within this is the story of Ken Morris' rise from the drags of the "toughest auto plant in Detroit" through the ranks of the UAW and his later encounters with anti-union mob aggression.

"This has been a story I wanted to tell all of my life in many ways," said Morris, a graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham. "As a little boy, my dad worked all the time and so on weekends my brother and I would go with him to UAW meetings and political events and we heard the stories of the labor movement from my dad and Walter Reuther, John F. Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson and others. "As I got older, I realized people had very little understanding or knowledge of early days of UAW and I thought the story was worth telling," he added.

Bob Morris

Bob Morris



Bob Morris and his father Ken in 1954. At this time, Ken was the president of UAW Local 212 — one of the largest and most powerful local unions of its time.

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Canton GOP sets issues forum

Republicans hope to 'educate and inform'

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Citing crumbling roads, Detroit water system woes, education funding problems and financial challenges facing local, county and state government, a group of Canton Republicans is aiming to shed light on issues while broadening the GOP's political base. To that end, a group calling itself the Canton Republican Caucus has launched an election-season initiative by organizing a public gathering set for 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, inside the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Dubbed the Canton Township Issues Forum, the session — free and open to the public — offers a panel discussion intended to inform and educate the community on a broad range of topics that, according to caucus member Mike Hansel, have become clouded by misinformation.

"The vast majority of what I've seen publicized has a deliberate liberal context," Hansel said. "There are outright lies being told. The purpose of this forum is to educate and inform people as to what is going on."

The Republican forum comes as the Canton Democratic Club has ratcheted up efforts, including an issues forum in March, to mobilize diverse political groups under one umbrella.

Political landscape

Both political parties are ramping up their efforts to organize and strengthen their base of support in Canton, a community some perceive as increasingly split between Republicans and Democrats. "I'm excited that local Republicans are coming together to put together a community forum to share with Canton residents the significant issues at the state, county and local level," township board trustee Pat Williams said.

Williams said he supports efforts to unite Republicans in Canton, western Wayne County and beyond. Moreover, he underscored the importance of elected officials in representing all constituents — not just those of one political party — on issues that cross party lines.

Hansel said the Canton Township Issues Forum is intended to enlighten residents without bowing to special in-

Canton adopts hookah lounge moratorium

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Patrons of Chai Hookah Lounge in Canton call it one of metro Detroit's best places for friends to share flavored tobacco and good conversation.

Social media comments portray it as a lounge where friendly employees and flat-screen televisions welcome customers, who can hear a disc jockey spin tunes, watch sporting events and socialize as late as 1 a.m.

Canton Township officials, however, say the popular hookah lounge, on Cherry Hill west of Canton Center, has



The township board has adopted a moratorium on new hookah lounges, cigar bars and other tobacco specialty shops.

become a frequent nuisance to neighbors and led to dozens of calls to police.

Complaints have prompted the Canton Township Board of Trustees to adopt a moratorium on new hookah lounges, cigar bars and other tobacco specialty shops until officials

can consider adopting regulations to govern the popular gathering spots.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said some metro Detroit communities have had problems arising from hookah lounges. "It hasn't been perfect in our community by any means,

either," he said.

Representatives from the Chai Hookah Lounge couldn't be reached for comment.

Popular spots

Hookah lounges cater to an over-18 crowd by selling flavored tobacco, rather than alcohol, and allowing patrons to draw smoke through tubes from tall, water-filled vases — or hookahs. Scores have opened across metro Detroit, offering a place along with cigar bars where customers can legally smoke in public buildings.

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DISTRICT

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said. "We can't afford the retirement costs. We're going to get the contract right. I'm absolutely in favor of the theory of privatizing." The execution (of the contract) has to be done right."

The district is still negotiating with its custodians, but Joe Portelli, a union steward for the custodians union, said union members have already given back to the district.

Custodians, he told board members recently, have given back \$2 million and taken 17 unpaid furlough days each of the last two years. In addition, he said, the union has lost 22 positions.



The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is considering privatizing its custodial services.

"Two years ago, we were told the schools needed \$1 million or we would be privatized," Portelli said. "We took a severe pay cut to keep

our jobs. We signed a contract under duress. That's not negotiation." Killian said the cost of providing the custodian service is "20 to 30 per-

cent more expensive" to do in-house. He said by outsourcing, the district can provide more jobs and better coverage. He also said any contract with a vendor would include provisions for current P-CSS custodians to get first crack at the jobs that would, in many cases, come with a pay increase. He did acknowledge, however, that employees not vested in the district's retirement system — those who have fewer than 10 years on the job — who took jobs with the vendor would lose their pensions.

Killian said 41 of the district's 68 custodians are in that boat. Charles Portelli, the MEA's universal representative for P-CSS unions, noted at a recent meeting that district

employees who work outside the administration building haven't received a raise in some seven years, but that administrators have been given raises as recently as this year.

He said he'd been told those raises were in force as administrators had "taken on extra responsibilities," an answer that prompted Charles Portelli to point out all employees have done just that.

"All of our employees have assumed lots of responsibilities and duties in the last seven years," he told board members at a recent meeting. "Custodians have been reduced in force and taken on more duties to keep our buildings clean. They come to work every day and do

their best to keep our buildings safe and clean for our students.

"Why are we trying to balance the budget on the backs of all of our employee groups?" he added. "Why would we sell off all of the parts of this once-great district so a private company can make a profit?"

Killian said, with 87 percent of the budget taken up by wages and benefit payments, the deficit gives the district little choice.

"When you're looking at as significant a deficit as we are and you're trying to keep cuts away from the classroom, you have to look at ancillary costs to balance that," he said.

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terest groups.

"There is no special interest that will be in that meeting that is specially invited," he said. Hansel, among the Canton Republican Caucus leaders, said he has no personal political aspirations and only became involved in politics a few years ago by working for candidates

who shared his views.

Focus on facts

"This forum reflects a desire to get some facts out there because there's an awful lot of misinformation," he said.

Among the topics: » Financial challenges Canton Township government has faced and what the future holds. » Money woes Wayne County has faced and how issues such as Detroit's bankruptcy has affected the Detroit

Water and Sewerage Department.

"If we don't get things straightened out," Hansel said, "there are some dire straits still facing the county."

» Crumbling roads and possible solutions to solving what many Michigan residents view as a crisis.

» Education funding, including financial challenges Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has faced and the competition with charter schools.

AUTHOR

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Working conditions

A Pittsburgh native, Ken Morris came to Detroit in 1935 looking for work in the midst of the Great Depression, "just a shade above homeless." After six months, he was hired at the Briggs Manufacturing Co.

"He was young and single and happy enough to make his \$22 per week, but after about a year, he'd been there long enough to see the true working conditions and the lack of dignity for workers," Morris said. "As soon as the UAW opened up a storefront for Briggs workers, he walked in and signed up. He just started volunteering for everything — it didn't matter what. He knew shorthand and knew how to type, which very few people did."

Ken Morris soon became an expert at solving grievances and an expert committeeman. In 1948, he became president of Local 212, one of the biggest and most influential unions of its time.

What made Briggs one of the most notorious employers was not only the wages ("They paid about 43 cents an hour if one made production and it was set up so that it was very difficult to make production"), but safety standards in the plant were nothing short of horrific.

"People would get arms and hands pinned under the presses and

there would be nothing left but ribbons. In many cases, there was little in terms of first aid — they wouldn't even have an ambulance come," Morris said. "The Detroit police would demand \$5 to take someone to the hospital, and nobody had \$5 in those days. There was no dignity for the workers."

He added that workers who were on layoff from the Chrysler or Packard plants would often work at Briggs for extra money and were startled by what they saw.

"One guy literally walked right off of the job, saying he couldn't get a drink of water, even though he could see the fountain. He wasn't allowed to walk away from the line," Morris said.

He remembers one particular story his father told him at age 5, about a time he went to the tool crib at Briggs to get some gloves.

"My father put one glove on and felt something at the bottom. He shook it and it popped a finger," Morris said. "The guy who ran the crib picked up the finger, looked it over and threw it in the trash. That was just the mentality at that plant."

Violence on the line

On the flip side, Morris pointed out, what is so inspiring about those who formed the unions and walked the picket lines was that they were willing to risk not only their livelihoods, but their lives.

"If a police officer banged you on the head with a club while you

were on the picket line, you might be injured and not be able to work again, but you wouldn't be able to buy food for your family," he said. "People were blacklisted if they were recognized. These men and women risked everything for their union. I ask audiences today, how many of us have ever risked these things for a job?"

Ken Morris was among those who did. On June 1, 1946, he was attacked and beaten with an iron bar by two unidentified men while parking his car at his own home. The assailants broke his arm, his nose, fractured his skull and left him with a permanent scar. The attack was the fifth such against Local 212 members in a span of 14 months and this alarming trend was deemed "a major threat" by the Detroit Free Press.

Hospitalized for three weeks, it took Ken three months before he was able to walk without a cane.

Inside look

The book covers the events and investigation in the days following the attack on Ken Morris, as well as the assassination attempts against the Reuthers and the work of private detectives in the aftermath. Morris also takes an inside look at the United States Senate's Kefauver hearings, as well as the Detroit underworld.

Built in Detroit: A Story of the UAW, A Company and a Gangster is available at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, juniverse.com and buildtoreetroit.net.

HOOKAH

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munities such as Troy, which forces hookah bars to close at midnight, Canton declared a moratorium on new smoking facilities until rules can be pondered and likely adopted.

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said Chai Hookah Lounge, formerly known as Off the Hookah, has generated 38 complaints since 2012, mostly due to loud patrons outside the business.

"Most are noise complaints," Mutchler said, though he said police have investigated "suspicious vehicles" in the parking lot and "a couple of occasions" of marijuana use.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim

Faas said a cigar bar tucked in a shopping center southwest of Ford and Lilley has generated only one known complaint of tobacco-related smoke.

Regulatory backlash

In some communities, efforts to regulate hookah bars have led to cries of discrimination. "This is part of our tradition," going back hundreds of years, said Hassan Saad, 41, of Dearborn Heights, a Lebanese-American and owner of Al Saha in Dearborn.

It's a tradition that is spreading rapidly across Michigan, particularly in metro Detroit and near college campuses.

Wali Altahfi, tobacco prevention coordinator with the nonprofit Arab American and Chaldean Council in Lathrup Village, estimated hookah

lounges have increased tenfold during the last five years.

Due to Michigan's smoking laws, hookah lounges, cigar bars and other smoking establishments cannot engage in food service activities that would require a food service license, Canton officials say. Beyond that, there is little on the legal books to regulate the businesses.

Mutchler called the noise complaints about Chai Hookah Lounge "very significant" from neighbors, especially during late-night hours.

In a sweeping vote Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees adopted the moratorium until the issue can be studied.

Faas said Canton will decide hours of operation for smoke-related businesses and whether they should be allowed only in certain areas zoned for them. He said it's unknown how any new rules might affect Chai Hookah Lounge.

"We'd have to figure that out," he said.



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District cutting its way toward balanced budget

By Brad Kadric
Staff Writer

With a little more than a week to go before a public hearing on the 2014-15 school year budget, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are still some \$2.8 million short of eliminating a projected \$6.7 million deficit in the plan.

Still, officials are confident they will be able to present a balanced budget to the district's Board of Education at a scheduled June 10 public hearing.

That hearing is scheduled to be part of the board's regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and operations, said he's confident the remaining deficit will be made up with union members at the negotiating table.

"We plan to present a balanced budget, pending what happens in negotiations," Killian said. "We are trying to

keep reductions as far away from our customers – the students – as possible."

The original budget projection included a \$5.3 million deficit, but Killian said at a meeting Tuesday night that number was increased by some \$1.3 million, including \$540,000 in extra expenses revolving around the transportation budget.

The administration has chopped about \$3.8 million by cutting 41 teachers (saving some \$3 million), 4.25 full-time equivalent positions among its

non-union jobs and four secretaries. Original estimates had the district eliminating 21 teachers due to declining enrollment – Killian said the district figures to lose some 590 students for the 2014-15 school year – and the other 20 are being cut to deal with "continued structural financial challenges."

It could raise another \$1.2 million by selling off assets, notably property the district owns at Joy and Beck in Canton Township.

Killian said the rest of the

budget could be balanced by potential of further union concessions, more favorable utilization of health care money and the potential privatization of the district's custodial services.

If those negotiations aren't completed before the public hearing – the district is meeting with its custodians this week – Killian said the \$2.8 million shortfall will be made up for temporarily by using the district's fund balance.

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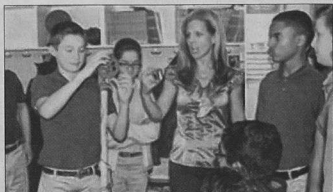
Teacher travels to Africa to build STEM skills

A teacher at Achieve Charter Academy is about to embark on a global journey to establish a learning opportunity for students in her classroom, plus students in a classroom in Cape Town, South Africa.

Middle school science teacher Kim Jaster will travel to Africa in July to teach students at Cape Academy of Math, Science and Technology about solar cars and their relationship with alternative energy. She hopes this trip will be the first of many to share educational expertise about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills.

"The heart of America's educational renaissance is STEM and its connectedness is the secret," Jaster said. "With it, students get the relevance they need to be more mindful about their learning."

Jaster said the school is working in collaboration with Eastern Michigan University on this project. Achieve students will complete a science project in their classroom, make a video of how they did



Achieve Charter Academy teacher Kim Jaster will travel to Capetown, South Africa, this summer.

it and send it with Jaster to share with the students at Cape Town as their first introduction.

Eventually, the goal is to have students in the two classrooms provide lessons to each other through the help of a computer technology called Raspberry Pi, a computer that functions without electricity, which is in short supply in Africa.

The school has also partnered with the Sonlig Project to have the video and curricular content developed by our students and loaded onto a version of the Sonlig Mobile

Digital library. The students at Cape Town can use the devices to review the lessons and build their own solar cars.

Jaster said she is hopeful this project will take off quickly and provide her students with a greater global awareness.

"I hope my students will have a new perspective that highlights education as a tool for a better life, not just a test score to achieve," Jaster said. "When people touch hands with people across great distances, the quest for global interdependence and peace becomes reachable."

ON CAMPUS

Indiana University

Madeleine Vala, 20, of Plymouth, graduated Saturday, May 10, with high distinction from the Indiana University School of Public Health with her bachelor's in kinesiology.

Vala studied sports marketing and management and has minors in business, marketing and youth sports management. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and had internships with the IU Athletic Department and Indianapolis Colts. She has been admitted to the Indiana University Maurer School of Law beginning fall 2014, where she plans to focus on sport law.

Vala, a 2011 graduate of Salem High School, is the daughter of John and Sandra Vala of Plymouth.

Providence College

Mariana Marcarelli of Plymouth was among more than 900 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the college's 96th commencement exercises held

May 18.

Marcarelli graduated with a bachelor of arts degree.

Alma College

Alma College has named more than 450 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2014 winter term.

Students from Canton who made the list included **Alyssa Leright**, **Chelsie Myers** and **Lindsey Schmidt**.

Katherine Greenough of Plymouth also made the list.

University of Dayton

Kevin Hayes and **David Titus** of Canton and **Shannon Hogan** of Plymouth were among students named to the University of Dayton's dean's list for the 2014 spring semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, an undergraduate degree-seeking student must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA for that semester.

Southern Arkansas

Brendan Bird of Salem High School has been selected to receive the Achievement Scholarship from Southern Arkansas University. This scholarship includes \$1,000 per semester and has a four-year value of \$8,000.

Bird is the son of Lisa Bird.

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Canton official earns award

Emergency planner
lauded for efforts

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

It's Kathleen Rich's job to help Canton respond as effectively as possible to unthinkable disasters such as a massive tornado or a terrorism act.

She also can quickly assemble a small army of volunteers to search for a missing child or a dementia patient who has wandered off and become lost.

As Canton's emergency management planner, Rich's efforts have earned her Wayne County's Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, Leader Award.

Timothy McGillivray, Wayne County's director of homeland security and emergency management, said Rich was this year's award, given Tuesday during a ceremony in Dearborn.

McGillivray lauded Rich for her efforts to form a team of Canton residents who can help handle disaster situations even before first responders arrive on the scene. He said CERT volunteers also help out at routine community



Kathleen Rich, Canton Township emergency management planner, accepts her award from Timothy McGillivray (left), director of Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

events.

'Vital role'

"It's a time-proven fact during an emergency that friends and neighbors who live in the area play a vital role," McGillivray said Friday. "The CERT program has been such a vital cog in emergency preparedness and homeland security for the community. I can't say enough nice things about the folks who have volunteered their time."

Rich said the most difficult part of her job is convincing average residents they need to prepare and have a plan of action for disaster situations, though she said CERT volunteers take their role quite seriously.

Rich never expected to be singled out for her efforts.

"It was very unexpected, but it's very rewarding and humbling," she said. "There are a lot of good people working out there."

Rich serves on the Wayne County, regional and state Citizen Corps boards and is instrumental in keeping lines of communication open to all teams regarding funding opportunities, training and other activities.

She became involved in the Citizen Corps program - of which CERT is one portion - in 2010 and started a Canton CERT team in spring 2012. She started part time as Canton emergency manage-

ment planner in 2005 and became full time in 2008.

Emergency training

In all, 33 residents graduated from the first-ever CERT class, which involves 16-20 hours of training in basic disaster preparedness, light search and rescue, first aid/CPR, fire safety and utility controls, disaster psychology and CERT response to terrorism.

Volunteers are trained as neighborhood first responders, assisting those in need until police and firefighter paramedics arrive. Canton has amassed as many as 75 volunteers in efforts such as searching for missing people.

Every September for National Preparedness Month, Rich and other area Citizen Corps team leaders coordinate a full-scale disaster exercise with volunteers at the Wayne County Community College's Downriver campus in Taylor.

To learn more about the Citizen Corps program, go to www.ready.gov/citizen-corps. For more on CERT, go to www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams.

To learn more about Canton's CERT program, send an email to kriche@canton-mi.org.

Trial set for Canton home invasion defendant

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Garden City man charged in a Canton home invasion while



Toth
Wayne County

two teens hid in a closet and called for help is set for a jury trial July 28 in

Circuit Court, barring a plea deal. Michael Steven Toth, 28, remained jailed Friday, but court records indicate he could be freed if he manages to pay reduced bonds totaling \$100,000 - or 10 percent of \$100,000 - on charges of first- and second-degree home invasion, possession of burglary tools and larceny in a building.

Toth's bonds earlier had been set sharply higher at \$150,000, or 10 percent of \$1.5 million, when he was arraigned in 35th District Court, according to Canton authorities. However, the amount was reduced May 16 by Wayne County Circuit Judge

Michael Callahan, who nonetheless ordered Toth placed on an electronic monitoring tether if he manages to secure his freedom.

Toth was charged after Canton police nabbed a suspect climbing out a second-story window as a Canton boy, 17, and his sister, 16, hid in a closet and called 9-1-1 for help when they heard loud noises as an intruder used burglary tools to break into a home on Emerald Pines Drive, near Palmer and Lotz. Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome has said the suspect was caught leaving the home with jewelry and jewelry boxes the morning of April 21. Toth also was charged with two other home invasions in Canton.

During his preliminary hearing in front of 35th District Judge Michael Gerou, Toth was described as a former U.S. Marine who was unemployed and living in Garden City with his girlfriend and their child.

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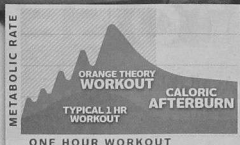


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Detroit's claim stalls development plans

By Eric Lawrence
Gannett Michigan

An ambitious plan to develop 500 acres of land in western Wayne County into an advanced technology powerhouse and retail district projected to create thousands of jobs has been stalled over a property dispute with the city of Detroit.

Northville and Plymouth townships have partnered to develop bordering property they own in their respective communities along Five Mile, between Beck and Napier, to complete the project.

The proposal, which calls for using former Detroit House of Corrections farmland in Plymouth Township, the Robert Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township and land in between, would include acreage Plymouth Township acquired through a Wayne County tax foreclosure sale in 2011. But the city of Detroit claims 190 acres of that property should not have been included in the sale and that it still owns the land. The dispute with the city of Detroit over who owns the land has been tied up in court and partially delayed because of the city's bankruptcy filing since last year, but is expected to move forward in coming weeks.

Melvin (Butch) Hollowell, Detroit's corporation counsel, said a court filing on behalf of Detroit to resolve the title issue is "imminent."

"This is our property and we'll defend it vigorously," Hollowell said. Complicating the mat-



Richard Sharland of Plymouth stands on the edge of Johnson Creek near the old Detroit House of Corrections facility. TIM GALLOWAY / SPECIAL TO GANNETT MICHIGAN

ter is that Northville Township officials have uncovered a potential problem with their ownership of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, purchased from the state of Michigan for \$1 in 2012.

Both the state and city of Detroit, which owned the property before the state did, could exercise claims on the Scott property if that parcel is not developed for a "public purpose," such as building a park or even a police station, according to Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, who said the township stumbled upon the legal encumbrances from the site's previous owners as part of due diligence on the title.

Officials had hoped the parcel would be a mixed-use development, perhaps including upscale retail and research and technology companies.

Nix pledged that Northville Township officials will move forward with development to the west of the Scott

site regardless of what happens there.

"We're trying to work through this with everybody," Nix said, noting that thousands of jobs are possible if the development partnership succeeds. "This is a big, big project, long term. This is a big benefit or spark plug for western Wayne County."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume expressed frustration with the complications, touting the benefits that the development partnership could ultimately provide to the whole region.

"Here's the city of Detroit... tying up Northville Township property and now they're tying up property that was foreclosed by the Wayne County treasurer," Reaume said, referencing the dispute with his township over what is known as the DeHoCo parcel.

"What we're proposing is something that's a benefit for all of Wayne County," including Detroit.

Property worth millions

Reaching a settlement in the case would boost development prospects for the entire corridor. Officials in both townships said they have been meeting monthly for about six months with state and county economic development officials, as well as DTE Energy, which would need to provide utilities to the area, on how to market and develop about 500 "buildable acres" out of the approximately 1,000 acres in the two communities that make up the corridor.

Those possibilities are complicated by the DeHoCo dispute.

The DeHoCo issue became a court fight after Plymouth Township resident Richard Sharland, a retired farmer and local activist, questioned the sale because it was affecting a friend who had farmed the land under a rental agreement with the city of Detroit and he brought it to the city's attention.

The parcel was part of 323 acres sold to Plymouth Township in 2011 in a tax foreclosure sale because of unpaid taxes by the city of Detroit and a private company. Plymouth Township real estate company DeMatia, under the name Demco SA, had purchased one of two adjacent parcels from the city of Detroit in 2006, but failed to exercise an option to buy the remainder — the 190 acres in dispute. The township combined the parcels improperly for tax purposes, according

to Sharland, who said the township should have known that the parcels were separate.

"The city of Detroit residents should be concerned that they had money taken away from them. They can use the money better than Plymouth Township can here," Sharland said. Plymouth Township paid more than \$606,000 to purchase both parcels, which are valued in the millions of dollars. According to information supplied by Sharland, the assessed value for both parcels was \$14 million in 2007, but that had dropped to \$8 million for the disputed parcel and \$1.6 million for the other parcel in 2009, a time, Reaume noted, when property values across the country were down.

No one takes blame

The resulting legal mess has three entities — the township, the city and the Wayne County treasurer's office — assigning blame to one another.

Detroit's position is that it's illegal to foreclose on municipal property. Wayne County Chief Deputy Treasurer David Szynanski said his office is not at fault because the office relies on local units of government to provide proper documentation, while Plymouth Township's Reaume questioned why city property outside of a city should be able to avoid tax foreclosure when taxes go unpaid.

He also disputed suggestions by Sharland that the township did anything improper. "We followed all the state procedures for land divisions,"

Reaume said. "There was nothing deceitful or dishonest on our part." Reaume said the township simply saw an opportunity to purchase a piece of land with a unique natural feature. The property is split by Johnson Creek and Reaume said officials could envision a recreation area with trails along the cold water creek.

Plymouth Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who is at odds with the supervisor, backed up the assertion that officials were unaware of any problems associated with purchasing the property.

Doroshewitz said Treasurer Ron Edwards, who did not return a call seeking comment, first brought the purchase proposal to the board for consideration.

"That property's worth millions... There wasn't a lot of debate and dissent," Doroshewitz said. "We had to have to find some settlement, some middle ground. Both sides have dug their heels in."

Hollowell said the city would have the option to sell the property and is not closing the door on a sale to the township, "but I think that a commitment has been made by the administration."

He dismissed any concern that the city is holding up development in western Wayne County. Indeed, efforts to develop other portions of that Five Mile corridor are likely to continue regardless of the dispute.

"It's important for the city to protect the ownership of its property and we will do so," Hollowell said. "I think we have a responsibility to everybody to clear up title," then good-faith negotiations about the "ultimate disposition of the property" can proceed.

State-owned eyesore

The status of the state-owned DeHoCo prison site itself, which is east of the land in dispute between Plymouth Township and Detroit, remains unsettled as well.

Unlike the disputed parcel and the former Scott property, which were at one time both used as farm fields for the prison, the former DeHoCo site is contaminated and numerous buildings — described as something akin to those in the movie *The Shawshank Redemption* — remain standing 28 years after the prison closed.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, has introduced legislation to transfer the property from the state Department of Technology, Management and Budget to the state land bank in an effort to speed up development efforts that would tie it in with the corridor.

"It's state-owned property that is a real eyesore for the community and detriment," Heise said, noting that he wants the state to tear down the buildings. "The state also has a responsibility to be a good neighbor and we the state, need to clean that site up."

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The show is free and open to the public. It is a great opportunity to see all types of EVs and PHVs (plug-in hybrid), talk to the owners and ride in or drive many of the cars around campus.

The EVs on display will include the BMW i3, Cadillac ELR, Chevrolet Volt, Nissan Leaf, Tesla Roadster and Tesla Model S.

The show also features electric scooters and performance EV motorcycles.

Other vehicles at the show include unique conversions such as a Chevy S10, an Austin Healey Sprite, a Fiat X19, a Ford Escort, a PT Cruiser, a Porsche Boxster and even an



Show attendees at the 2013 event look under the hood at this Ford C-Max.

electric go-cart kit for kids. Past years have seen highlights such as a 1916 Detroit Electric, a 1976 Citicar and drag-pull racing electric trac-

tors.

"This is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest," Michigan Electric Auto Association President Larry Tuttle said.

"In addition to learning all about the latest EV and PHV technology and talking to people who drive EVs every day, visitors can even 'Ride and

Drive' in several vehicles."

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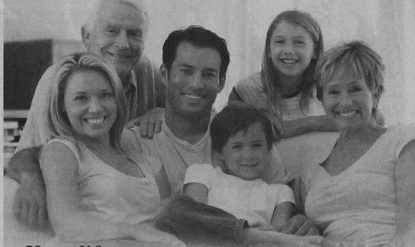
Refreshments will be available. Concrete Cuisine will be on site selling gourmet food and Treat Dreams will be selling innovative ice cream and custom desserts from its mobile truck.

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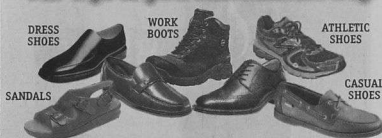
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Details: The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual Juried Craft Show. Proceeds from the show provide scholarships for young people who are pursuing a career in education and mini-grants for educators in the district.

Contact: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at decortellini@comcast.net or call her at 734-451-1525.

MOVING PARENTS SEMINAR

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 4, 7 p.m.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center, Canton

Details: Seniors real estate specialist and Realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth, Nancy Austin will present a seminar for adult children whose parents need to move to new quarters. Topics will include alternative retirement living, preparing their house for sale including updating, estate sales, important documents, controlling the stress level, family involvement, services available, a moving checklist and more.

Contact: For further information, call Nancy Austin at 734-718-8900.

'GHOSTS OF PLYMOUTH' WALK

Date/Time: Sunday, June 29, 7 p.m.
Location: Starts at the fountain in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: Meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Ghosts of Plymouth" Walk. Hear the tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves, such as Phil Markham (inventor of the Markham Air Rifle), his mistress Blanche Shortman and his spurned wife Carrie, colorful physician Dr. Luther Peck and George Starkweather, the first white male born in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$10 per person (\$5 for children under 10) in advance or \$15 (\$10 for children under 10) at the park and can be purchased at the museum's website using PayPal or at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street.

Contact: Call 734-455-8940 for more information.

ISSUES FORUM

Date/Time: Monday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Location: Canton Township Hall, 11501 S. Canton Center

Details: The Canton Republican Caucus hosts an issues forum consisting of factual presentations on issues affecting the residents of Canton Township, the Plymouth-Canton School District and other local communities. The two primary issues to be discussed are road repairs and the required funding and education and the related funding required. Presentations will be made by local, district, county and state level speakers.

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Date/Time: Sept. 5-7
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Contact: More information can be found on the site or email Colleen Brown at craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com. MSU WINE TASTING

Date/Time: Friday, June 6, 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Cantor's Market, on Haggerty just north of Five Mile, Plymouth

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Ex-board member is lone candidate for W-W vacancy

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday to appoint a new trustee and the selection comes down to one person — Cindy Schofield.

The Wayne resident was the only person to apply by Thursday's 4 p.m. deadline for the vacancy created by the sudden resignation May 9 of John Goci.

"I'm really surprised we didn't have more people apply for the position," school board President Shawna Walker said. "I would have hoped we would have had at least a handful."

Schofield is a non-ranger to Wayne-Westland Community Schools or the school board. She co-chaired the citizens committee and was a member of the citizens construction committee for the 1998 bond issue before being elected to the school board in 2000. She successfully ran for re-election in 2004 and 2008 before stepping

down in 2012.

She has also been active in Wayne Ripple Effect and its successful effort for the city of Wayne to receive a Michigan Main Street Program select-level community designation.

A lifelong resident of Wayne and Westland and a graduate of John Glenn High School, Schofield is employed by Norplex Associates, a family owned rental property management business located in Westland. "Our one candidate will be an awesome choice because of her past experience and her knowledge of the district," Walker said. "As board president, I'm grateful she decided to step up and fill the position until the election."

Goci was in the final year of his first full term on the board when he resigned. He said "my health and my family need my attention at this time."

If appointed, Schofield would serve until the November election, when the six-year term

will be filled by voters. At that time, the board will need to decide if Schofield should serve until the end of December.

The decision stems from a move away from four-year terms beginning in July to six-year terms beginning in January; it's the result of a state law that shifted spring school elections to November general elections in even years.

In addition to filling the vacancy, the board also will be asked to approve a contract for the district's next superintendent, Michele Harmala.

The board selected Harmala, an associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership in the Farmington Public Schools, to become superintendent May 22. She'll replace Greg Baracy who is retiring July 1 after almost 17 years as the district's top administrator.

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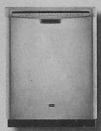
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The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its third annual History Kids Kamp from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

Children can experience aspects of the Civil War by recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period clothing, getting their picture taken and participating in a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s. There will also be a scavenger hunt, which will entertain and educate while they search for clues to solve a puzzle.

Children will be able to chat with Civil War soldier re-enactors who can answer questions, demonstrate marching and much more. The boys will be given the opportunity to "enlist" in

the army.

Tickets purchased by July 18 are \$35 per child; after that tickets are \$40; alternatively, the purchase of a new or renewed Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum (value \$50) will allow one child to attend for free.

The target age for children is 6-12 years old, however, children under 8 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours or can be purchased using PayPal on the museum's website. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street.

For more information, call 734-455-8940 or email secretary@plymouthhistory.org.

U-M to open Northville center

Facility to offer bone, joint, spine treatment

People want to be on the move. For some, that means continuing hobbies like golf, biking or walking. Others just want to be able to play with their children or grandchildren. Unfortunately, health challenges like arthritis, injuries, fractures and back problems may get in the way of the active lifestyle many hope to lead.

In anticipation of this growing need for bone, muscle, joint and spine care, the University of Michigan Health System is opening its new Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center. The Musculoskeletal Center brings more than 250 top physicians from 10 specialties across the U-M Medical School under one umbrella. Care teams will provide



The Northville Health Center, the U-M Health system's newest facility, is scheduled to open July 15. The Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center at Northville will provide care related to arthritis, spine disease, pain management, sports medicine and fracture care.

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services at 50 different clinics located throughout Ann Arbor and southeast Michigan, with specialties ranging from rehabilitation after a sports injury to managing pain from arthritis or a back condition.

The new U-M brand will also have a major presence at the Northville Health Center, the U-M Health System's newest facility opening July 15. The Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center at Northville will provide care related to arthritis, spine disease, pain management, sports medicine and fracture care. These services will continue to be offered at 21 other health system facilities across nine communities in southeast Michigan.

"This is a new approach to more effectively serve patients with musculoskeletal problems in our health care system," said James Carpenter, M.D., chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the U-M Medical School and chair of the Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center.

"We recognize that while we house some of the nation's leading doctors in high-demand musculoskeletal specialties, it's not always

easy for patients to find their way to the right specialist for their condition. Our Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center will allow providers with expertise in different areas to work together in a more seamless manner that enhances care and treatment."

The new effort comes as leaders anticipate a growing need for musculoskeletal care, especially with the aging population that often faces such problems as arthritis and fractures from osteoporosis.

"We know that more patients expect and desire to lead an active lifestyle later in life and into retirement. Our goal is to provide a robust model of care that helps people maintain physical function so that they can stay healthy and independent as long as possible," says Edward Hurvitz, M.D., chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the U-M Medical School and vice chair of the Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center.

"Many of the musculoskeletal conditions requiring treatment are age-related and the Comprehensive Musculoskeletal Center will help us meet this urgent and growing need for bone, joint and

spine care in our community and beyond."

The center will strengthen connections among experts across the health system and bring diagnostic and therapeutic services together, allowing for a wider range of treatment options than in a traditional physician's office. Services range from advanced therapies to minimally invasive surgery, with everything from ultrasounds to MRIs managed within the center's facilities.

This multidisciplinary coordination will also help patients get timely and accurate diagnosis and treatment. The Musculoskeletal Center's arthritis clinic, for example, offers the expertise of rheumatologists, physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians and orthopedic surgeons who work together to diagnose a patient and determine treatment options and whether surgery is recommended.

For the patient, that may mean one appointment instead of being referred from one office to another.

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Family's secrets turn into book

Author plays detective to find out about aunt he never knew

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Steve Luxenberg has met many people and heard many things at the talks he has given since he wrote a book about an aunt he never knew existed.

But the one that piqued his interest was a woman who told him she had met his aunt when she was 12 years old. He was skeptical, but listened as she explained that, after reading his book, *Annie's Ghost: A Journey into a Family Secret*, he realized the young woman she and her sister had met at the soda fountain at Eloise was his Aunt Annie.

"She told me, 'I called my sister and asked if she remembered and she said the one with the wooden leg,'" Luxenberg said. "She told me, 'I came tonight because I want you to know from my perspective Annie was happy.' It's nice to know she was happy in those moments."

Luxenberg was at the William P. Faust Public Library for the final author event of Michigan Humanities Council's Great Michigan Read. Luxenberg's book was the 2014 selection for the biennial program.

Family mystery

Luxenberg, a Detroit native, delved into his family's history to unravel the mystery of why his mother identified herself as an only child and how his aunt ended up at Eloise, the name given to the sprawling Wayne County Infirmary, Psychiatric and General Hospital complex in Detroit.

Most of the people in



Pauline Martin of Livonia talks with author Steve Luxenberg as he autographs her copy of "Annie's Ghost." SUE MASON

the overflow audience had read his book that he describes as part "memoir, part detective story, part history." A journalist by trade, Luxenberg became an investigator to find out why his mother said she was an only child and his aunt ended up spending most of her adult life at Eloise.

The journey began after his mother's death, when he and his siblings received a letter in 2000 from the cemetery inquiring about flowers for three graves, two of which were his grandparents.

"I was curious and the journalist in me kicked in," said Luxenberg, an associate editor at the *Washington Post*. "I started in 2005" when an agent read something he had written in the *Washington Post*. He did an "elevator pitch" and she was interested.

"I tried to stand in mom's shoes; I tried to see what happened through their eyes then, not 50 years later," he said.

Annie's life

Luxenberg's talk was as much about the differ-

ences about mental services then and now as it was about his Aunt Annie, who had a deformed leg. She was delayed in starting school and, at 16, her leg had to be amputated and she was given a wooden leg. The idea that there was a mental issue associated with her physical problem wasn't realized until she was 18 or 19.

"The first 16 years of her life, all the attention was focused on her physical deformity. If it was today, she would have gotten counseling; she didn't get that," he said.

At age 21, Luxenberg's grandmother "gave Annie over to Eloise" and in a letter, asked that they "take care of her." His grandmother also told a social worker that "everyone is going crazy because of Annie."

Alice Andre of Westland quizzed Luxenberg about his aunt's diagnosis.

"There was no diagnosis required at the time of admission," he said. "On her death certificate, it says undifferentiated schizophrenia. I'm not sure when they attached that to her case. I think her mental health issues were overlooked because of her leg."

When the family moved out of their Detroit neighborhood, his mother reinvented her identity and "Annie lost hers." His mother became an only child, a lie that continued for years and was even perpetuated in his grandparents' obituaries.

"When Eloise closed, much more of the responsibility was put on families," Luxenberg said. "My mother didn't take care of Annie, Eloise took care of Annie."

Thanked for book

One member of the audience thanked Luxenberg for writing the book and "letting people know there were people like Annie out there." Another asked if his father was aware of Annie.

"I thought it was impossible to be married for 35 years and not

know, but I'm leaning toward the fact that he didn't know," Luxenberg said.

Among those listening to Luxenberg was Nancy Liebau of Garden City, who praised him for all he has "done for the people who were exposed to Eloise."

"Bless you, you did a great job," she said. "(The book) read like a history book because I grew up her and went by Eloise; it was very real for me. The other part was the background and how the people felt about mental illness. It was a good read."

Pauline Martin of Livonia waited in line to have Luxenberg sign her book.

"I loved his book; I read it in five days," she said.

Having his book selected for the Great Michigan Read gave Luxenberg "so many opportunities." It also has made him more aware about the treatment of mental illness.

"In learning more and more about the treatment of mental health, I know things are so much better than things were back then," he said. "There is the stigma with mental illness and it's still with us."

"Every generation has its taboos and one way to get rid of this stigma would be to open up mental health records from 100 years ago and

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However, many people do more than just walk. For example, the patient who plays golf or tennis or works out with weights, wants to know how soon after a shoulder injection can one return to those activities.

Doctors cannot answer such questions because no studies exist that have studied the effect of waiting time and gradual return to golf or tennis to know if waiting needs to be no longer than one day or to be no less than one week.

The common sense answer of return to activity that doesn't hurt and stop any activity that brings on pain is too broad. If one commits to a tennis match or goes with a group to golf or bowl, then injection or not, there is a need to show up and play the match. Furthermore, pain comes from prior injury and one expects aching before getting back to things.

The approach that seems most successful is to return to strenuous activity slowly, taking at least two weeks to achieve what were pre-injury levels of performance. It is possible that sites of aching may take weeks to resolve.

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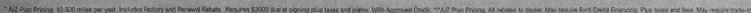
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One thing that sets their office apart from impersonal clinic-type offices is the warm and caring office staff who give a true "family feeling" when patients visit. A frequent comment from patients is that they feel like the doctors and staff "really care about them," which has led to some patients returning to Dental Arts even after they have moved to other states.

Dental Arts offers all the expected treatment from a dental office, such as cleanings, fillings and extractions, but it is when more complex treatment is required that this office really shows its strength. These treatments can be performed in-office without routinely requiring a referral to an outside specialist and include root canals, dental implants, laser dentistry, gum surgery, veneers, Lumineers, braces and Invisalign. For apprehensive patients, oral and IV sedation are offered to help ease anxiety. As a patient at this office, one can feel confident that they are receiving both cutting-edge and comprehensive dental care.

The doctors at Dental Arts have extensive qualifications and individual strengths. Dr. James McHenry, founder of Dental Arts of Plymouth, graduated from the University of Detroit Dental School in 1980. He is dedicated

to keeping his skills current and continues with courses that include in-depth cosmetic dentistry taught by experts in their fields. He has taken courses on dental implants and has been successfully placing implants for more than 25 years. He has earned a number of certifications for his training in braces, Invisalign and teeth-aligning techniques.

Dr. Samuel Fandino graduated from U-D Dental School in 1994 at the age of 23, the youngest in his class. He continues to keep up-to-date with the latest in dental technology, focusing on the areas of root canal therapy, cosmetic dentistry and gum surgery, as well as general dentistry. Being armed with the skills to perform all these different phases of dentistry allows Dr. Fandino to customize treatment plans tailored to each patient.

Dr. Daniel McHenry, the son of Dr. James McHenry, also graduated from U-D Dental School, was inducted into the National Dental Honorary Society and is a member of the American Dental Association, as well as the Michigan and Detroit branches. He offers well-rounded dental treatment, ranging from fillings and extractions to crowns and dentures.

Dr. James McHenry's belief in community involvement and his passion to help others with dentistry extends internationally. He has been on 18 dental mission trips since 1988, traveling to Columbia, Peru, Guatemala and eastern Europe. Some of these places were so remote and primitive that he reported the experience felt like it was

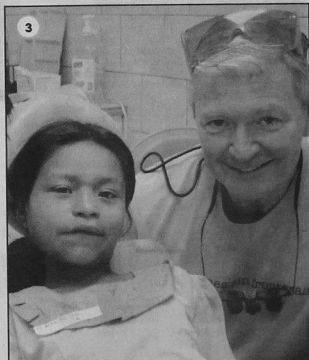
"straight out of National Geographic."

In Guatemala, where Dr. McHenry mainly travels, he also

brings a team that includes a dental hygienist. They work in small mountain and jungle villages, performing dental work with portable equipment. He does a variety of basic dental procedures for the indigenous people, including extractions, fillings and bonding for the front teeth.

When you are in for your next visit, ask Dr. McHenry about his volunteering. His story is unique and heartwarming, which is reflected in Dental Arts of Plymouth. If you have been putting

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CHANGING GEARS AT COMPUWARE

Whalers hook new coach, GM

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Post-Vellucci era dawns with Elland, Craig in charge of OHL team

Don Elland and Mark Craig know they have big shoes to fill with the Plymouth Whalers, but both can't wait to dig in and start.

It was announced during a Friday afternoon press conference at Compuware Arena that

Elland and Craig will take over as coach and general manager, respectively, of the Peter Karmanos-owned Ontario Hockey League franchise.

Both of those jobs were filled for the past 14 seasons by Farmington Hills native

Mike Vellucci, who recently was hired as assistant general manager and director of hockey operations for another Karmanos team, the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

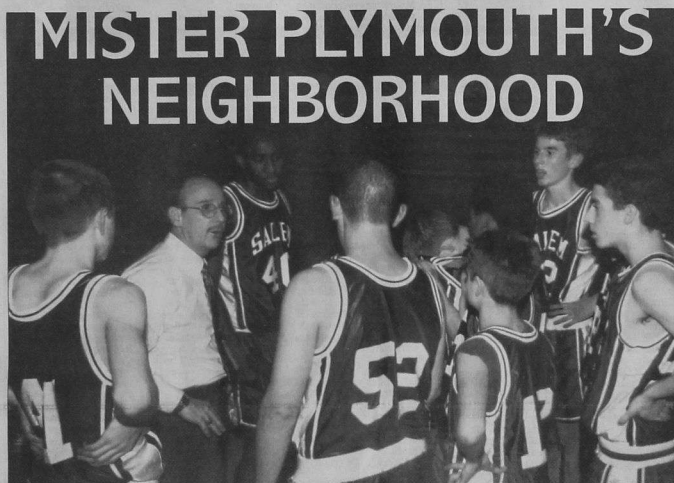
"It's not lost on me what a prestigious job this is and how

lucky I am to have it," said the 50-year-old Elland, who for a number of years was a coach in the Compuware Youth Hockey Program before joining Vellucci's staff in 2010. "Just watching the way Mike worked, and the way he han-

dled things, I've learned so much in four years that I don't think I could have been ready for this job if I hadn't had the opportunity to work with Mike."

Elland added that Compuware Arena and Plymouth "is the only place I ever coached,

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Coach Tom Williams talks to his 1998-99 Plymouth Salem freshman boys basketball team during a time-out. Among the players is his son, Ryan Williams.

Retirement bash June 7 to toast Williams' 40-year contribution to coaching, teaching

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Over the last four decades, Tom Williams would do whatever it took to help kids as a teacher, coach and athletic director in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

And, according to son Ryan Williams, the girls and boys he

coached — first at Plymouth Salem High School and then West Middle School — would do the same for him.

"He has this uncanny ability to get kids to run through brick walls," said Ryan Williams, talking about his dad, who is retiring this

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

What: Retirement open house for West Middle School coach and athletic director Tom Williams, who is stepping down after 40 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

When: From 4:30-9 p.m. Saturday, June 7, with a "Special Tribute" taking place at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Plymouth Township Park — Shelter 2, 46640 W Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Farewell messages: The family asks that if you plan on attending or would like to send a farewell message to Tom Williams please email him at Mr.Williams.Retirement@gmail.com.

D1 BOYS GOLF REGIONALS

Wildcats qualify for finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Just one day after winning the KLAAs Kensington Conference boys golf championship, the Plymouth Wildcats were in another important tournament — the Division 1 state regionals.

The fact the Wildcats had to dial things up two days in a row did not have a negative impact as the team qualified for the D1 state finals for the fifth season in a row.

Plymouth did not win the regionals Wednesday at Lake Forest Golf Club, but the Wildcats finished second with a 305 team score. Winning with a 292 was Ann Arbor Skyline.

"We were solid, we struck the ball pretty well," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "We have yet to get the putter really going, where we're draining, dropping putts."

But Ann Arbor Skyline, played lights out. They had one of those kind of days. School record, they said, by the one kid (Connor Lang) that shot 69, and then a school team record. They had a great day. We ran into a buzzsaw."

Leading the charge for Plymouth were Chris Kozler and Evan Chipman, each registering 74s at Lake Forest Golf Club to tie for fifth place overall.

Senior John Tatti's 76 was ninth overall, other Plymouth finishers were senior Kyle Melnick and freshman Jack Boczar (81 each, 22nd place).

Canton (fifth, 318) and Salem (seventh, 330) missed the cut for the finals, as only the top three squads advanced to play Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Course.

Trosper qualifies

But Canton junior Donnie Trosper qualified as an individual, with a score of 71 — second best at regionals.

"Donnie played his typical strong round with a bunch of pars and three nice

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D1 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Rocks ward off late push by Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Salem freshman goalkeeper Skylar Brant saw Canton's Natalie Winters making one last, dangerous rush as the final seconds of Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer district semifinal, nerves started churning in her stomach.

Brant was trying to ward off the Chiefs and preserve Salem's 2-1 victory — which she did.

"I was very nervous, but I was confident in myself," said a smiling Brant following the game at Livonia Churchill. Brant — who minutes earlier made the "save of the year" according to her coach against Winters — and her teammates

soon were able to exhale.

The talented Canton sophomore forward's desperation shot from deep in the left corner of the turf field bounced off the crossbar as the horn sounded, giving the Rocks (6-8-1) the hard-fought win over their campus rivals.

"I was just trying to keep my head in the game and stay confident, just stay focused," said Brant, then adding that "I couldn't have done it without my defense, they're great."

Salem's win sets up another clash of Park teams. Earlier Thursday, Plymouth defeated Westland John Glenn 3-0 to set up Saturday afternoon's district final

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Tracking a 50-50 ball Thursday are Canton's Katie McGlacken (left) and Salem's Morgan Siterlet. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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There's nothing quite like time with the grandkids. At left, Randa Williams holds 1-year-old Kendall Johns while Tom Williams (right) holds Natalie Johns, 3.

WILLIAMS

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month after 40 years at West.

"The way he motivates kids on the playing surface, or playing field, it's unbelievable to see what these kids will do for him just because of how positive a person he is.

"He was not necessarily the best with X's and O's, but he knew how to motivate kids and get them to bond together."

Tom Williams — aptly described by his son as "Mr. Plymouth" — is getting another chance to do just that. Hundreds of former student-athletes are invited to stop by Plymouth Township Park from 4:30-9 p.m. Saturday for "a nicer version of a roast."

The open house will be at Pavilion 2, with former and current colleagues, players and students offering their thoughts about how much the guest of honor meant to them over the years.

There will be photos and a video tribute as well as plenty of kibitzing and reminiscing about the inspirational teacher, coach (he served at the helm of numerous basketball, volleyball, football, tennis, cross country and swim teams) and person.

Community bond

"It's open for anyone to show up," Ryan Williams said. "We're encouraging people to send the invite to others and stroll by that day. He's going to want to see everyone."

Encompassing the festivities will be Plymouth girls basketball coach and Discovery Middle School English teacher Nick Brandon, one of Tom Williams' students and athletes at West during the early to mid-1990s.

Brandon clearly was impacted by Williams from the start. He returned to West while a college graduate student at the University of Michigan to serve as Williams' student-teacher and assistant basketball coach in 2008-09. "What's truly amazing is that he has stayed put in the community that meant so much to him for his entire career, giving back by having a long-lasting influence on the lives of just about every student, student-athlete, and colleague that has been lucky enough to work with him," wrote Brandon in an email to the *Observer*. "I can assure you that I would not be a teacher or coach in Plymouth-Canton Schools without Tom's influence, inspiration, and continued support."

"When you think about how many lives he has touched over the course of four-plus decades it really is cause for celebration and gratitude."

As a middle school teacher, Williams was a motivational whiz with his Mister Rogers-like cardigan sweater, big glasses and classroom podium.

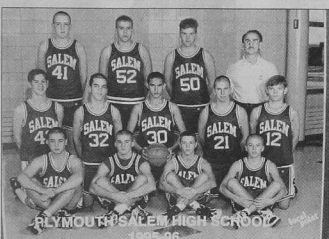
"We always say sixth grade is the perfect age to teach because he's a little corny and the kids still laugh at his jokes," Ryan Williams said.

"But he is very playful, he's tough but fair in the classroom. He's a very empathetic, very sensitive person who really knows how to relate (to) kids really well, by far, hands down, teaching and coaching is what he was meant to do."

Tom Williams, now 61, could have coached a while longer,



In this 1970s photo, Tom Williams instructs a young tennis player. Tennis was one of the sports Williams coached over a four-decade span.



Tom Williams coached the undefeated 1995-96 Plymouth Salem freshman boys basketball team.

too, make no mistake about that, stressed his son.

"He's a machine," Ryan said. "If he wanted to go longer he definitely could. But I think 40 was a nice round number. He's getting grandkids now with some of his original students, and I think he's like 'OK.'"

"And coaching's a big part of his identity ... when he gave up coaching that was a big hit for him."

Plymouth personified

Tom Williams' personal life has the word "Plymouth" stamped all over it, never to be erased.

He grew up in that city and graduated in 1970 from the original Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School), the final graduating class before then-Plymouth Salem High School was built (it now is known simply as Salem).

Around that time, Tom met his future wife, Randa Strautz, at Fall Festival in Kellogg Park.

"My mom was in the first graduating class from Salem

where it currently is out at the Park, in '71," Ryan noted.

In 1974, Tom graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University and subsequently started teaching sixth grade at West.

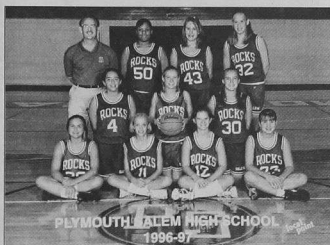
As the 1970s flowed into the '80s, Williams started coaching girls basketball and volleyball teams at West. In 1978, he began a stint as Plymouth Salem tennis coach.

Later, he began coaching Rocks' freshman girls and boys basketball teams for long, successful tenures. It was double duty for much of that span.

"In 1985 he started girls basketball, it was (from) '88 for boys basketball," Ryan Williams went on. "His last year with the girls was '99 and with boys he was coaching up until four or five years ago."

For a handful of those seasons, he was an assistant varsity boys basketball coach for Bob Brodie.

"The girls volleyball at the middle school level, he started doing that in '81 and was still



There will be many team photos circulating at the June 7 retirement open house for longtime coach Tom Williams, including this one of Plymouth Salem's 1996-97 freshman girls basketball squad.



Most recently, Tom Williams (standing, left) coached the girls basketball team at West Middle School.

"We could never go anywhere in Plymouth to even eat or do anything out in public without him being stopped constantly by former students and players."

RYAN WILLIAMS
Tom Williams' son

coaching this season."

Williams never had a hotter streak as a coach than during the mid-1990s with the Plymouth Salem freshman boys basketball team. That year, the Rocks went 19-0 and continued the hot streak the following season on the JV with a 20-0 mark.

These players eventually comprised the Rocks' 1998-99 varsity team that reached the state quarterfinals at the helm of coach Bob Brodie.

During summers, Tom Williams teamed up with the late Fred Thomann to coach Amateur Athletic Union girls basketball squads.

Oh, and Tom and Randa found the time to have two children: Ryan and Shelley, the latter now a second-grade teacher at Hoben Elementary School in Canton.

There are grandkids, too. Shelley and husband Nate Johns have two daughters, Natalie (age 3) and Kendall (age 1).

"My dad inspired me to go into the field of education," Shelley Johns said. "Now, (with) 11 years as a teacher at Hoben, I understand the time and dedication he put into his career. I can only hope to make half of the impact he has in our community."

Looking back

Both Williams kids were taught by their dad as sixth-graders; Ryan later was coached by him, too — during his time on the Plymouth Salem freshman and varsity basketball teams.

Shelley also played freshman girls basketball for, yep, her dad. But she ended up joining the high school dance team.

"We had him in sixth grade, we were on his teaching team," Ryan said. "And then my sister played girls basketball as a freshman at Salem."

"He'd go straight from girls basketball (in the fall) and go to boys basketball and I think there was a gap in there where he was able to do volleyball, as well."

Ryan Williams recalled what it was like growing up in Plymouth having a community celebrity of sorts as a father. From his younger eyes, it wasn't always understood why his dad received that kind of attention.

Years later, of course, it is crystal clear.

"We could never go anywhere in Plymouth to even eat or do anything out in public without him being stopped constantly by former students and players," Williams said. "When you're younger, you quite don't understand what that means."

"But as you get older and you kind of put things in perspective, that's a really cool thing to look back and realize how important your dad was and how instrumental he was in a lot of people's lives."

That is the case now more than ever.

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Racing after the ball Thursday is Plymouth Christian Academy's Martha Mullett (No. 2) during the Eagles' district game against Lutheran South.

D4 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Eagles on upswing in state tourney

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team finally is healthy.

Not surprisingly, the Eagles are peaking at the right time as evidenced by a pair of lopsided victories during last week's Division 4 districts.

After winning 6-1 over West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy on Tuesday, PCA rolled Thursday to an 8-0 romp over Newport Lutheran South.

With the wins, the Eagles (6-9 overall) advanced to Saturday's division final at PCA against Ann Arbor Greenhills. Results of that game were not available as of press time.

"We are playing the best soccer we have played all season," PCA head coach Nathan Yates said. "For the

first time this season all active players are healthy and have no injuries.

"... While Greenhills has won our previous meetings this season, I believe wholeheartedly that we can come out victorious.

"It's a home game for us so that will be to our advantage because we always play better at home."

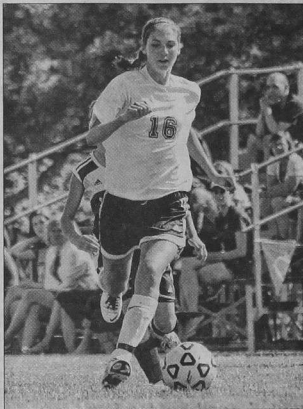
Against Lutheran South, seniors Martha Mullett (two goals, one assist) and Katelyn Barkell (two goals) led the attack.

Chipping in with two tallies was junior Sarah Durham while freshman Jesse Paulson contributed one goal and four assists.

Earning the shutout was freshman Aliyah Pries.

In the win over Frankel Jewish Academy, Mullett and Durham paced the offense with two goals each.

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Jessica Paulson of PCA dribbles the ball during Thursday's Division 4 district soccer game.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna softball, baseball players reaps national awards

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association announced its 2014 Louisville Slugger All-Region teams and Madonna University's Emma Cook and Bree Crampton were among those selected to the Great Lakes Region second team following a vote of the member coaches in the region.

Cook (Marysville) led the Crusaders with a 429 average and 54 hits while posting a .500 on-base percentage. Her on-base percentage is the highest for a single season in program history, while her .429 average is the second highest for a single season.

Crampton (Anchor Bay), a junior,

was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Pitcher of the Year after recording a 20.7 record with a 1.85 earned run average in 162.1 innings of work.

Both Cook and Crampton earned All-WHAC first-team honors earlier this spring.

Meanwhile, five MU players were among 297 named as National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics 2014 Daktronics Softball Scholar-Athletes.

Among the honorees include senior Kristen Drabek (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central), who is major in early childhood development; Crampton,

marketing; junior Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington), journalism and public relations; junior Katie Fenech (Northville), nursing; and junior Kasey Triewerler (Grand Lodge), accounting.

Baseball scholars

Three Madonna baseball players were also named as 2014 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes including redshirt senior Tyler Schofield (Windsor, Ontario Brennan), business; senior Ryan Leach (L'Anse Creuse North), criminal justice; and redshirt sophomore Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson), nutrition.

WILDCATS

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birdies," Chiefs head coach Tom Alles said. "He hit the ball beautifully all day. I know he was upset that he made his lone two bogeys on the inward nine to keep him from shooting, what would have been, his first bogey-free round of the year."

"I think the East Course at Forest Akers will suit Donnie's game well at the State Finals."

Noah Lindlbauer was Canton's second-best finisher, with his 81 score good for 22nd place. Tied for 35th with 83s were Hunter Schlamp and Suhis Soturi.

In 50th was Chris Dooley (88). For Salem, Brady Cole had a solid day, placing 14th with a 78. In 22nd was Nick Daniels (81), followed by Franco Papp (40th, 85), Connor Cole (44th, 86) and Jake Lenders (61st, 91).

Alles said the back nine proved problematic for the Chiefs.

"All of the boys handled the front in pretty good shape," Alles said. "I think there are a few holes on the back that each player would like to replay to average loose shots which resulted in bogeys or doubles."

But he was pleased with the way his team performed overall, finishing six shots below the team's 18-hole average of 324.

"I am proud of the effort the boys displayed," he noted. "They were focused and played hard the entire day."

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

MHSAA REGIONAL BOYS GOLF RESULTS DIVISION 1-REGIONAL 5 May 28 at Lake Forest C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS (Top 3 advance to state finals): 1. Ann Arbor Skyline, 292 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 305; 3. Saline, 310; 4. Ann Arbor Horizon, 312; 5. Canton, 318; 6. Gibraltar Carlton, 326; 7. Saline, 330; 8. Monroe, 332; 9. Temperance Bedford, 336; 10. Wyandotte Heights, 341; 11. Garden City, 345; 12. Brownstown Woodwards, 351.
Individual medalist: Connor Lang (Skyline), 69 (8 holes).

TEAM BY-TEAM SCORING
Skyline (292): 1. Connor Lang, 69; 3. Shane Anderson, 72; 5. Ian Marshall, 74; 13. Rahul Ramnarayan, 77; 54. Arjun Lama, 89.
Plymouth (305): (tie) Chris Kodler and Evan Chapman, 74 each; 3. John Lari, 76; 22 (tie) Jack Boczar and Kyle Melnick, 81 each.
Saline (310): 1. Sam Martin, 74; 9. Connor Looman, 76; 17. James Alcock, 78; 22. Alex Denton, 81; 54. Spencer Denner, 89.

A.A. Huron (312): 4. Brandon Peters, 73; 17 (tie) Danny Langa and Ken Dinkins, 79 each; 22. Nick Darlington, 81; 47. Jack Peterson, 91.

Canton (318): 2. Donnie Trisep, 71; 22. Noah Lindlbauer, 81; 35 (tie) Hunter Schlamp and Suhis Portt, 83 each; 50. Chris Dooley, 88.
Carlton (326): 14. Brendan Meadows, 78; 17. Aaron Herman, 79; 22. Patrick Heuser, 81; 50. Brandon Meach, 88; 58. Nathan Skaravick, 90.

Saline (330): 14. Brady Cole, 78; 22. Nick Daniels, 81; 40. Franco Papp, 85; 44. Connor Cole, 86; 61. Jake Lenders, 91.
Monroe (332): 3. Tyler Kellera, 76; 22. David Williams, 81; 47. Jon Goodman, 87; 50. Aaron Sza, 88; 51. Kyle Cassidy, 91.

Bedford (336): 3. Tyler Ingalls, 76; 39. Jake Corgo, 84; 47. Jason Goring, 87; 54. Brandon ER, 89; 65. Connor Chastain, 91.

Wyandotte (341): 21. Josh Hinderling, 80; 31. Dylan Kustin, 82; 35. Joe MacIntyre, 83; 66 (tie) Brett Carlson and Jeff Amadio, 90 each.

Garden City (345): 3. Justin Sehnke, 82; 40. Jordan LeRue, 85; 50. Chad Berger, 88; 54. Joe Purnell, 90; 69. Justin Barton, 91.

Woodbury (351): 22. Trevor Monico, 81; 40. Matt Miller, 85; 54. Brandon Hoy, 86; 66. Alex Biczky, 96; 70. Morgan Campbell, 100.

Individual qualifiers (Top 3 advance to state finals): 2. Donnie Trisep (Canton), 71; 4. Brandon Petak (Huron), 73; 3. Tyler Kellera (Monroe), 76; 14. Sam Fild (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 78; 31 (tie) Brandon Pultrick (Dearborn Edin Ford) and Jeff Wicks (Dearborn), 82 each; 35. Matt Wiebehaus (Livonia Panthers), 83; 40. Greg Bo Prindle, 44 (tie) Dillon Sza (Livonia), 44; 46. Pomeroy and Kip Schmeidler (Wyandotte), 86; 58. James Sheehan (Dearborn), 90; 61. Chris Macela (Livonia Churchill), 91; 64. MacKenzie (Churchill), 92; 71. Austin Smith (Southgate Anderson), 104; 72. Matt Cooper (Southgate), 109.

SOCCER

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between the Rocks and Wildcats.

"The games are never over until they're over," Salem head coach Scott Duhl said. "Especially when you got a talented player like Natalie on the ball for them, who was causing us fits all night."

"But overall, I thought we did a really good job of keeping them in front of us, late. Really in the last 7-8 minutes that was the one chance they had, but of course it's the scariest, because it's in the last five seconds."

Tip of the cap

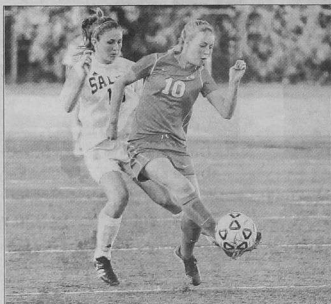
Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy, whose team dropped to 12-6-1, "pushed everyone up to the final bid to force overtime."

"I put two in the back and hoped for the best," Reddy said. "But they packed it in and they won. I give a lot of credit to Scott, he does a really good job with the team."

Perhaps one reason why Brant was nervous was how close Winters had come to tying the contest with about 12 minutes left in the second half.

Winters drove a rising shot from nearly 30 yards in front of Brant that the goalkeeper sprung up to bat away in acrobatic fashion.

"I'm telling you, the save of the year across the state was made tonight on Natalie Winters," Duhl said. "Skyler dives full-out, upper-90, Natalie Winters rips a shot to the upper



Canton sophomore forward Natalie Winters (No. 10) tries to maintain possession of the ball despite defensive pressure from Salem's Katie Binsfield during Thursday's district semifinal. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

corner and she dives and pushes it wide.

"Quite frankly, I've never seen, at this level, a goalkeeper make a save like that. I couldn't have been happier with her. She was brilliant tonight."

Brant, sophomore Abby Ozeranic (who blanked Churchill in Tuesday's pre-district game against Churchill) and senior Aly Mann give Duhl plenty of goalkeeping options.

"We really are fortunate to have three pretty good goalkeepers," Duhl said.

Some spectacular work at the opposite end by Canton goalie Jenna Nutter was the

only reason Winters had those chances to get the equalizer.

In the 10th minute of the second half, Salem senior defender Olivia Kaye took a direct kick from about 25 yards away that nearly made it 3-1.

It was a low boot through a maze of players in front of Nutter, who saw the ball at the last second and dove toward the left post to stop it. The rebound was popped in, but officials waved off the apparent tally.

The Rocks actually trailed 1-0 in the first minute of the game, when the ball bounced in off a Salem defender. Credited with the own goal was Natalie



Salem freshman goalkeeper Skylar Brant (right) glides out to field a bouncing ball while teammate Hannah Graier (No. 11) provides defensive help. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Winters.

Back-to-back

That deficit was wiped out within a 44-second span.

With 29:16 remaining in the first half, Emma Camp found the range with a left-footed kick. Setting up the goal was Kaitlyn Pelech.

"A great job by Emma Camp," Duhl said. "I've been challenging her lately at training, about she's due for a goal. I think this is her first goal of the season, and here's a player who is accustomed to scoring goals."

She came off a knee surgery early on in the season and she's fighting her way back."

Salem struck again with 28:32 remaining when Caroline Simko served the ball from the left side into the goal-mouth area.

Morgan Siterlet headed the ball inside the left post.

"And then Morgan Siterlet off a cross from Caroline, just two great goals," Duhl said. "We thought it kind of just shocked Canton."

"They had all the momentum and just like that we scored two goals."

That would be all the scoring for the game, although Reddy said there were plenty of chances — especially in the wide-open, up-and-down second half.

"Both teams had really good opportunities," Reddy said. "It could have been 5-5."

In the Plymouth-John Glenn game, senior goalkeeper Kellen Robb was perfect and the Wildcats received two goals by Kathryn Gordon and one by Erin Winters.

Plymouth (11-6) built a 3-0 halftime lead and coasted from there to the victory.

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Therapy dog makes patients, staff smile at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Maya Belle and Ray Rauen have been turning heads at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, for nearly three years.

"It shocks the heck out of some people when we walk by. They don't notice me. They notice Maya — 'oh, there is a dog.' I'll walk by (a patient room) slowly and listen. Sometimes they'll say 'Was that a dog?' Or they'll point and I'll ask if they want us to visit."

"They light up and talk about their dogs or the dogs they've had," Rauen said. "There was a patient in ICU that had to wear a full-face oxygen mask. He would pet Maya and try to talk through the mask. One time we came by and there was a sign up that said 'No visitors except Maya.' It cracked me up. He got well and went to another floor and we chased him there. He moved again and we chased him to that spot. St. Mary's has a follow-up program when people who go home, to make sure they are doing well. They said he had a big picture of Maya on his refrigerator. He said that was what made him get well in the hospital."

Since Maya Belle, a therapy dog, and Rauen, her "dad," began volunteering at St. Mary Mercy together, they have comforted countless patients and their families, made numerous friends among staff members, gained a following on Facebook and have become frequent attendees at hospital events.

Along the way they've earned two awards. Maya Belle made hospital history when she became the only canine to earn the L.O.V.E. award in 2012, a year after she started volunteering at St. Mary Mercy. The monthly



Shirley and Ray Rauen of Livonia with therapy dog, Maya Belle, at the American Heart Association Start! Heart Walk at the hospital.

hospital recognizes employees or volunteers who are committed to the hospital's core values of reverence, justice, stewardship, integrity and a commitment to the poor.

The hospital honored the pair again, last week. It created the Bow WOW award specifically for Maya Belle and Rauen after they received more than 18 nominations for the L.O.V.E. award while logging more than 2,300 volunteer hours over three years.

"St. Mary is great about the flexibility we have. We can come in whenever we want. We are allowed almost everywhere — waiting rooms, patient rooms, ICU. It makes it a great place to be a therapy

team. People need it. I've had doctors say, 'Hey, can you stop by and see this little boy or that little girl?' They're crying. Can you distract them? Or we'll get paged — 'Maya the therapy dog to room so and so.'"

Confident canine

Rauen describes the four-year-old German shepherd-Labrador retriever mix as "mellow" with the perfect mix of personality, smarts and obedience for the job.

But her talents weren't immediately apparent.

Rauen and his wife, Shirley, decided to rescue a dog after their family cat died four years ago. They found Maya



Maya wears a vest with a detachable sign. This one marks safety awareness.

Belle, then five months, at the Michigan Humane Society. She was shy and "looked so down-trodden," Rauen recalled. The couple took her home and Rauen enrolled her in six weeks of obedience and leash training, followed by 16 weeks of off-leash training. Trainers told him she would make a good therapy dog, so Rauen had her evaluated when she was 14 months old. She passed her tests and was registered through Therapy Dogs International.

"I started at a Lutheran nursing home. I'd visit once a week for an hour and in the meantime got an invite to a school to show what therapy dogs are all about," said Rauen, who owns a machine shop. He worked for a few months at Botsford Hospital and then started volunteering at St. Mary Mercy.

Social butterfly

"There are other dogs in the hospital that do the same thing we do. But I choose to be there more than most." In addition to

visiting with patients, the pair attends hospital events, such as fundraisers, ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new facilities, or wellness programs.

"We show up and learn about the hospital," he said. "I do sewing, also. I've sewn all kinds of vests (for Maya Belle) with replaceable panels that snap on. The panels sport reminders about breast cancer awareness, peripheral artery disease awareness or numerous other health concerns. It's like a walking billboard."

What does Maya Belle think of her work and her awards?

"People ask me how Maya likes it. I tell them Maya won't talk about it because of HIPAA (privacy rule)," Rauen said. "She loves car rides. We show up at the hospital and there are the people she enjoys seeing, and you can just see her wagging her butt."

For more information on the pet therapy program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, contact the volunteer office at 734-655-2912.

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CHURCH WOMEN PACK GIFT BOXES FOR OVERSEAS TROOPS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will share a little bit of home with overseas troops this summer. Members will create "Miracle Boxes" on June 21 for the Auburn Hills-based organization, The Desert Angel. The group, founded by Louise Blain of Linden, began sending boxes filled with toiletries, socks, food and other essentials to soldiers "in harm's way" just after 9/11.

"We try to send them to troops on foreign soil because our guys in the States can purchase these items," said Blain, who later named the care package project in memory of Joseph Miracle, a soldier from Ortonville who died in Afghanistan. "I didn't know him, but I went to his viewing. It spoke to my heart."

The Miracle Box project touched Caren Cunningham's heart, too. The St. Matthew's member struck up a conversation with a woman who was wearing a quilt at Art is in Market in Laurel Park Place.

"She told me about Desert Angel and gave me a card. I called Louise Blain. Her energy is contagious," Cunningham said. Although the organization also sends quilts to troops and items to military dogs overseas, Cunningham suggested the United Methodist Women's group at St. Matthew's take on the Miracle Box project as a charitable activity.

"Every year we do a giving project and choose an organization in the area," said Ann Stando, a member of United Methodist Women. "This was a good chance to do something for people who are serving our country."

Stando is organizing donations for the boxes and shopping for items with donated cash. Anyone interested in pitching in at the packing event, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon at the church, 30900 Six Mile, or in donating items or money to the cause can call Stando at 248-474-9311. Volunteers will pack boxes and fill out customs forms at the event.



Members of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia show the display they've created about their "Miracle Box" packing party on June 21.

Cards, candies

"You feel like you are making a difference," said Cunningham, who is making red felt prayer cloths with Bible verses for each box.

Blain will supply the boxes and troop addresses. She said volunteers also may include hand-written letters or cards in each box.

"We're always looking for more troop addresses," Blain said. "It's our privilege to give."

With summer approaching, troops especially need neck coolers. She said they can be purchased at stores but often are homemade and consist of absorbent beads or crystals encased in cotton material.

Other needed items include dry beverage mixes and "pocket food," such as protein bars and hard candies.

"No chocolate because it's too hot. We want to think healthy," Blain said.

For a list of acceptable Miracle Box items, visit thedesertangel.org.



Louise Blain of Desert Angel gets ready to mail Miracle Boxes to soldiers.

Working women unite: Putting JVS's Women to Work program into perspective

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

It has been more than 30 years since JVS started the Women to Work Program which helps women acculturate back into the work force, usually following

some type of hardship, by offering assistance in resume writing, job search strategies, interviewing and networking skills. JVS created the Trade Secrets benefit six years ago to help fund this very important program. The event has grown so big that this year, Trade Secrets was held at Knollwood Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, with a sellout crowd of 400-plus women and a few good men, bringing in more than \$159,000.

FirstMerit Michigan Chair & CEO Sandra Pierce was this year's honoree and keynote speaker. She was candid and honest about women in the workplace, including her industry, banking, where she said only 17.5 percent of women hold executive positions.

"It's up to every one of us to take control of our own life," Pierce told the audience. "We choose our own attitude. Change in our lives is inevitable; growth is intentional. We need to have the courage in our lives to do what Myriam Cohen (JVS Women to Work Award recipient) did."

Next up for JVS is the 17th Annual Strictly Business Luncheon, June 12 at The Hill in Dearborn. Ford CEO Mark Fields will be the keynote speaker. Shinola will



Trade Secrets event co-chair Mindi Fynke of Farmington Hills (left) and honoree and keynote speaker Sandra Pierce, FirstMerit Michigan chair and CEO. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST



Farmington Hills residents Shayna Silverman, event co-chair (left), and Sher Kaplan, raffle coordinator

receive the JVS 2014 Business Leadership award and Cooper Street Cookies will receive the JVS 2014 Rising Entrepreneur Award. Tickets are \$150. www.jvsdet.org.

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Heidi Budaj of West Bloomfield and Sandy Kaplan of Farmington Hills



Stacy Ansen of Bingham Farms (left) and Annette Berenholtz of Farmington Hills



Colleen Peters of Bloomfield Township, (left) Lisa Lis of Farmington Hills, JVS interim president and CEO Leah Rosenbaum and JVS executive board member Beth Gotthoff of Birmingham

Animal welfare benefit, cat workshop set

Medical aid

Frankie's Friends, a foundation that assists families with pet medical bills, will raise funds Tuesday, June 10, at all eight BD's Mongolian BBQ locations.

Fifteen percent of all sales from both lunch and dinner that day will go toward the foundation. Patrons are encouraged to bring a photo of their pet and a photo of the pet.

The organization was founded in 1999 as the Veterinary Cancer Foundation.

In 2008, the foundation's name was changed to Frankie's Friends to honor the spirit and vitality of Frankie, a greyhound from Tampa, Fla.

For more information about Frankie's Friends, visit frankiesfriends.com.

Feral cats

Sign up for the Michigan Humane Society's feral cat workshop, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the MHS administrative office, 30300 Telegraph in Bingham Farms.

The workshop, required for those interested in becoming a feral cat colony caretaker and participating in the MHS Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, will explain the TNR process.

To register, visit www.michiganhumane.org/feral or call 248-283-1000, Ext. 127. Space is limited and an RSVP is required.

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operator, and bridge player, Pat is survived by daughter Victoria Jennings Ross (Mrs. Dennis E.) of Brookline, Massachusetts, and son John Joseph Jennings IV, of Pleasant Ridge; and five grandchildren: Carrie, Douglas, and Ashley Ross, of Brookline, and Philip and Joseph Hunt of Mount Brook, New Jersey. Pat is predeceased by husband John Joseph Jennings III and daughter Laurie Jennings Hunt. A Memorial Service for her will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Saturday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. Please make donations in Pat's name to The Village Club Preservation Fund, Bloomfield Hills.

A loving tribute

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

Blood drive

■ 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday, June 2 and a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, in Fisher Center Auditorium, Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org and enter the code PROV5FLD or call Abby at 248-849-3067.

■ 9 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Friday, June 6, in the Community Room, inside the Administration & Education Center located on the campus of Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter "botsford" as the sponsor code to register. Or call Amy Bowes, Botsford's Employee Services Department, at 248-888-2610.

Lunch workshop

Learn how eating a nutritionally balanced lunch can help you stay healthy, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Center or by phoning 248-427-7400. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Maternity department tour

Tour the maternity department at Oakwood Hospital-DeARBorn, from 5-6:30 p.m. June 11, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., in Dearborn. No registration needed, but guests should call 313-593-7634 to verify date and time. Parking is available in the South visitor's parking deck at the Welcome Desk near the chapel in the main building before 5 p.m.

Movement disorders

Learn more about movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Henry Ford Health System specialists will discuss treatment options, clinical research trials, and community health resources available for patients living with movement disorders. The free event also will include a Q&A session with a panel of medical experts. Register by calling 800-436-7936. Learn more about the Henry Ford Movement Disorders Center at www.henry-ford.com/neuro.

Stay awake series

Sleep specialist, Mark Villeneuve, M.D.

will discuss sleep architecture and sleep patterns during a seminar about sleep disorders and growing older, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Representatives from companies that produce continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines also will show the latest technology and masks options available. The session is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-4640 or visit stmarymercy.org.

Walk with a Doc

David Sternberg, M.D., a board-certified minimally invasive thoracic surgeon, will talk about lung and esophageal health, noon, June 12, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Farmington Hills. Sternberg will cover what affects the health of the lungs, esophagus, and throat; signs of problems; how the problem is diagnosed; treatment; remedies; and how to stay healthy. Register by calling Botsford at 877-477-DOC (3621), option #1.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

12-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The program helps those with eating and exercise disorders find recovery. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 11-4:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadeloitroit.org.

Breast cancer support

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

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (S), and lipid panel (S) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the

Gilda's Club honors Botsford Cancer Center



Nichole Mehr (center) of the Botsford Cancer Center accepts the Prostate Support Award from Thomas Callan, board chair of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, and Laura Varon Brown, Gilda's Club executive director. Families affected by cancer access Gilda's Club programs at the Botsford Cancer Center in Farmington Hills. Programs include the Life After Treatment support group, Yoga Workshop, and the Breast Cancer & You support group. Almost 1,000 individuals have attended these programs during the last two years. Gilda's Club, located in Royal Oak, and Botsford Cancer Center have had a strong relationship since 2003 when the center opened on the campus of Botsford Hospital.

main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland. 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth. It is co-located through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway

north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Caregivers support

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 5745 Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need

CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carver Drive, Commerce. First aid classes are also available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hush.org/hsv/calendar or call 248-397-3314.

Diabetes support

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will facilitate. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies. Call 734-454-0859.

Food addicts

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. 248-320-6842; www.foodaddicts.org

Health programs, support

The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a cardiac event. It also offers an array of fitness classes, such as yoga, tai chi, Zumba, hula and Polynesian aerobics to keep you moving or to help you relax. For more information, call 734-458-3242.

GCH Community Education offers classes in CPR (adult and infant), first aid, and diabetes self-management education. The hospital hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Hearing Loss Association

The Western Wayne Chapter provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact afeark@comcast.net or 734-464-3297.

Incest survivors

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Paul of the Cross, 23333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at 313-971-4747.

Hey, That's Not A Lucky Clover ...Dealing with Plants that Make Us Itch

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Kay
Family Practice

You just spent a wonderful day hiking in the woods, when you notice you're developing a streaky rash with red bumps. Family Practice Physician and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Deborah Kay, gets to the root of poisonous foliage.

Q: We recently moved to a new home in a more rural area. There is plenty of room for my kids and dog to play and run around outdoors, but I am concerned about poison ivy and other plants that may be harmful. What should I look out for?

A: While poison ivy, oak, and sumac grow primarily in wooded or marshy areas throughout Michigan, it's not uncommon to find them in the suburbs or cities. These plants are not actually poisonous, but contain a long-lasting oil called urushiol that causes an itchy, blistering rash after it makes contact with skin.

A rash from poison ivy, oak, or sumac looks like patches or streaks of red, raised blisters, which won't spread unless the urushiol is still making contact on the skin. To avoid contact, keep your skin covered by wearing a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, gloves, and closed shoes if you're in an area where these plants may be lurking. You can also use a lotion containing bentoquatam, which acts as a barrier between urushiol and your skin.

Urushiol begins to stick to your skin within minutes of contact. If you know you have had contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac, immediately wash the area with lukewarm water and soap. If water is unavailable, rubbing alcohol or alcohol wipes can remove urushiol. Keep the affected area cool, dry, and clean.

If someone in your household has poison ivy, oak, or sumac, you can "catch" it from them, even if you have contact with the blisters. Only direct contact with urushiol causes the rash. Conversely, pets can carry urushiol on their fur and transmit the oil to humans. Make sure to give pets that have come into contact with urushiol a bath. Wear gloves to minimize exposure.

Contact your doctor if the rash develops close to your eyes or is widespread over your body. If needed, oral medications can be prescribed to help with swelling and itching. Go to the ER if you experience nausea, fever, shortness of breath, extreme soreness at the rash site, or swollen lymph nodes.

Never burn poison ivy, oak, or sumac. The smoke can be extremely dangerous, often resulting in hospitalization, and can irritate the eyes, nose, and respiratory tract. Instead, dress appropriately and dig out the plants, getting as much of the root as possible. Put the plants in a plastic trash bag and dispose of them. Be careful, urushiol remains active even on dead plants.

Do you have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts? Visit GCH.org or call 877.717.WELL.

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How to turn your Twitter into a valuable industry resource



By Adrienne Erin

If you already have a Twitter account, no doubt you already know the great value of this social media platform. But did you know that you could turn your twitter into a valuable resource for your industry? It's true; you can, and there are plenty of reasons why you should want to do this. Creating an industry resource with your Twitter builds your reputation and helps you gain influence. Here are the steps to follow to make this happen.

1. Make a list of influencers

Carefully construct Twitter lists of the people you'd like to emulate. These can be leaders in your industry or field, people unanimously respected in the industry, or new up-and-comers that are rapidly gaining popularity in your field. Also, you can look at other influencer's lists,

such as Robert Scoble, to find ideas of people who should be on yours. You can even subscribe to public lists of other people on Twitter.

2. Start curating

Great industry leaders such as Maxwell Systems should be "curate" resources that will be useful for their followers. Maxwell has become well known in the construction technology sector for being so good at finding great resources to share with their followers. So how do you find this great stuff to share? You can start by sharing the best snippets of content from the blogs that you're already reading. In addition, you can frequently find good material from your Twitter lists.

It's also a good idea to keep a close eye on news headlines. Watch for any breaking stories with relevance to your field or industry, and share them on

your Twitter. Subscribe to newsletters that you find informative and like pages on Facebook that post interesting content. Be a student of your industry or field and make a conscious effort to always be learning.

Read books and magazine or journal articles written by experts in the field, and listen to podcasts by experts. Attend webinars and conferences, and always have a pen and paper ready to take notes. You never know when you'll come across some inspiration for great content.

While you're curating this content, there are two important things to consider. First, always give credit where credit's due. If

you're using content created by someone else, be sure to acknowledge him or her for it. Also, try not to just pass along this information. If you're really serious about using your Twitter to become a valuable industry resource, you should make your own contributions to the wealth of material that's already out there.

This means that you should expound upon the material that you're curating. Why is it so

good? What makes it valuable? What are some important points that the original creator might have failed to mention? Think about and explain these things to your audience.

Another important tip to keep in mind: you should be using a tool to schedule your tweets. Buffer and HootSuite are two good ones worth checking out.

3. Build a following

Once you've found great influencers and have started to create some great content, the next step is to build your own following. One of the brilliant minds behind Tweet Smarter, Dave Larson, says that the answer to building a following on Twitter is finding a "Super Advocate." And you find this, Larson explains, by becoming a "super advocate" for someone else.

Some times that you do everything you can to support that person, from retweeting their tweets to commenting on their tweets and giving shout outs that praise them on your own Twitter. Why is this strategy so effective? It all goes back to the golden rule: do unto others, as you would like them to do unto you. Endorsing someone else on Twitter makes it much more likely that

YOU will be endorsed on Twitter. Remember, what goes around comes around. It pays to be nice. Becoming an industry resource on Twitter is an essential part of establishing yourself as a leader in your industry. With the right influencers, a selection of great content and a good following, there's no limit to what you can do!

Adrienne Erin is a freelance writer and social media marketer who loves picking apart societal campaigns to see how they tick. To see more of her work, follow @adrienneerin on Twitter or visit her blog.

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Car Report

Mitsubishi Hits Its Target with New Mirage: High-Mileage Commuter Car



By Dale Buss



There's plenty of room inside the Mirage.

an economy that is struggling to grow enough to provide vigorous employment for everyone.

And for that reason alone, the 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage merits consideration for purchase for a huge cohort of American car buyers. With an EPA-estimated 40 mpg rating the car has the highest fuel-efficiency rating for any nameplate available in this country that is neither a hybrid nor a plug-in. Being king of the hill in such an important criterion for modern automotive purchases is quite an accomplishment.

That's not all Mirage has going for itself. The car's base price of around \$13,000 makes it one of the most attractive offerings around for someone

who wants to buy a commuter car, yet the 2014 Mirage offers enough quality and creature comforts to make the ride an enjoyable one.

Clearly with this car, the premium is on fuel economy, not speed or power. Mirage comes with just one engine, a 1.2-liter, three-cylinder that puts out 74 horsepower and 74 pound-feet of torque, which makes it among the least robust cars sold in the U.S. market. It offers two transmissions: a five-speed manual gearbox or, for \$1,000 more, a new and very compact continuously variable transmission that delivers the highest gas-mileage ratings.

With the CVT, Mirage delivers an impressive 44 mpg on the highway and 37 mpg in the city, for a 40-mpg combined average. Opting for the five-speed manual actually knocks that down to 37 mpg combined, or 34 mpg in the city and 42 mpg on the highway. Traditionally, manual transmissions often have offered better mileage than automatics, but such is the effectiveness of a good CVT that it can tease optimum fuel economy out of a car — and do it far better than human guessing.

Plus, Mirage is a very light car, logging in at a curb weight of just 1973 pounds in its base form. Impressively, that compares with 1,808 pounds for the significantly smaller Smartcar Two mini-car and 2,269 pounds for the Chevrolet Spark. That's because Mitsubishi put a lot of effort

into "light-weighting" the vehicle in every facet.

Another area where Mitsubishi was able to augment the car's fuel economy is exterior design. The new Mirage doesn't look distinctive — it doesn't have the sassy appearance of, say, the

comforts that much more expensive (and worse-mileage) cars offer. These include a rear spoiler, 14-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, variable intermittent wipers, 50/40 rear split-fold seats, cruise control, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, a start-stop button, power door locks and

car brings tinny resonances that underscore just how "lightweight" the car really is.

Neither is Mirage fast or powerful. It particularly labors at higher speeds where other small cars can find their range once they've accelerated. That



The 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage is a high-mileage but comfortable commute buster.

new Ford Focus or anything close to the signature look of a Mini — but style was sacrificed in the service of a low coefficient of drag. The company says the 2014 Mirage's drag coefficient is a remarkable 0.28, which compares well with just about anything on the road.

The other most laudable feature of this car is the fact that, even with all of the above, Mirage can still actually seat four people very comfortably, and five in a pinch. In that sense it's an ideal tool for car pooling, if that still occurs.

Also, in the ES version that I drove, Mirage offers every bit of the creature

view mirrors — and even, for an extra \$900 sticker, a navigation system and rear-view camera system.

True, the car does have some drawbacks, which will be clearly recognized by any potential purchaser.

The wheels look too small for a car that is tall for its length, and are set into the wheel wells deeply, which exaggerates the perception of their small size. Inside, Mirage is plain, and every interior surface is covered in hard plastic, lacking soft-touch materials even on the door arm-rests. Closing doors to enter or leave the

means, for example, difficultly in passing other cars — and generation of a lot of engine noise in the effort.

In large part, of course, this is because Mitsubishi obviously has tuned the car for city and suburban use. For example, a complementary effect is that the CVT version I drove surges away from stops in snappy fashion.

And so in aiming for a max-mileage car that provides just enough substance to ensure a smooth commute, Mitsubishi has hit its target with the 2014 Mirage.

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