

Canton intersections top county's worst

Ford Road heads list
with most accidents

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton has three of the top 10 worst intersections in Wayne County, a new report shows, and all of them are along the Ford Road shopping corridor.

Westland and Garden City have two intersections each on the list, compiled by a Farmington Hills-based law firm, Michigan Auto Law, using Michigan State Police data.

Hardly surprising, the accident-prone Ford-Haggerty

intersection tops the list with 95 car accidents reported in 2013, followed by second-ranked Ann Arbor Road-Sheldon in Plymouth with 62 crashes.

Todd Berg, attorney for Michigan Auto Law, said the firm compiled the list and posted it on a blog to warn drivers to use caution in certain areas.

"We want to give information to the driving public so they can stay safe and avoid accidents themselves," Berg said, also citing increased risks from distracted motorists who all too often are talking on the phone and performing other



A driver was airlifted to U-M Hospital after this accident on Ford Road near Ridge. Ford Road figures in seven of the 10 worst intersections in Wayne County, according to a new list. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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DISTRICT FARES WELL ON STATE SCORECARD

Fourteen schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' district placed in the top 80th percentile or better in the most recent Michigan Department of Education Top to Bottom List, which was released Wednesday.

Dodson Elementary School has earned the label of a Reward School for the third consecutive year, finishing with a 97th percentile ranking.

In ranking all of the public schools in the state, the MDE has created an index in an attempt to normalize the scores. After several statistical calculations, the scores earned by each school are then ranked in numerical order.

"The dedication of our teachers, the hard work of our students, the support of our district parents and the rigor of our curriculum all are major factors as to why our schools continue to rank well when compared with schools around the state," said Erin MacGregor, the district's assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. "For the third consecutive year, 21 of our 23 schools ranked in the 50th percentile or above."

Statistically, four P-CCS schools ranked in the top 90th percentile, including Dodson, Bird, Discovery and Pioneer elementary schools. Dodson and Bird repeated their strong performance of a year earlier, while Discovery and Pioneer surpassed the 90th percentile for the first time.

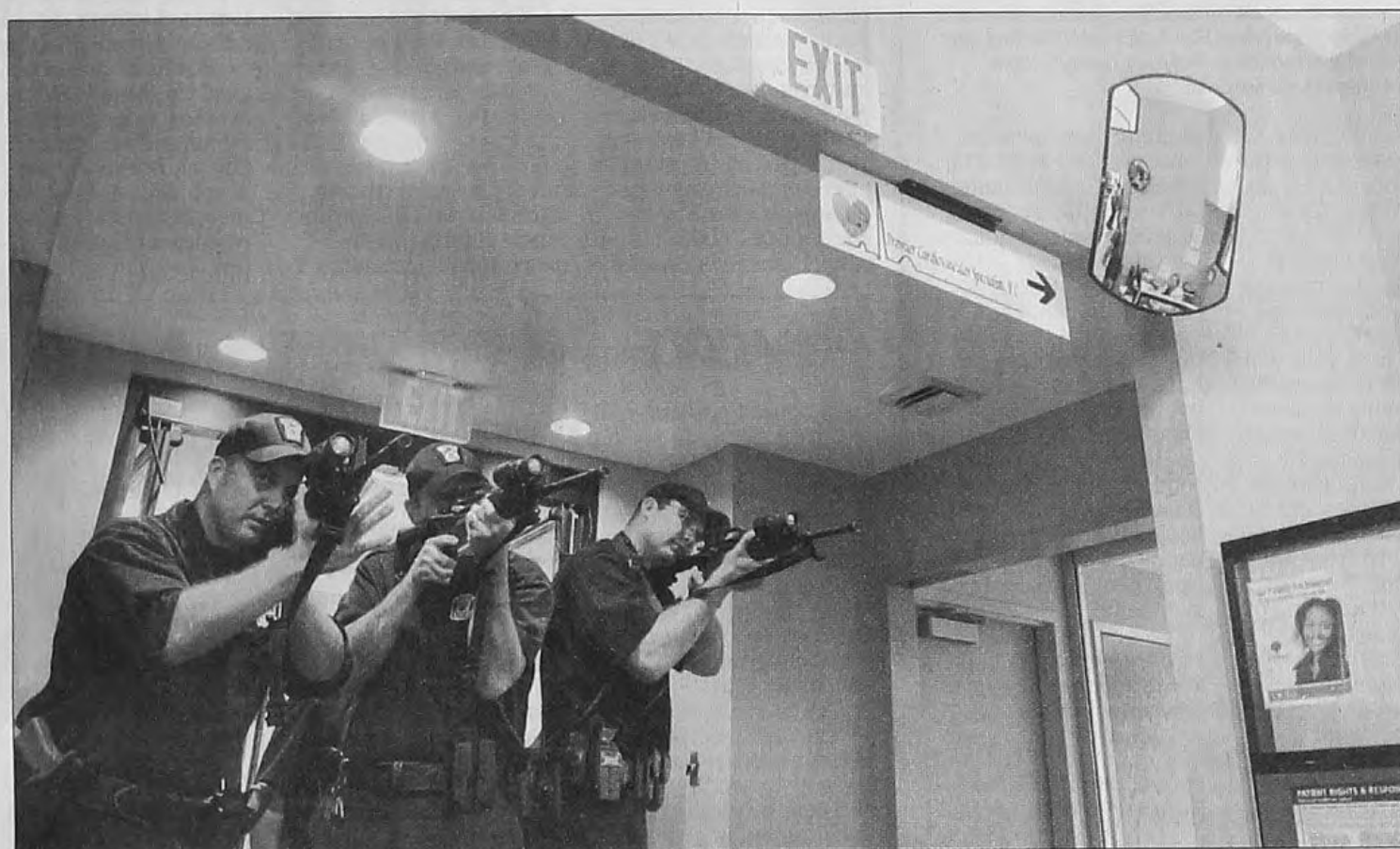
In addition, 10 P-CCS schools ranked in the top 80th percentile and above. All three of the high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park - Canton, Plymouth and Salem - were in the top 80th percentile and above. Others in the 80th percentile plus were West Middle School and Bentley, Allen, Workman, Miller, Tonda and Smith elementary schools.

Five of the district's schools - East Middle School, Salem High School and Farrand, Field and Miller elementary schools - are considered Focus schools, meaning that in at least one category, there was an unacceptable gap between high-achieving students and the lowest-achieving students.

Due to the Focus designation, each school will be under increased performance monitoring by the state MDE.

The MDE also has released its color-coded scorecards for each school in the state. These performance indicators take into account two major tests taken by students in the last year -

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Police officers practice dealing with an "active shooter" situation at Oakwood Hospital's Canton facility. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Cops, firefighters practice emergency situations with Oakwood

By Brad Kadrach
Staff Writer

While the country continues to suffer through more than its share of shooting incidents, nothing like that has ever happened in Canton.

But officers from the Canton Police Department, firefighters from the Canton Fire Department and staffers and volunteers at the Oakwood Hospital medical facility in Canton took steps earlier this week to make sure they are ready if it ever does.

Oakwood workers and the members of Canton's two public safety agencies took part in a "live shooter" exercise Tuesday, training on the method of handling the disaster of having a gunman start shooting inside the medical facility.

"It's very important in order to famil-

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Oakwood Hospital's Canton campus was the scene of police and fire training.

Canton officer earns MADD Lifesaver award

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Police Officer Jessica Nuottila took 37 drunken drivers off the street in 2013, potentially saving lives in the same year officials say Michigan racked up 385 deaths blamed on impaired motorists using alcohol or drugs.

"It's so pervasive a problem," said Tyler MacEachran,



Nuottila

driving arrests last year, earning her one of only 14 MADD Lifesaver awards in Michigan bestowed during a luncheon

state executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Michigan.

Nuottila led the Canton Police Department for the most drunken

Tuesday at the San Marino Club in Troy.

"It was nice to be appreciated. It makes you realize how important your job is," Nuottila said. "It's one thing to make a traffic stop and arrest a drunk driver. But you don't know what you could have prevented by making that arrest."

MacEachran said efforts by officers such as Nuottila are

more important than ever because, due to budget cuts, Michigan has 9,000 fewer police officers on the street compared to 10 years ago.

"Officers have to make a real effort and have an intentional focus to make sure that drunk driving enforcement remains a priority for them," he said.

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Building increase leads to new Canton post

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A sharp increase in new construction in Canton has saddled the township's Building and Inspection Services Division with a staggering workload – forcing a spike in overtime costs and delaying approval of routine permits, officials say.

Employees are “struggling to stay on top of things,” Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. “People are starting to get burned out.”

On the positive side, building and inspection revenues for a one-year period have spiked to \$1.7 million compared to less than \$1 million in 2010, newly released figures show, while

the division's expenses have remained flat at \$1.1 million.

To keep pace with demand, the Canton Township Board of Trustees has agreed to create a new position of permit and plan reviewer and fill the job this fall. Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the new hire essentially replaces a former deputy building official job that was eliminated in 2006 as the economy stalled.

With a salary range of \$61,610 to \$80,093, the new position's cost will be offset by the dramatic spike in building and inspection revenues and reduced overtime costs, officials say.

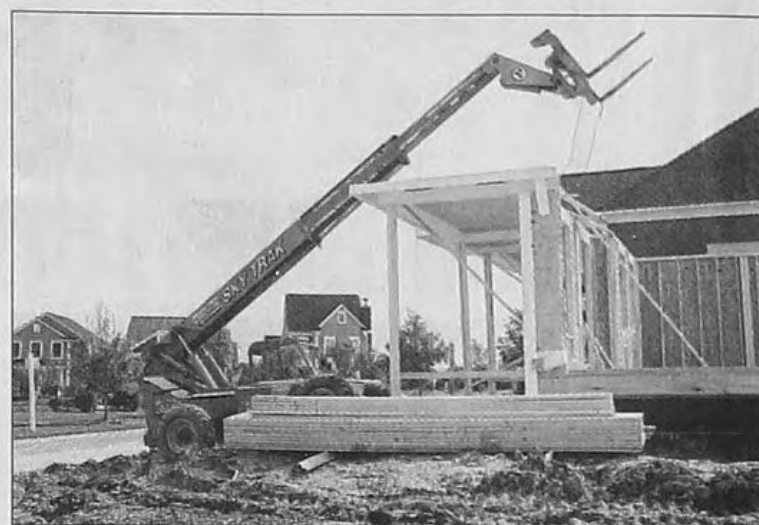
Trustee Tom Yack called it “sound customer service” to hire a permit and plan reviewer

to accommodate demand as Canton witnesses its latest housing boom and an uptick in new businesses.

The new position involves conducting permit and plan reviews, helping to supervise the division's clerical operations, improving customer service and implementing residential rental inspection program once it is initiated.

The township board agreed to create the new job after an earlier vote of approval by the Canton Merit Commission, which set the salary range. Officials expect to advertise the job this month in hopes of filling it by mid-October.

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A construction boom in Canton has led officials to create a new position of permit and plan reviewer for the Building and Inspection Services Division. FILE PHOTO

ACCIDENTS

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tasks while driving.

“And they're in a hurry,” he added.

Ford Road appears in seven of the 10 worst intersections. After the Ford-Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road-Sheldon intersections, the remaining top 10 include:

» Ford and Lilley in Canton, 57 crashes.

» Ford and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights, 57 accidents.

» Ford and Middlebelt in Garden City, 50 accidents.

» Telegraph and West Road in Brownstown Township, 50 crashes.

» Ford and Wayne Road in Westland, 50 accidents.

» Canton Center and Ford in Canton, 47 accidents.

» Cherry Hill and Wayne Road in Westland, 47 crashes.

» Ford and Merriman in Garden City, 45 accidents.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the latest findings come as no surprise, considering other studies have consistently



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the fact the Ford-Haggerty intersection is Wayne County's most dangerous comes as no surprise.

ranked the Ford-Haggerty intersection as the worst for accidents. He has long fought for a solution.

“We're not going to quit trying,” LaJoy said.

Canton officials are hopeful two projects slated for next year will help. Those include a \$5 million paving project on Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill and a \$1.8 million effort to improve lanes and make other modifications on Ford from Haggerty to Lotz.

“To me, that's kind of a start,” LaJoy said.

Longer term, LaJoy said the Michigan Department of Transportation has indicated it plans to transform Ford Road into a boulevard and eliminate left turns

at major intersections between the Ford/I-275 area and Canton Center. Officials still are trying to secure federal dollars for the project.

Berg, meanwhile, said the amount of retail shopping and the growing population in Canton have added to the number of crashes along Ford Road.

He said readers have sounded off on the traffic woes on the Facebook page for Michigan Auto Law, which represents people injured in accidents.

For more on the firm's worst-intersection blog, go to <http://www.michiganautolaw.com/>.

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the 2013 MEAP for grades 3-9, and the 2014 Michigan Merit Exam for high school juniors.

The state then ranks schools in color-coded performance indicators, such as green (best), lime (second best, etc.), yellow, orange, red and purple. The way this system works, a school's ranking is affected by the number of red performance indicators it gets. For instance, one P-CCS schools earned enough

points for a green ranking – the best possible – but was downgraded to a lime ranking since it had had a red performance indicator.

In all, P-CCS had six schools with lime ratings and 17 schools with yellow ratings. The district's overall rating was yellow.

The district scorecard noted a number of positive trends. As a group, African-American students met targets in reading and writing and made significant improvements in social studies. Students with disabilities made significant improvements in reading

and the economically disadvantaged students showed positive, significant reading gains. Asian students, white students, Hispanic students and students of two or more races as a group met each target. All of the non-academic areas were met, too, such as education evaluations, compliance and graduation rate.

However, the scorecard also showed some areas where improvements will be needed. Several of the demographic groups did not meet targets in math, science and social studies.

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iarize yourself with the procedures at the hospital,” Canton Lt. Craig Wilsher said of the training. “It helps us understand each other's protocol so if an actual situation happens, we have a better understanding of how to handle it.”

The teams trained on several different live-shooter scenarios, learning how to handle the shooter, the victims and the situation in general.

Christopher Stoecklein, Canton's deputy fire chief, said the training for his team was as much about getting to potentially wounded patients as it is about handling the situation itself.

“The benefit (of the training) is really to the patient,” Stoecklein said. “We've learned the long-



Veronica Newcomb of Canton and Liz Selinski of Garden City wait for the scenarios to begin. Both work for Oakwood and volunteered to participate in the exercise. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

er you wait to get to the patients, the less survivability you have. If we can get to them quicker, we can save more of them.”

Calling the hospital's principle strategy “run, hide and fight,” Oakwood's emergency management coordinator said the training is “very valuable” to the staff.

“Given the atmos-

phere in the world today, we developed a policy that every Oakwood employee go through this kind of training,” Cristy Rankin said. “This gives our staff training for a possible actual situation. It's also valuable training ground for our communities, as well.”

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Nuottila became Canton's only police officer to earn the MADD Lifesaver award for 2013.

“I didn't even know I was at the top (for drunken driving arrests),” she said. “It makes me want to do it again this year.”

Nuottila worked as a Canton dispatcher for 11 years and has been a police officer for 3½ years. She works the midnight shift – a time slot that places her on patrol when more drunken drivers are likely on the road.

She has heard all the

lies, the most common being a driver who claims to have had one drink when the blood-alcohol content indicates otherwise.

“Nobody really comes up with a great excuse for drinking and driving,” Nuottila said, adding drunken drivers have options such as taking a cab or calling a friend or relative for a ride.

Nuottila earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Madonna University. She and her husband Ty have a 4-year-old son, Jack.

She began her college studies intending to become a teacher, but changed her mind after she attended a recruiting

session for dispatchers by the Canton Police Department.

MacEachran said Michigan needs police officers like Nuottila on the road. Across the United States, he said, about 10,000 people die every year because someone else drove after drinking or using drugs.

“Sometimes the offender has been arrested repeated times,” he said.

Through MADD's Lifesavers program, he said, the goal is to promote sober driving while singling out officers who work hard to keep roads safe.

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Canton seeks to hire election precinct inspectors

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

With the Nov. 4 election looming, Canton is ratcheting up efforts to hire scores of paid precinct inspectors after numerous longtime workers have chosen to step down.

"We could use 100 people," Clerk Terry Bennett said.

That's a huge chunk of the 350 workers Bennett said Canton typically needs for an election. "It's always a strong need," she said. "We have a lot of people who have served faithfully for many, many years. Because of how long the (election) day is and the time commitment, we've had a lot of people retire from being able to do it."

As a selling point, Bennett said becoming a precinct inspector can help residents earn some extra money for the holiday season, while becoming more involved in the election process.

"We need to find people who are willing to make more than a one-time commitment," she said.

Applicants must be qualified, registered voters in Michigan and U.S. citizens, but not necessarily Canton residents. They have to fill out an application in their own handwriting and be willing to declare a political party affiliation.

They should be willing to work from 6 a.m. until polls are closed and ballots are turned in at the clerk's office, in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Pay rates are \$165 for a chairperson, \$155



Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett is seeking precinct inspectors for the Nov. 4 election. FILE PHOTO

for a vice chairperson and \$135 for an inspector. The position also pays \$20 for a training class and there are usually two, for a total of \$40. Those chairing the process also receive reimbursement for cellphone use on Election Day.

Applicants must be able to work closely with others, assemble simple voting stations, read and write legibly, perform simple math calculations, follow instructions provided by precinct chairs and have the interpersonal skills to work with a diverse community population.

They also should have experience using a computer with a Windows-based system and know how to use a mouse, save files and be familiar with PDF files. Attendance at two or more educational training sessions is mandatory prior to working an election.

Applications may be picked up at the clerk's office or downloaded from www.canton-mi.org and returned by mail. Look under the Government tab for Clerk's Office and then find the Election Precinct Inspectors link.

For more information, call 734-394-5120.



National Honor Society students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are among the volunteers helping with the Plymouth Salvation Army's Back 2 School Blitz.

Salvation Army hosts Back 2 School Blitz

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps – in partnership with the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren school districts, as well as many local churches, service clubs and private donors – will launch a school supply drive Aug. 18-22, ending with a "back to school" blitz Aug. 22.

The drive seeks to collect new school supplies and backpacks for students K-12 for the upcoming school year for students in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville.

Volunteers will be on hand 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth, to accept donations. The supplies will then be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Needed supplies include new backpacks (particularly for older students), binders, markers, wide ruled paper and one-subject note books, pens (red, black and blue), No. 2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition books and folders.

In addition to school

supplies, The Salvation Army will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear and gently used clothing that will

be distributed through the Plymouth Canton Community Clothing Bank.

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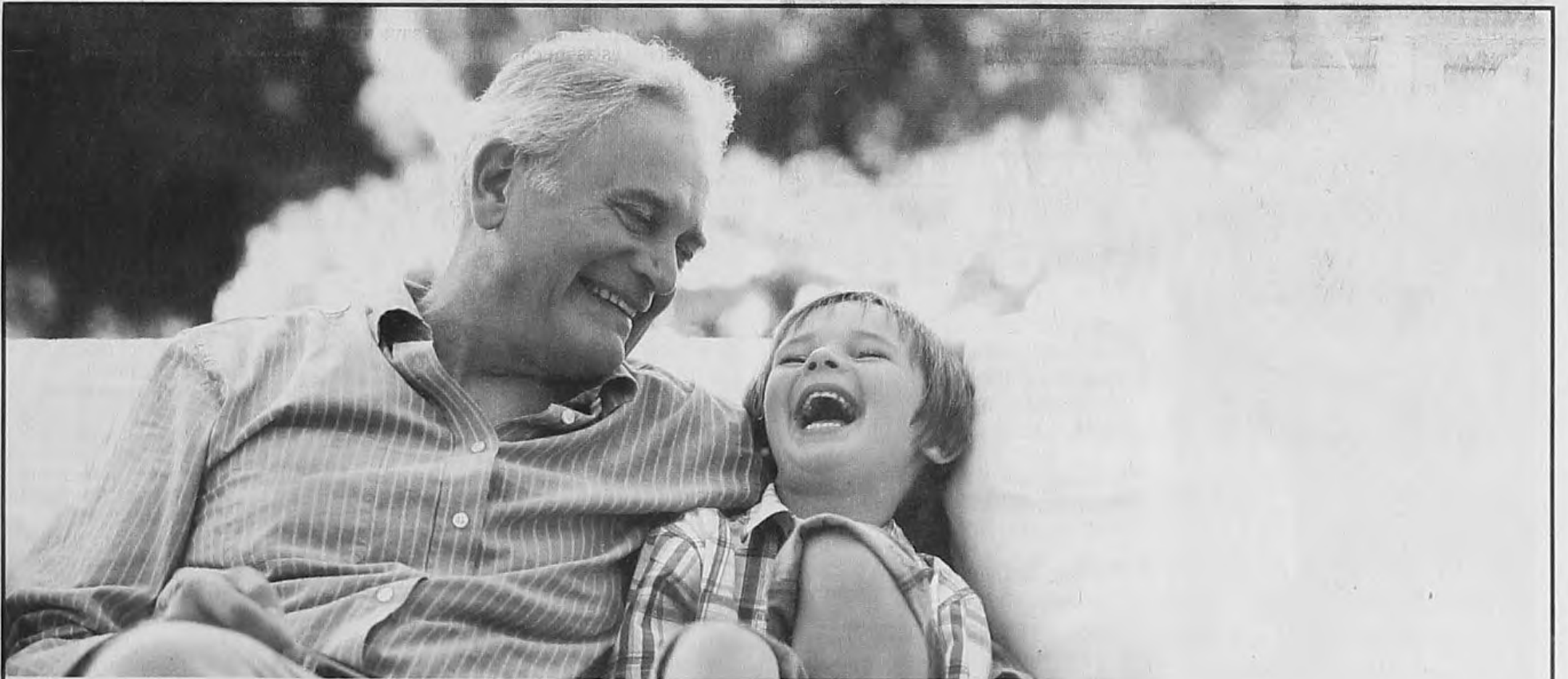
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Grant lets Wayne High teacher expand his library

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

For Kevin English, Christmas has come a bit early in a literary sense.

An English teacher at Wayne Memorial High School, English is preparing for the new school year by filling the space in his classrooms with books he was able to get through a grant from the Book Love Foundation. English was one of 10 high school and middle school English teachers from seven states to receive a 500-book grant.

"It's Christmas in July," said English, who more than doubled his classroom library with the grant. "This doubles the books I have in my classroom library."

English has Principal Kevin Webber searching the basement for book shelves. He's also looking at yard sales and has asked family members if they have any he can

have. The more books he's able to fit in the classroom, the better the chance he'll get students to read more.

The foundation chooses 400 of the books, paying special attention to include a wide range of genres and reading levels that are of high interest to student readers. The remaining 100 books are chosen by the grant recipient from a vetted list of middle school and high school titles.

Large selection

English's selection ranges from national book award winners, sports and non-fiction to realistic fiction. There are also classics, good for students who are college-bound, thrillers and funny books and even a Shakespeare Star Wars in which the text is written completely in iambic pentameter.

"If they can sit five feet from the books and



Kevin English is getting ready for the school year by putting 500 new books away in his classroom at Wayne Memorial High School. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

pick one up, all the better," he said. "And it's a good trade-off, if I have to get rid of my desk to fit them in. Research shows that classroom libraries have an impact on kids."

Graphic novels, which are like lengthy comic books, are popular with young people and English has made sure to include

them in his library.

"They absolutely love them," he said, pointing out that Shakespeare's classic, *Romeo and Juliet*, has been done as a graphic novel. "If all the kids are reading the same book in a classroom, for 80 percent, it's not the right book for them. That there's a choice as to what to read

means everyone's needs are being met one way or another."

The Book Love Foundation was founded by New Hampshire English teacher and literacy coach Penny Kittle, whose passion for supporting new teachers came from her work at Eastern Michigan University in the 1990s.

"Each of our grant winners has already demonstrated a commitment to developing students' independent reading lives," Kittle said. "Most of our grant winners teach in high poverty areas and all of our grant winners have spent their own money to purchase books to build their libraries; one even traded her children's old clothes to get books for her classroom library."

Changing a perception

English teaches ninth- and 10th-graders and has

found that students come in with a disposition that reading can't be fun. His goal is to change that perception.

"One of their complaints is that the books they're reading are always too sad," he said. "I see myself as a literary docent. I help them enjoy books and see that there are scenes they can enjoy. The Common Core standards have upped the ante and to raise students up, we have to get them the text they will read."

It's a sentiment shared by Kittle.

"Research has repeatedly shown that students who read independently and extensively improve their vocabulary and ability to understand complex texts and are better prepared for the rigors of post-secondary education," she said.

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ON CAMPUS



Menchie's munchies

Nick Case (from left), Morgan Cummings, Logan Goebel, Brayden Goebel and Lindsey Case were among those who enjoyed the frozen yogurt during a fundraiser Wednesday at Menchie's. Menchie's donated 20 percent of its frozen yogurt proceeds from anyone who brought a flier into the store to 88.1 The Park, the student radio station serving Plymouth-Canton schools. Proceeds will be used to help offset the station's operational expense. "We're thankful for the generous support. Our fundraising allows us to upgrade our equipment. In the last few years, we've added new computers, automation, a new transmitter, EAS equipment and remote broadcast equipment because of the success of our fundraising program. Our listeners have been very generous in supporting the station," station manager Bill Keith said. LAUREN CUMMINGS

Merit award

Zain Ahmed of Canton High School has won a corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship award financed by Omron Corp., a leading worldwide supplier of advanced industrial and office automation systems.

Nearly all corporate-sponsored Merit Scholar winners of 2014 were announced publicly by National Merit Scholarship Corporation in April; however, the award this student was chosen to receive became available after that announcement.

By the conclusion of the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program, more than 7,600 National Merit Scholarships, worth approximately \$33

million, will have been offered to distinguished high school seniors for college undergraduate study.

Saginaw Valley State

» This winter semester, 460 students from Saginaw Valley State University were named to the president's list, including four from Canton.

Canton students to make the list included Stacey Jeedele, Cassandra Misiolek, Kaila Pantaleo and Mitch Reinhart.

To be eligible for the president's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade-point average.

» This winter semester, 2,011 students from Saginaw Valley State University were named to the dean's list, including two from Plymouth and 12 from Canton.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Canton students named to the list include Katelyn Adams, Kyle Cameron, Margaret Donnelly, McKenzie Haack, Emily Lipa, Ben Merbler, Meaghan Mulcahy, Christopher Perovich, Lachlan Savage, Laura Seely, Andrew Tidwell and Chyna Williams.

Plymouth students on the list include Katelyn Moss and Mitchell Posniak.

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Lake Forest College

Chase Janer of Canton was named to the dean's list for the 2013-14 academic year.

Janer is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

The dean's list recognizes students who have achieved distinguished academic records. It is compiled at the end of each academic year. To be selected for this honor, a student must have attained a grade-point average of at least 3.60 for two consecutive semesters.

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Q: Dear Rick: I am 70%. I was retired for about four years and a couple of years ago, I decided to go back to work. I have a question about required minimum distributions. I really don't need the money and I would prefer to let it stay in my IRA. Can I do that? I was told that if you're working, there is some exception to the required distribution rules. If I do have to take a distribution, I know that for my first year I can either do it this year or next year. Is there any downside to waiting until next year?

A: Unfortunately, when it comes to required minimum distributions from IRAs the only exception is if you have a Roth IRA.

Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions and can continue to grow tax-free for as long as you choose. The exception that you refer to deals with 401(k) plans. If you are working for a company that you own less than 5 percent of, you can delay your required minimum distribution from that 401(k) plan until you retire from that job. You would still have to withdraw from your IRAs, but not from your 401(k) plan.

Like most tax laws, the rules regarding required minimum distributions are confusing. Most people think that the year they turn 70½ is when distributions begin. However, that is not the case. In the year you turn 70½, you have an option to delay the first required minimum distribution until April 1 of



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the following year.

In your situation, since you turn 70½ this year, you technically do not have to make your first required minimum distribution until April 1, 2015.

Delaying distributions may not be the best case. If you delay your first year distribution and take your first required minimum distribution by April 1, you still must take another distribution before the end of 2015.

The first distribution (by April 1) is technically your 2014 distribution. A 2015 distribution is also required. Having two distributions in the same year may throw you into a higher tax bracket and could result in greater taxation of your Social Security benefits, as well as potentially higher premiums for Medicare.

Those are reasons why – in most cases – I encourage people to take their required minimum distribution in the year they turn 70½.

Many seniors over age 70½ somehow believe that they are not eligible to take advantage of Roth conversions. They are eligible and it can be an effective strategy.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Canton cuts ribbon on new trail

A grand opening celebration will be held for Canton's ITC Corridor Trail at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Flodin Park, located on Saltz Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon roads.

The public is invited to attend this special event, which will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6:35 p.m.

This grand opening marks the most recent completion of a section of Canton's trail system, which began more than 10 years ago as a result of community input identifying open space and trails as one of Canton's most desired amenities. This most recent phase of trail development was constructed on the International Transmission Company corridor and is approximately three miles long, as it connects the Lower Rouge Trail to both Flodin Park and Griffin Park.

"ITC is pleased to support the Canton Trail System by making our transmission corridor available for recreational trail development," said Jon Jipping, executive vice president and chief operating officer of ITC. "We take pride in being good neighbors in our local communities. Excellent park facilities are essential to a vibrant community, so we welcome the opportunity to open up our transmission corridor for recreational use."

Additional trails within this Canton Trail System include the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail at Flodin Park, which was the first phase of this project and runs one-third of a mile in length. The second phase of trail development was constructed along the Lower Rouge River on Wayne County property.

This section of trail, approximately four miles in length, currently in-



Canton will cut the ribbon on its ITC Corridor Trail at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Flodin Park.

place for hikers, bikers and outdoor enthusiasts to explore and enjoy nature, they also offer a pathway to a more healthy lifestyle," said Brad Sharp, maintenance manager. "This trail project is a wonderful addition to the Canton community, keeping with our commitment of providing open green spaces and areas where residents and visitors alike can interact and enjoy the outdoors."

These trail projects were made possible with cooperation from Wayne County, International Transmission Company, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan Department of Transportation.

For additional trail information, contact the Canton Park Office at 734-394-5310 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

terconnects Canton's Heritage Park with Michigan Department of Transportation's I-275 Metro Trail (a regional trail system offering approximately six miles of non-motorized pathways in Canton). The trail head for the Lower Rouge Trail is located off of Morton Taylor Road, north of Michigan Avenue. Combined, all of these trails in Canton offer nearly 15 miles of non-motorized pathways,

open year-round from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Relay for Life partners for viewing party

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Two years ago, Hillary Kind of Canton, who'd been fighting cancer for nearly a third of her 26 years, went on a prime time special produced by Stand Up To Cancer to tell the story of her battle against cancer.

Not long after the show, Kind lost that battle.

Now, Stand Up To Cancer, the charitable initiative supporting

groundbreaking research aimed at getting new treatments to patients quickly, has a new partner: the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

To help finish the fight against cancer and support SU2C, volunteer organizers of the American Cancer Society's Detroit area Relay For Life events are hosting viewing parties for SU2C's prime time special at two locations, including one Friday, Sept. 5 in Plymouth.

During the special, Abigail Stonerook will remember Kind, a good friend who fought the fight for a long time and for whom Stonerook carries on the fight now.

"We all watched and cried as Hillary told the story of her life and cancer journey in those five minutes," Stonerook, the ACS staff partner for both the Plymouth and Canton Relay for Life events, said of Kind, who was diagnosed her senior year at Canton High

School. "In her 26 years of life, Hillary lived and loved more and with more enthusiasm than most people do in an entire lifetime."

This year, local cancer survivors and advocates for Stand Up To Cancer will gather for 7 p.m. viewing parties for the Sept. 5 prime time special at two locations:

» 3 and Up Board Game Lounge, 630 S. Main Street, Plymouth
» Suburban Cadillac of Troy, 1820 Maplelawn Drive, Troy

The special and the viewing parties are a chance to raise funds for the SU2C-ACS Lung Cancer Dream Team. A \$25 registration fee includes a commemorative T-shirt, luminaria and refreshments, as well as the chance to bid on exclusive silent auction items, win door prizes and more.

The metro Detroit viewing parties are among more than 200 across the country vying for the opportunity to be featured during the live telecast. Money raised from the SU2C Viewing Parties will support the SU2C Lung Cancer

Dream Team that is funded in part by the American Cancer Society.

The hour-long telecast will highlight the work of Stand Up To Cancer's Dream Teams of cancer researchers and acknowledge SU2C's corporate supporters and nonprofit collaborators, including the American Cancer Society. The televised event will also feature celebrity ambassadors and exciting musical performances.

"I'm really excited the ACS and SU2C are working together," Stonerook said. "One of the most important pieces is pulling together."

The American Cancer Society announced in January a historic collaboration with Stand Up To Cancer, an alliance that marries the Society's comprehensive cancer-fighting mission with SU2C's high-impact research funding model in order to accelerate cutting-edge research on some of the most deadly cancers, all for the benefit of patients.

It's one of the things Stonerook believes her friend would like about the collaboration, be-

PLYMOUTH VIEWING PARTY

What: Viewing party for Stand Up To Cancer prime time special
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5

Where: 3 and Up Board Game Lounge, 630 S. Main Street, Plymouth

Why: To raise money and highlight the work of Stand Up To Cancer's Dream Teams of cancer researchers and acknowledge SU2C's corporate supporters and nonprofit collaborators, including the American Cancer Society

Register: Registration available at: http://main.acsevents.org/goto/3_and_up

cause Kind benefited from both ends.

"When the (ACS) research couldn't help her any more, Stand Up To Cancer helped her by helping her tell her story," Stonerook said. "SU2C helped her to cross just a few things off of her bucket list."

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'She always had a smile:' Local girl remembered for love of life

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Of the many things Greg Rubenson will remember about his daughter Abby Rubenson, one of the biggest memories will be the smile she had on her face.

"She always had a smile," the Livonia resident said. "Always joking, always teasing."

Abby spent more than a year battling a rare brain tumor before passing away last month. The girl, who just completed fourth grade at Kennedy School in Livonia, died one month shy of her 10th birthday.

She and her family discovered the disease last May, when she fell ill during a school field trip. Since then, Abby split time between her home with family and at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment. The tumor subsided earlier this year, but a new one grew just months later, sending her back to the hospital for treatment. She died July 12 at her home.

But even with all the medications, doctor visits and stops at the hospital, Abby maintained her smile and corny sense of humor, her father said.

"There wasn't a person she met she wasn't teasing or joking with," he said. "She definitely had a love for crappy jokes. Any awful jokes. That was in her bag, she loved that stuff."

The first time she returned home from the hospital last summer, she was welcomed to a neighborhood celebration complete with friends from school, church, her soccer team and the neighborhood.

"We had a school family, we had a church family, we had a soccer family. The amount of support was unbelievable," Greg Rubenson said. "It really did help us get through it."

Tami Danaher, Abby's teacher last year, said it was incredible to see how her students rallied around the little girl and were sometimes stronger than some of the teachers at Kennedy School.

"She would come in; they were excited to see her. They were glad when she was there," Danaher said. "Whatever it was, there was never a problem. They really went out of their way to make sure she was included."

Rubenson said one of Abby's memorable practical jokes came near last Halloween during her treatment at the hospital. She had obtained a bag of fake candy blood and hung it on her IV pole, startling a nurse who came to help her.

She was also known for loving to play games, including card games. Rubenson said it wasn't uncommon for the two to wager a \$1 a game and for Abby to empty his wallet by the end of the night.

Even after losing feeling in her sides, her family set up a way for her to continue playing.

"She took my money on a daily basis," he said. "She enjoyed being engaged in those games."

Soccer tournament planned

Abby played for the Livonia City Soccer Club, now known as AC Milan Detroit West Soccer Club. As she continued to battle her illness, several groups, including some from her family's church in Northville and her soccer team, collaborated to launch a soccer tournament that will make its debut next month in Northville.

The tournament, dubbed the Abby Rubenson Cup, will take place Sept. 26-28 at Ward Church, 4000 Six Mile, in Northville. So far, several teams have already applied to participate, including teams from Livonia, Novi and South Lyon.



The neighborhood celebrated Abby Rubenson's return home from the hospital last summer.

ABBY RUBENSON CUP

When: Sept. 26-28

Where: Ward Church, 4000 Six Mile, Northville

Why: Proceeds will go toward Ward Church and a fund named for Abby, which will benefit several charities in the future

To register: Go to abbyscup.com; sign-up deadline is Sept. 1

The deadline for teams to sign up is Sept. 1. Proceeds will go toward Ward Church and a fund named for Abby, which will benefit several charities in the future. More information can be found on the tournament's website, abbyscup.com.

Abby's soccer coach, Chris Burnette, said she was a budding soccer star, playing in upper age divisions in the club and proving her worth. Her team has since retired her No. 2 jersey for future squads.

"When she came to my team, it was like hitting the lottery," he said. "She was poised to be a very good center back."

Burnette said the loss has been tough on the Livonia soccer community, especially with the recent death of John Bieniewicz, a Westland man who was a referee in the area. But the support has been unmatched.

"When something like this happens, the soccer community has been huge," he said. "We've had huge support from everywhere."

Danaher, who has taught at Kennedy for 18 years, said support from around the school had been huge as well. She described Abby the best way she could with just one word: perseverance.

"The big thing I want-

ed to get across was her perseverance and my admiration for that," she said. "She taught us a valuable lesson of keeping faith and keeping strong."

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Abby Rubenson maintained her corny sense of humor throughout her cancer fight, her father said.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 6, 9-11 a.m.**Location:** Plymouth Fall Festival, east end of Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival. This is open to the community without charge; bring something (healthy plants only), take something or just stop by and see what is available. Members will be available to answer questions. Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.

Contact: For further information, call 734-459-7146.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.**Location:** Summit on the Park, Arts 2 Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

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Details: Thrivent Financial hosts free, 60-minute educational events to offer an economic update to the community. The event is presented by Jeffrey S. Long, financial consultant, of the Huron Valley Group with Thrivent Financial in Plymouth. The event will offer important updates about changes in the economy and markets, what they mean to your financial strategy and will help answer many important questions. "Paying attention to financial and economic news is important," Long said. "However, we want to help people understand how recent events can impact them and how they can keep their financial strategy on course." The event is available to the public.

Contact: To register for this free event, call Matt Crenshaw or Lisa Kitz at 734-455-9272 or email huronvalley-group@thrivent.com.

OLGC ALPHA SERIES

Date/Time: Courses begin week of Sept. 9 and end week of Nov. 18. Times vary.**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Registration is now open for the parish's Alpha Course. The 11-week program involves interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes a meal, short talk and informal group discussion. Our Lady of Good Counsel launched Alpha September 2013. By the end of the winter session in 2014, a total of 1,500 people completed the course.

Contact: To register or for more information, go to www.olgcparrish.net/events/alpha or call 734-453-0326. Open to all, Alpha is free to anyone living in the OLGC Parish boundaries and not registered at another parish.



The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a perennial exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, in Kellogg Park.

TASTE FEST

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 5, 6-8 p.m.**Location:** Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth's Old Village

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are sponsoring the Taste Fest, which will offer great food and wine tasting. Participants include Bahama Breeze, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Elite Catering, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBisteca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Mitchell's Fish Market, Noodles & Company, Plymouth Roc, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Vintner's Canton Winery and Zoup Soup, Salad & Sandwiches. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. There's a live band, cash bar and more food and tables. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street.

Contact: Call 734-459-1896 for more information.

ACT PREP CLASS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 19 and Aug. 26, 3-4 p.m.**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

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the ACT exam, to be taken nationally Sept. 13.

Contact: Reserve a spot by calling 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

FALL FEST CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Craft show is during Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7**Location:** Downtown Plymouth

Details: It's not too late to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown at craftshow@plymouth-fallfestival.com.

HEAD START ENROLLMENT

Date: Starts Sept. 8**Location:** Plymouth-Canton Head Start, 5880 Canton Center, Suite 450, Canton

Details: Registration is now open for Plymouth-Canton's Head Start program. The program is open to children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years old (must be 3 years old by Oct. 1). Head Start is a free preschool for low-income families and accepts children with disabilities/special needs.

Contact: For more information and to enroll, call 734-354-5196.

BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

Date/Time: Aug. 18-19, 7-9 p.m.**Location:** Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Barefoot Productions announced auditions for the official opening production to its 2014-15 season. Artistic Director/Founder Craig A. Hane will be directing *The Lights Are Warm and Coloured* by William Norfolk, a Victorian thriller based on the Lizzie Borden lore. There are roles for five women (ages 22-45) and two men (ages 27-55). Bring a resume and head shot, if available. Prepare a dramatic monologue (two minutes maximum), plus there will be cold readings from the script.

Contact: For more information, call Hane at 734-276-9075 or visit Barefoot Productions at www.justgobarefoot.com

BLUES FESTIVAL

Date/Time: Sunday, Aug. 17, 12:30-8 p.m.**Location:** Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Elks Blues Summer Festival features Carl Henry, The BOA Constructors, Greg Nagy Band, RJ's Kansas City Six, Thornetta Davis and an all-star jam. Food and beverages will be available. Entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.**Location:** Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz @ The Elks is \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Featured will be the Tommy Good Quartet with Tommy Good on vocals, Chuck Shermetaro on keyboards, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Oct. 18**Location:** West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

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 debortellini@comcast.net or 734-451-1525.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon**Location:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Dr. James Gregg, president and founder of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers and Michigan Disc & Spine, a noted and national speaker on health and wellness issues, will present his timely and relevant senior based seminar "No Need To Live With Pain." He will follow up with a Q&A session. His team will provide individual, painless and non-invasive computerized health screenings that will immediately detail any current health issues. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers.

Contact: RSVP is required by calling 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6.**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are 8 feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf.

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County holds budget hearing in Livonia

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy went before the county commission's Ways and Means Committee with a request she's made in previous years: her office needs more money to function.

"We do not have the resources to do our jobs properly," she said.

Worthy, along with other county department heads, spoke Thursday during a committee meeting on the proposed 2014-15 county budget at Livonia City Hall. The committee meeting, chaired by Livonia Republican Laura Cox, served as a public hearing and featured several departments presenting their proposed budgets to the committee.

The prosecuting attorney's office, headed by Worthy, has requested a budget of more than \$46.5 million for the next fiscal year, while the Wayne County executive's office has recommended \$38.6 million, a difference of more than \$7.8 million, according to county documents. Worthy's budget calls for including funds for a staff of 301 full-time employees, while the executive's office calls for a staff of 246 next year.

Worthy, who said her department is down nearly 107 employees, said many leave her office and head to jobs in other parts of the state that pay better and offer a lighter caseload.

"The feeling is that the county is never going to be adequately funded," Worthy said of employees who leave for elsewhere.

Commissioner Shannon Price, who represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton, referenced the lawsuit filed last year by



The Wayne County Commission's Ways and Means Committee meets Thursday in Livonia City Hall. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Commissioner Shannon Price, R-Canton.

Worthy against Wayne County during the meeting and said the figures requested in the lawsuit and the actual amount spent did not match.

"You made a lot of public appearances on local news, talking about how you couldn't cover the courts, you couldn't do warrants, you couldn't cover your cases because we cut your budget, yet you spent \$3 million more than you even sued us for," he said. "Forgive me if I come in a little skeptical on everything that you say, because every time I turn on the TV, I hear a different story."

Worthy said there have been a multitude of funds that have been

pulled out from various sources, including the state, which has led to a decrease in funding to her department, which oversees thousands of cases each year.

Circuit court budget

Also discussed Thursday morning was the budget for Wayne County Circuit Court, a body that is scheduled to lose four judges under a state restructuring plan signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder earlier this year.

Chief Judge Robert Colombo told the committee he hopes that other employees who work in the courtroom with those judges, including sheriff deputies and court clerks, do not have their positions eliminated as well.

"We have a problem that we do not have enough sheriffs or enough clerks," he said. "I don't think we should lose those positions."

The court has requested a budget of more than \$141.6 million for next year, which is less than the executive's office recommendation of \$142

million.

Colombo said it is possible the court may need more resources in the future, as law enforcement efforts in Detroit are ramped up. That increase in enforce-

ment could send more cases through the court system.

"We expect to see an increase in filing criminal complaints," he said.

The next committee budget hearing will take

place at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, in Detroit.

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Williams' death helps put spotlight on substance use disorder

The tragic loss of actor and comedian Robin Williams has brought increased attention to an illness that far too many people suffer from – substance use disorder. Williams battled addiction to drugs and alcohol for decades. He was quoted in an ABC News interview as saying that “drinking presents another side of yourself that even you don’t know.”

Some people turn to drugs and alcohol to combat depression. For others, the drugs and alcohol lead to depression. Any addiction can trigger a multitude of negative feelings, such as guilt, sadness, shame, hopelessness, helplessness, powerlessness, anger, anxiety and fear. These emotional experiences are very similar to those found in episodes of depression that occur without addiction.

“The tragic loss of Robin Williams is a powerful reminder that even the most gifted are not immune from the power of the diseases of mental illness and substance

abuse; and that success and money is not the key to happiness,” said Tom Watkins, president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. “Substance abuse and mental health issues impact every zip code, race, gender and socioeconomic status. Sadly, none of us are immune. I know all too well, having lost two siblings who struggled with mental illness and substance abuse and tragically took their own lives.”

Getting help

Roughly 16 million adults in the U.S. suffered from major depression in the past year and 12 percent of adults were addicted to alcohol, with 2-3 percent addicted to illicit drugs, such as heroin and cocaine. Yet less than 50 percent of these people received any treatment at all. Of those who received some treatment, less than 50 percent of those got adequate treatment.

According to Dr. Carmen McIntyre, chief medical officer at

DWMHA, “Emotional disorders and addictions are very treatable. However, many people don’t realize that they need help and many others are ashamed to seek help.”

“The loss of Robin Williams, like Philip Seymour Hoffman earlier this year, help highlight the seriousness of these disorders and give us increased opportunities to educate our community about the severity of the illness and services available to them,” he said. “In Wayne County, for the first time, DWMHA has integrated our services to deliver substance abuse treatment, relapse prevention as well as services for depression and other mental illnesses all within the same system. Just one call, to our 24 Hour Crisis and Referral Hotline – 800-241-4949 – gets you connected to a system designed to match services to fit your needs.”

For more information, call 313-833-2500 or visit the DWMHA website at www.dwmha.com.

Police seek info on missing Wayne man



Wayne Police are looking for information about David White, a Wayne resident who hasn't been seen since Aug. 1.

Wayne Police are asking the public's help in locating a local resident missing since Aug. 1.

David White, 46, was last seen on at his job in Livonia. According to police, it is believed White may have returned home after leaving work, but he hasn't been seen or heard from since.

Anyone who has seen White or has information on his whereabouts is asked to call Wayne Police at 734-721-1414.

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HITTING THEIR STRIDE

Walkers take to the road in fight against breast cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Jake Hermann of Livonia has lost his aunt and his grandmother to cancer, so he wanted to help when it came time for the 60-mile Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day walk this year.

He knew his sister and his dad were already walking, so Hermann figured he could spread the wealth and find another way to help.

So there was Hermann, in the wee hours of Friday morning, loading luggage onto rental trucks as walkers were checking in at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, the staging area for the 2014 Komen 3-Day.

"I'm just helping out the cause, trying to help raise as much money as possible," Hermann said as he hoisted backpacks and suitcases into the truck. "My dad and my sister are walking and I wanted to help as many walkers as possible. They're the ones who raise the money."

Some 1,200 walkers – up a little from last year's total – stretched amid temperatures in the mid-50s as the walk got off to a cool start.

Walkers will have averaged 20 miles a day by the time they're through Sunday, when the event winds up at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn. The Michigan walk is one of seven events Komen is sponsoring this year and remains one of its more popular ones.

It's the 11th year Michigan has hosted the walk.

"It's a walk for women and men who want to be a part of something bigger – they want to end breast cancer forever," said Dr. Sherie Phillips, national spokesperson for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day. "This weekend is no exception."

There are seven walks around the country, down from 14 a year ago. Phillips says the fact there are fewer walks doesn't diminish what participants hope to accomplish.

"The evolution of the (3-Day) doesn't change the fact Komen is committed to the cause of ending breast cancer forever," she said. "We have 1,200 people here

"It's a walk for women and men who want to be a part of something bigger ... to end breast cancer forever."

DR. SHERIE PHILLIPS

ready to walk ... the New Balances are laced, we're going to urge people to take action to end breast cancer with each and every step."

Fans and supporters will be waiting for the walkers all along the path, as they do every year. Not only do they line the neighborhood streets along the route, there are also cheering stations in Farmington Hills, Northville, Plymouth and Livonia.

Like many walkers, Jill Engel of Canton is walking in honor of a family member stricken with breast cancer. Her mother, she said, has had breast cancer twice.

At one point, Engel said, her mother was given 18 months to live. She is now a 10-plus-year survivor whose fight convinced her daughter to take up the cause.

"My mom knew she'd be OK no matter what happens and I wanted faith like that," Engel said. "I'm walking because my mother gave me the gift of faith."

Anna Fleeman of Novi walked with her friend Denise Francisco, a breast cancer survivor from Monroe.

"I walk with her so nobody else has to go through what she's gone through," Fleeman said. "Hopefully, soon we won't have to fight it anymore."

The walk culminates with the closing ceremony around 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Ford World Headquarters. But even when the walk ends, Phillips points out, the battle doesn't.

"Nearly three million breast cancer survivors live in the U.S. today – the largest group of cancer survivors in the nation," Phillips said. "But we know our work is not done until we find the cure."

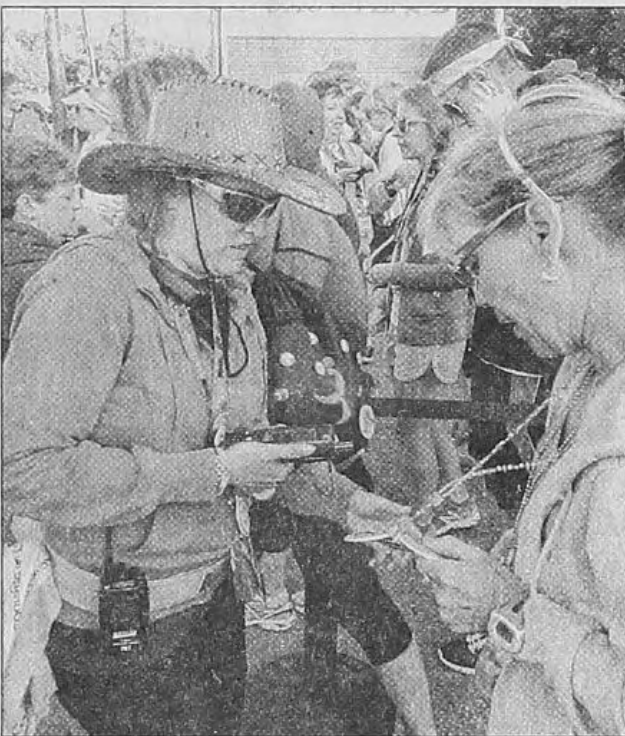
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And they're off ... headed up Grand River after leaving the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.



Anna Fleeman of Novi (left) is walking with her friend Denise Francisco, a breast cancer survivor from Monroe.



Lisa Cornejo of Novi (left) checks walkers route cards as they head out for the first day of the walk.



Meredith Barnett (left) and Jennifer Curtis came all the way from Dallas to walk in the Michigan 3-Day.

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The phrase "wait listed" is a term college administrators use to inform prospective students that the institution, while not ready to accept them, is willing to consider their applications at a later time. For the present, the prospective students should stand in line and bide their time.

In the world of arthritis care, wait listing also occurs. If a patient recently had fluid taken from a knee, with an injection following, the patient may hear that he or she must accept a delay of at least three months before another aspiration or injection can take place. However, such medical wait listing thinking does not hold up under scrutiny.

People who defend the delay say that repeated injections cause joint infection. But infection from a joint injection occurs if the person doing the procedure breaks sterile technique; the number of injections doesn't create a risk.

Another argument against repeated joint injections is that the steroid injected will destroy the bone. It is true that steroids such as prednisone can cause bone fractures. But the way these fractures occur is through the effect of steroids by mouth, not from steroid injected around the bone.

The final point made by those opposing repeated injections is that the injection needle damages cartilage. But there is no record of an orthopedic surgeon at the time of knee operation identifying such an injury. The needle point is small, and the needle angle at the time of injection is too oblique to strike a cutting blow to knee cartilage.

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PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2014 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1519, Gateways of Plymouth Condominium Project, R-2-A zoning district: is requesting three variances:
 1. Planning Commission reduced the side yard setback from 50 feet to 35 feet. The applicant is requesting an additional 5 feet on the side setback for unit 58. *The variance requested is 5 feet of side yard setback.*
 2. The applicant is requesting a reduction in building separation from 20 feet to 17 feet between the following units: 43 & 44, 46 & 47, 49 & 50. *The variance requested is 3 feet between units.*
 3. The applicant is requesting a reduction in buffer setback from 60 feet to 55 feet on unit 58. *The variance requested is 5 feet of rear yard setback.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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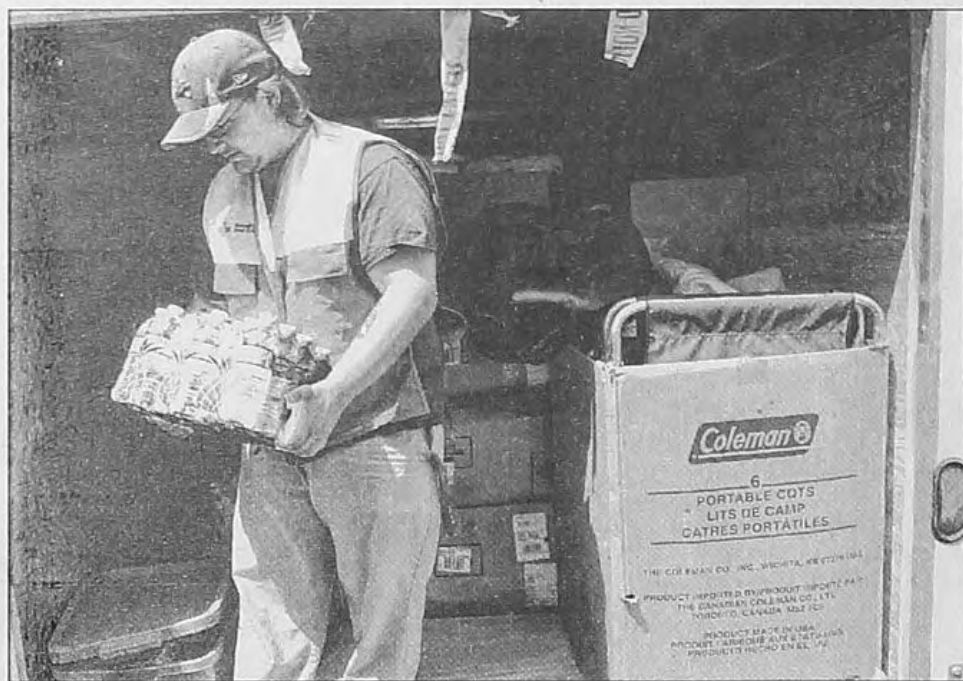
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Red Cross volunteers set up Garden City shelter



Curry Baumgart unloads supplies at Garden City Middle School. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Some American Red Cross volunteers who last week manned the shelter set up at Garden City Middle School also had experience in larger-scale disaster areas.

Through an ongoing agreement, the middle school was selected to house some clients who couldn't return to their homes because of the heavy rains and flooding Aug. 11.

Four people from Hamtramck and a Detroit mother with four children were among the people sheltered last week at the school. Privacy restrictions from the Red Cross prevented interviews with those people.

Bev Terry, a Shelby Township resident and a relatively new volunteer, was one person assigned to the shelter.

"The Red Cross is almost entirely volunteers," she said.

Terry is a mental health specialist and a former school counselor.

"I am a licensed professional counselor," Terry said.

Traumatic situation

Assessing the client's mental health is important to determine what resources would best assist them. It's a traumatic situation for anyone who has lost their residence for a time.

"Disaster mental health exists to provide emotional support for both the victims of the disaster and for the staff who are working the disaster," Terry said. "We assess how people are coping with the disaster. Going through a loss and the anxiety related to the disaster takes a toll."

"People need to be reminded to take care of themselves and to maintain a normal schedule. They need to feel that



Norm Beasley of Wayne manages the shelter. Bev Terry is a disaster mental health counselor.

somebody understands what they are going through. We do pay attention," she said.

Most of the time, the goal is to help people avoid long-term effects from the disaster.

"The Red Cross tries to evaluate the degree of risk factors that a person might have," Terry said. "If you go through multiple stresses at once, you are at a higher risk. For these folks here, their homes are unlivable."

Sometimes people think they can cope with what is going on and find out that they can't. They need people to think through what their options are and help them move on.

"The Red Cross is about emergency relief, not long-term relief," Terry said. "We help them figure out whom else they can call."

Volunteers, who are assigned to a shift, come and go at an emergency site. Terry previously was assigned to a larger disaster situation.

"I was also deployed at the Colorado floods last September, because that was a national disaster," Terry said. "It washed out whole towns and affected 13 coun-

ties."

Handling logistics

Norm Beasley of Wayne, a retired General Motors employee, is often sent to specific areas to manage the buildings where the shelters are housed.

"I handle logistics and site management," said Beasley, a 14-year volunteer.

Beasley recently helped distribute water at a site in Monroe County because of the water crisis in Toledo. Nearly half a million people in northwest Ohio awoke to a serious and uncommon warning from Toledo city officials – don't drink water from the tap; don't give it to pets; don't boil or cook with it. The dangers posed by the tap water were nausea, dizziness, diarrhea and liver damage.

Beasley has had a variety of assignments of a similar nature in his role as a site manager, including helping out after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Katrina was the largest and third strongest hurricane ever recorded to make landfall in the United States.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth Housing Commission will receive sealed bids at their main office, 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 until the hour of 10:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the following project:

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Plymouth Housing Commission
Plymouth, Michigan

Bids are desired for total construction of the work, all as described in specifications and drawings on file and available to contractors during regular working hours starting at noon, local time, Thursday, August 14, 2014, at the offices of **Alliance Architects**, 929 Lincolnway East, Suite 200, South Bend, Indiana and the offices of the Plymouth Housing Commission, 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT/ACCESSIBILITY

In order to facilitate site examinations, the Architect will be available to accompany bidders starting at 9:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, August 21, 2014. The tour will be held at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan. This will be the only time the interiors of the buildings will be available for inspection during the bid period.

Bids must be on the bid form provided in the project manual accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit and bid security in the amount of not less than 5% of the bid.

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OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice Is Hereby Given that on **August 25, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, for the benefits of land within the Drainage Districts for the following Drains:

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The computation of costs for each of the Drains will also be available for review. The Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within each of the Drainage Districts. Drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the collection period is greater than one year, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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Music, firefighter games on tap for Woehlke-Palooza

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A full schedule of live music and firefighter games will highlight the second annual Woehlke-Palooza, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 22-23, in downtown Wayne.

The event, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Firefighters Local 1279 and the U.S. 12 American Bar and Grill, honors Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke, killed in the line of duty in 2013, along with other fallen firefighters and police who died in the past year.

"Over the two days last year, we probably had 1,500 to 2,000 people. We hope to have that many each night," said Carl Peters, a Wayne-Westland firefighter who is organizing the firefighter games. "I think people realized it was a bigger event than they thought, so they will come back and bring their friends."

It's an outdoor event that will be held at the U.S. 12 American Bar and Grill, 34824 Michigan Ave., just east of Wayne Road. Rain or shine, Woehlke-Palooza begins at 5 p.m. each day.

» On Friday, the entertainment will be headlined by Detroit legends Brownsville Station, along with ThrillBillys, Bristol Street and Two Timin' Band. ThrillBillys have composed a song dedicated to Woehlke that they will perform Friday night during their set.

» Saturday will be headlined by Sponge, with Pistol Day Parade, Kaleido and the Mike Leslie Band, all of whom are currently out on national tours. Also performing will be Social Bandits.

The firefighter games, with eight teams participating, will begin at 6 p.m. and can be watched while guests listen to the music.

"There will be a water ball competition and a firefighter combat challenge where two-man teams go through timed relays," Peters

said. "It's a pretty hardcore competition. They definitely get to show off their skills."

Last year, the event raised about \$7,500 which went to the family of Woehlke, killed fighting the fire that destroyed the Electric Stick/Marvaso's Italian Grille. Still under investigation, the fire has been ruled arson and Woehlke's death a homicide. Woehlke is the first Westland firefighter killed in the line of duty.

"The event was created in honor of Brian and, with his recent death, the money went to his family," Peters said. "This year, the money will go to our charity fund earmarked to relieve stress for the families of fallen police and firefighters."

With the anticipated larger turnout, Peters said he hopes the event will raise \$10,000 this year.

At this year's event, there will also be a special ceremony to remember late Westland Police Officer Skender Gocaj, who died in a 2003 car accident while off-duty. His brothers, John Goci and Scott Gocaj, own the U.S. 12.

Tickets, priced \$20, are available in advance at all Wayne-Westland fire stations, U.S. 12 Bar and Grill and www.netpix.com. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the show.

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SEMCOG survey asks residents' perspective on driving behaviors

Last year, there were more than 128,000 traffic crashes in the Detroit area in which 363 people lost their lives and more than 35,000 were injured. August is the last month of the busy summer travel season when most crashes occur.

While it is easy to say that "accidents happen," the reality is that many of these crashes occurred and many of these lives were lost due to inappropriate driving behaviors.

In an effort to impact quality of life in southeast Michigan by keeping roads and highways safer, SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and its partner organization, the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, have launched a survey to gather perceptions on dangerous activities behind the wheel.

Citizens are being asked to take a quick survey to provide their perspective on dangerous driving behaviors and help guide future traffic safety education and outreach efforts to make roads safer.

The survey focuses on the three main categories of driver behavior that lead to traffic crashes: impaired driving, aggressive driving and distracted driving.

» Impaired driving makes up a small percentage of traffic crashes that occur within the region, but it is the leading cause of fatalities. Driving drunk, buzzed or drowsy is extremely



With 128,000 traffic crashes in the Detroit area last year, SEMCOG is doing a survey to gather driver perceptions on dangerous activities. FILE PHOTO

dangerous and many times results in vehicles running off the road, often with serious consequences. It also can result in crossing lanes or running through stop lights, putting the lives of other drivers and passengers at significant risk.

» The drivers who cause anxiety for everyone else on the road are the aggressive ones. Examples are the motorcyclist who weaves in and out of lanes. Motorcycle crashes are again a very small proportion of total crashes, but represented 13 percent of total fatalities last year. Another example of aggressive behavior behind the wheel is the tailgater who is following so closely behind a vehicle that the driver's face can be seen in the rear-view mirror. And there also is the driver who ignores the speed limit as he or she passes every other car on the road.

» Distracted driving is

probably the most difficult driver behavior to quantify in relation to traffic crashes, because it takes so many forms, very few of which are readily apparent. What most observers agree is that the age of electronics has significantly increased the incidences of distracted driving.

Everyone has experienced the car that unexpectedly slows down on the freeway as the driver talks on his or her cell-phone. Or the texting driver who takes his eyes off the road for a brief

moment, but in that time has traveled several hundred feet without paying attention.

Being distracted for just a few seconds – whether reaching for a cup of coffee or adjusting the radio – can have serious, even fatal, consequences.

"Too many lives are lost and injuries sustained needlessly on southeast Michigan roads due to things we can change," said Kathleen Lomako, SEMCOG executive director and MAC president. "We want drivers to be more aware of the behaviors that put them and others at risk as they travel."

She added that the survey is powered by Cobalt Community Research, a Michigan-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit research coalition with a mission to provide research and educational tools that help schools, local governments and other nonprofit member organizations thrive as changes emerge in the economic, demographic and social landscape.

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Cruisin' ... on a Sunday afternoon

Cars buffs ready to take over
Hines Drive for fourth annual ride

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

If you're a cruiser, Hines Park will be the place to be next Sunday as classic, hot rod and custom cars take over the parkway for the fourth annual Cruisin' Hines.

Last year, more than 50,000 car lovers turned

out to motor along Hines Drive from Outer Drive in Dearborn to Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Thousands more line the road to watch in what has become Wayne County's version of the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"The numbers are pretty high for the first three years, making this a phenomenal event,"

said organizer Don Nicholson of Westland. "This cruise is about the car culture and the cars are representative of their owners. I've been approached by bands that say we need to have a concert. I did that in the past and found that the cars are the entertainment at the cruise."

Food and auto-related vendors and spectators will line the 7½-mile cruise, which will officially open at 9 a.m. and

run through 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, although cruisers, especially "Cruisin' Eddie," will be in line by at least 3:30 a.m. to be the first to drive the parkway.

New entrance

In a switch from previous years, cars will enter Hines Drive off of Ford Road in Dearborn. The approach provides a more than one-mile staging area that, hopefully, will resolve problems with traffic flow that have been issue in past years, Nicholson said.

Cars will be allowed to leave the park at Telegraph, Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail, but will have to go to Ford Road to re-enter.

"Our biggest goal is to get more efficiency in getting the cars on to Hines Drive," he said. "With the approach off Ford Road, cruisers have the ability to come straight in with no turns. If cruisers try to enter at Outer Drive, they'll be sent to Ford Road."

Wayne County Sheriff deputies will be at the intersection for the cruise. Outer Drive traf-

fic will be open going north and south, but will not be allowed to turn on to Hines Drive.

Nicholson did an informal survey about where cruisers would like to enter the park – at Ford Road or Ann Arbor Trail. Ninety percent said Ann Arbor Trail. That wouldn't solve the problem with congestion and traffic backing up on to other thoroughfares.

"The only way to fix the problem is by changing the entrance to Ford Road," he said.

Nicholson is asking cruisers to not enter the park early, but to wait until vendors are in their spots. Cars enthusiasts could end up setting up camp in a spot reserved for a vendor; having to move one to make room for the other can delay the opening of the park, he said.

Yet to be determined is where WOMC-FM (104.3) will set up. The radio station will broadcast live on 4G for the event.

"The sooner we get the vendors set up, the sooner we can get the cars in," Nicholson said,

adding the popular spot for car watching is between Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail.

'Good people'

Nicholson has worked closely with Wayne County Parks in staging the Hines Drive cruise. It had been tried in the past, but with little success. He describes the relationship as like a marriage made in heaven.

"They've been supportive of this from the start," he said. "They're good people to work with."

And while Nicholson will be the first in the park Sunday morning, he won't be the last to leave. He's generally out of there by about 9 p.m.

"When I do my last drive through, there still a few hundred cruisers in the park," he said.

For more information about Cruisin' Hines, visit the website at cruisinhines.com or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CruisinHines.

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Cruisers parked their cars and sat back to watch what Don Nicholson describes as a "moving car show" along Hines Drive. FILE PHOTO

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Franklin to host 'Red Out' fundraiser

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Franklin football team and the program's Mom's Club will be hosting a "Red Out" during the Patriots' home game at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 against Milford.

Money generated from the

fundraiser will be donated to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital oncology unit.

"Our reason for doing this is to raise awareness of childhood cancer," Mom's Club spokesperson Debbie Mead said. "We have invited kids from Mott's who are battling cancer. Our boys will be play-

ing for these kids."

Among the fundraising projects planned for the night include the selling of T-shirts and glow bracelets, with all proceeds going to Mott.

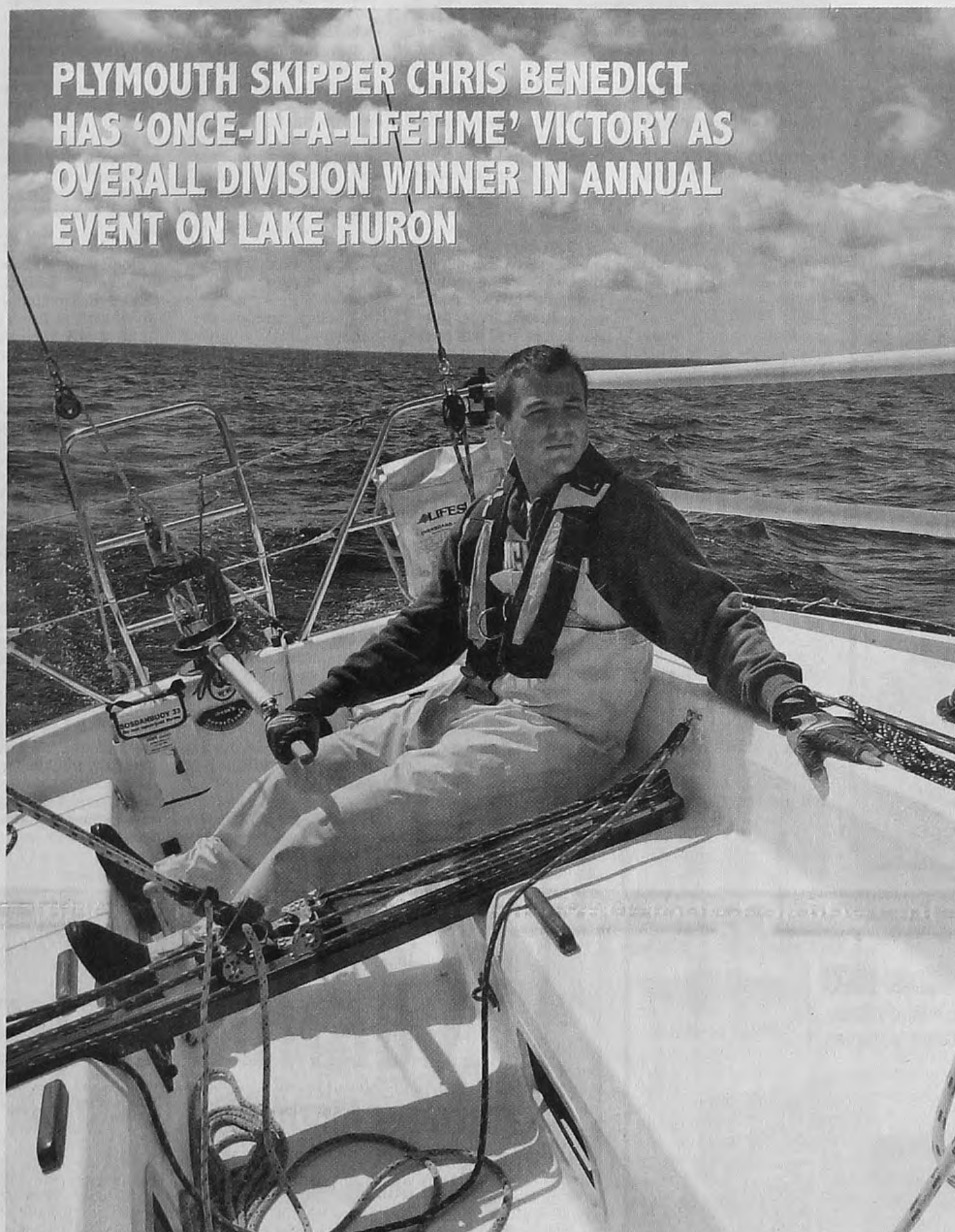
Also, Build-A-Bear will be on-site selling bears and bunnies, while Dave & Buster's will set up a tent near the stadium.

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Baskets will be raffled off as well.

The admission for the game is \$5.

The Mom's Club is also hosting a fundraiser for Mott's 5-7 p.m. Sept. 2 at Leo's Coney Island, located at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt roads.



PLYMOUTH SKIPPER CHRIS BENEDICT HAS 'ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME' VICTORY AS OVERALL DIVISION WINNER IN ANNUAL EVENT ON LAKE HURON

Shape crew member Cameron Benedict enjoys an afternoon of sailing as he steers the rudder.

Sailor achieves high point in Mackinac sailboat race

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Chris Benedict of Plymouth has had more success than most sailors ever will in the annual Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.

With 11 first-place finishes and numerous seconds and thirds in 28 consecutive starts, Benedict and the eight-man crew aboard Shape are one of the dominant teams.

But this year was an exceptionally good one, a once-in-a-lifetime achievement, according to Benedict, who co-owns the 35-foot Santana sailboat with longtime friend Win Cooper III.

They sailed to victory again in their class (Level 126), but they also won their division for the first time, beating 127 other boats in Division II Shore Course Racing.

Shape won the overall championship on corrected time by 33-plus minutes over Farmington Hills sailor Paul Lee's boat Genesis.

"It's quite a big deal; it's not common," Benedict said. "We've been in the top 10 a few times. That seems close and you think, 'As well as we did, will we ever get there?' This year it seemed to all come together. All the stars aligned."

The 48-year-old Benedict, an engi-

neer who now works in sales, attributes his and the boat's success to consistency among the crew.

"Three others have been on board every time we've won," he said. "We're a very disciplined crew. We sail four hours and sleep four hours around the clock. That sleeping discipline is critical."

"A lot of people miss that. With the excitement of the race and the boats all around you, sometimes it's hard to go to sleep. It's absolutely critical or you're in trouble."

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Treating U-M athletes a rush for local doctor

Miller thrives as a physician for Wolverines' football and women's hoops teams

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The adrenaline rush Canton resident Amy Miller experiences in the moments leading up to University of Michigan home football games is difficult to contain.

How could you *not* develop a few goosebumps when you're standing in the tunnel of the Big House, shoulder to shoulder with the Wolverines players, waiting to sprint out onto the field, jump up and touch the "Go Blue - M Club Supports You" banner with the band playing *The Victors* and 109,901 people screaming their lungs out?

"I absolutely get pumped up for that," Miller said. "I touch the banner, just like the players. There's nothing else quite like it. But when things settle down and I walk over to the sidelines, I get focused because I know I have a job to do."

Miller's official title is Dr. Amy Miller and her job is pretty extraordinary - she serves as a primary-care physician for the U-M athletic department.

In addition to treating non-athletes at her family practice office near the Briarwood Mall, Miller helps heal members of the U-M football and women's basketball teams.

In a way, she is like a highly-educated mechanic who specializes in tuning up high-end vehicles, all of which are detailed in maize and blue paint.

"Being a primary care physician, I have to be ready to deal with everything - from broken bones to sore throats," she said. "I treat them from head to toe. I enjoy working with this age group because they're active and they work so hard to remain fit. And they're good people, too."

"Being a student-athlete these days can be stressful. There's really no off-season for college athletes. So I try to do everything I can to keep them safe, healthy and happy."

While healing others takes up a huge chunk of most days, Miller also thrives in another professional role: educating U-M students who aspire to someday follow in her footsteps.

"I love the teaching part of my job," she said. "I work with student trainers and students

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RACE

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Slow to start

With their record, Benedict, Cooper and the crew are not accustomed to being behind, but they were early in this year's race, which started at midday Saturday, July 12.

Shape easily defeated the competition in its 12-boat class, finishing at 2:24 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of 37 hours, 53 minutes and 47 seconds. After figuring handicap, its corrected time was 36:26:20.

"We had a bad start," Benedict said. "It's good to get off the starting line in good air. If it doesn't happen, it's not critical because you're 250 miles away from the finish."

You have a lot of time to make it up. In short order, we were right back in the thick of the fleet.

"We had a strategy going in. There are a couple boats we feel are very strong sailors in our class. We wanted to stay close and cover."

"If we get out in front, they're going to want to stay close. If they're going to win, they have to sail through us. A third of the way up the course, we found ourselves in front of everybody."

Shape and its crew also had some good luck and were in the right spot at the right time, according to Benedict.

They dominated the Level 126 Class, finishing 1½ hours ahead of the next boat due to a good move near the end of the race.

While other boats



The sailboat Shape gets underway in the annual Port Huron to Mackinac race on Lake Huron.

stayed close to shore, Shape sailed farther into the lake and heavy air, making it a sprint to the finish line.

"For the last 20 miles, we were never in light air the rest of the way," Benedict said. "It allowed us to go from a two-mile lead to about an eight-mile lead."

Early call to race

Technology is becoming a bigger part of the Mackinac race, too. In recent years, the Bayview Yacht Club has equipped each boat with a satellite transponder that tracks its location throughout the race.

"It indicates how fast the boats are traveling, how far they are from the finish line," Benedict said. "We were just off The Thumb, a quarter-mile into the race, and the race tracker was already projecting us the likely division winner, which is really stressful."

"We have 150 miles to go! The weather can change dozens of times to your advantage or disadvantage. I don't know if I like that or not, but it is fun."

After midnight the first night, Benedict and his team sailed into a rain

squall with quite a bit of wind.

"It was raining so hard you couldn't see 100 yards," he said. "(The driver has) no clue other than a compass, which can be mesmerizing to watch at night."

"The guys on deck handled it well and had the boat moving well, flying up the course. At a time when you can get unfocused and lackadaisical, they had the boat ripping up the course."

When the boat sailed north of Alpena the second day, the wind changed and the water became rough.

"We were rested and in good shape," Benedict said. "When the big waves came, we hampered away and kept the boat going. At that point, we were up to a couple-miles lead on our class competitors."

Crew likes adversity

Sailing in bad weather is something Benedict and his crew almost relish. They thrive in the harsh sailing environment.

Benedict recalled in the 2013 race they experienced the same kind of conditions the first night near Harbor Beach.



Members of the Shape crew (from left) Everett Benedict, Chris Benedict, Dale McNabb (rear), Steven Bradley, Rick Birdsall, Winfield Cooper Sr., Winfield Cooper Jr., Ed Ely and Cameron Benedict celebrate their success.

"It was the most miserable wave set we ever sailed in," he said. "They weren't big waves, but they were close together and beat the heck out of the boat. It was hard to sleep; it felt like we were in a washing machine."

"We seem to have success in miserable weather like that and keep on going. We haven't had a person seasick on our boat ever and those are the conditions you're going to be sick in."

"We got back into the waves near Alpena (this year) and that's when we started to increase the lead. The worse the weather is, the more we like it."

"Let the tornado blow and the waves come through. The more garbage you throw at us, we seem to do well and survive in that."

Benedict added a lot of people become fatigued and give up when faced with those circumstances. That's why it's important to stay fed and hydrated.

"If you don't do that, you'll be done before you know it," he said. "Most people don't like to eat in those conditions. Here we are packing in as much food as we can."

"We do like miserable weather. Anybody can sail when it's easy to sail. We feel fine with the bad weather."

Son a sailor, too

Benedict's oldest son, 21-year-old Cameron,

sailed in his 10th Mackinac race and has a winning percentage nearly as good as his dad's.

"He's had good fortune in his 10 years," Benedict said. "He's finished twice in class; he's finished second and three times finished in first place. He sort of knows the winning side of it."

"I've done it 28 years and had a great winning record, but not as good as his. He doesn't know what the doldrums are like."

"He's quite the avid sailor. He handles the foredeck on the opposite shift and also does a little driving of the boat. He has a steady hand and a good feel for the boat in the wind."

Other members of the crew are Winfield Cooper Sr., who ran a sailing school in Port Huron and taught Benedict how to sail when he was 9, Steve Bradley, Ed Ely, Dale McNabb and Rick Birdsall, who has done all 28 races with Benedict.

"I know fellow yacht club members who've raced 50 of them and never won," Benedict said. "There's no guarantee you're ever going to win. It requires a lot of preparation and focus to win."

"It's the highlight of the summer. It's a little painful if you don't succeed, waiting another year to try it again. We feel fortunate that we've done well."

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Livonia's Warner reaches GAM women's semis

But that's where her title quest ends;
Elsholz tops McPherson for crown

A 23-year-old nanny who caddies part time and three senior-to-be college golfers made up the semifinalists in the 98th Michigan Women's Amateur Championship.

Shannon Warner of Livonia, who caddies more than she plays these days, Michigan State golfer Lindsey McPherson of Flushing, University of Toledo golfer Jennifer Elsholz of Grand Rapids and University of Wisconsin golfer Kimberly Dinh of Midland reached semifinal matches Friday morning to determine the two finalists for the afternoon championship match.

But Warner then lost to McPherson in one semifinal (McPherson earned a 3 and 1 victory), while eventual champion Elsholz turned back McPherson in the championship match.

Each of the four survived two rounds of matches Thursday at the University of Michigan course.

"I was feeling old today," said Warner, who played college golf at Eastern Michigan, caddies at Barton Hills Country Club and works as a nanny. "I wrenched something in my neck on 17 in the first match and it is still bugging me now. It became survival out there."

Warner survived in the quarterfinal match by making a rally from 3-down on the front nine to win 1-up over Jacqueline Setas, a Michigan State golfer from East Lansing. She wasn't especially pleased with her play, but is excited about being in the final four.

"Neither of us played to the best of our abilities, really overall it was kind of mediocre golf and somebody was going to win," Warner



Livonia's Shannon Warner in action during her quarterfinal win Thursday.

said. "Right now I don't feel very good about it because I didn't play very well, but tomorrow is a different day and golf is different every day."

Earlier Thursday, in the round of 16, McPherson defeated Plymouth alum Kelsey Murphy.

Elsholz, who earlier this summer won the GAM Women's Championship at Spring Lake, was confident about her title chances after Thursday's showing.

"I played good today, hit a lot of good shots and my long-distance putting was great," Elsholz said after beating University of Tennessee golfer Hanna Pietila of Brighton 4 and 3 in their quarterfinal match.

"I stayed patient, made a big putt, like 35 feet at No. 9 to stay just one down and then hit some good shots when Hannah made some mistakes," she said. "Patience is the key for me. Like against Hannah, she hit it 50 yards past me all day, but I just figured no big deal, waited for my holes to come and they did."

Dinh, the runner-up in the Michigan PGA Women's Open earlier this year at Crystal Mountain, made four birdies in 15 holes in turning back Allyson Geer of Brighton, the 15-year-old who was medalist in stroke play at the start of the week.

UDM golf team is nation's third-best academically

The University of Detroit Mercy women's golf team took home a lot of hardware for its play on the links, but the Horizon League champion Titans were also winners in the classroom as UDM had the third highest cumulative grade-point average in the nation this past season.

On Thursday, the Women's Golf Coaches Association announced its All-Scholar Team GPA Award and the top 25 team GPAs in the country, with Detroit posting a 3.838 GPA, just behind UTEP's 3.840 and New Mexico's 3.839.

"It is a well-deserved honor for the team," said head coach Terri Anthony-Ryan, longtime PGA teaching professional at Beech Woods Golf Course in Southfield. "They had the pressure on them all year long to repeat as champions and they did, all while taking care of business in the classroom as true student-athletes."

"From the strength room, to the classroom and out on the course, they were champions and that is why we had the success we have had because of their work ethic and their pursuit to be the best."

All eight of the Titans on this year's roster had GPA's over 3.4, with seven of the student-athletes over 3.5 and two perfect 4.0s. Among team members is 2013 Plymouth High School graduate Sarah Thompson.

It is the second straight season that Detroit has earned the WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA accolade, as it ranked 20th last year with a 3.617.

"I couldn't be more

proud of the women's golf team and everything they have accomplished, on and off the course," said Amy Gasahl, director of athletic academics. "When you consider what they did ... winning the Horizon League championship is amazing and then to combine that with the extraordinary work in the classroom from all eight of the golfers is what UDM athletics is all about."

Detroit was one of two schools from the Horizon League in the top 25, with Youngstown State at 22nd. UDM was also one of two schools from the state of Michigan, as Eastern Michigan was 11th.

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NUTRITION

U-M doctor urges athletes to avoid energy supplements

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When it comes to consuming keenly-marketed energy supplements, young athletes should think before they drink.

That is the well-researched advice of Dr. Amy Miller, who serves as a team physician for the University of Michigan football and women's basketball squads.

While energy drinks — and even more potent pick-me-ups like fast-emerging caffeine powder — promise to provide a beneficial boost to athletes' performances, the short- and long-term effects of the products could be harmful, Miller warned.

"My biggest concern regarding energy supplements are the short-term and long-term effects on the heart," said Miller, a Canton



resident who has treated U-M athletes since 2000. "They raise the pulse rate and blood pressure. When you add the extra stress created by exercise, it's concerning."

"As far as the long-term effects on the heart muscle, there really hasn't been enough data collected to understand what the supplements can do over a long period of time. A lot of these products are marketed as nutritional supplements, but they don't really provide much nutrition."

Another damaging side effect of caffeine, Miller noted, is dehydration, which can lead to catastrophic scenarios, especially on brutally hot summer days.

The recent death of Ohio high school wrestler Logan Stiner has put the dangers of caffeine powder under the national microscope.

An autopsy revealed that Stiner had more than 70 micrograms of caffeine per milliliter of blood in his system

when he died May 27 at his home in LaGrange, Ohio. That is 23 times more caffeine than is found in a typical cup of coffee, according to the coroner who conducted Stiner's autopsy.

Since Stiner's death, the FDA issued a statement that it is investigating the affects of caffeine powder.

According to Webmd.com, a person can purchase 100,000 milligrams of caffeine powder online — the equivalent of more than 1,000 cans of Red Bull energy drink — for just \$10.

"One of the biggest problems with most energy supplements is that they're not regulated by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), so you can't be sure what the ingredients are," Miller said. "Unfortunately, the FDA just doesn't have enough manpower to research the thousands of products that are out there."

"It costs a lot of money to test the products and make sure they're safe, so most of the

companies that sell them don't put the supplements through rigid testing."

Miller suggested that even eating a cookie or drinking a can of caffeinated soda prior to a game or workout can negatively affect an athlete's performance.

"The body metabolizes sugar quickly, so an athlete may feel a short burst of energy right away, but it drops quickly," she said.

The best pregame meal for a young athlete consists of foods rich in complex carbohydrates and proteins, Miller said.

"We're also finding that getting enough sleep is helpful for athletes," Miller added. "For instance, when world-class figure skaters get up at five in the morning for practice, they don't perform as well as when they've had a good night's sleep. Getting enough sleep is becoming a priority now for big-time athletes."

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Plymouth Whalers on lookout for local billet families to step up

By Pete Krupsky
Correspondent

Dan and Sue Stechschulte started to attend Plymouth Whalers games as fans several years ago.

Although they don't score goals, make saves or head to the penalty box, the Stechschultes have become part of one of the most important aspects of the Whalers.

They house Plymouth Whalers players.

The players' ages range 15-20 and they stay with families in the arena. The Stechschultes are starting their second season with 16-year-old Liam Dunda, from Grimsby, Ontario, and 17-year-old Cullen Mercer, from Exeter, Ontario.

It can be difficult to open a home for players, some of whom go to school locally on a land-exchange program.

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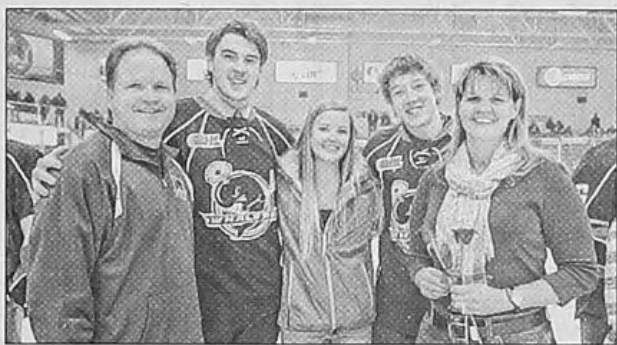
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"I couldn't be more



Plymouth Whalers billets Dan and Sue Stechschulte and their daughter are shown with players Liam Dunda (second from left) and Cullen Mercer (second from right) during the 2013-14 season.

brothers," he added. "They get along like brothers/sister by doing homework, teasing, playing sports in the back yard, going to school together, hanging out at Menchie's or just hanging out at the house and/or with other friends or Whalers."

On the go

Whalers players have a regimented schedule between school, practices six or seven days a week, a 68-game regular season, travel and appearances.

There isn't a lot of down time.

The busy lifestyle of a player in the Ontario Hockey League is an indication that most are highly motivated, learn to manage their time well and maintain their bodies through proper nutrition.

Good billet homes with happy players accelerate the process.

"First of all, parents probably have to like hockey to begin to get involved at this level," said Whalers assistant general manager Joe Stefan, who oversees the team's billet situation.

"We're looking for families to be able to give our players everything they need to succeed."

"We like the parents to keep an eye out for the player, to make sure they are acting properly in the home and within the family. A good billet family is essential for the success of a player."

As the Stechschultes described, when players and billets click with good chemistry, they become an important member of an extended family. The bond can last for years after the player leaves the Whalers.

"We have some billets that have been with us for years and years," Stefan said. "They enjoy the players and often establish and maintain relationships with the players who are now in the National Hockey League or succeed on other business."

Tom and Margaret Predhomme of Plymouth housed goaltender Justin Peters in 2006. When Justin's brother Alex was drafted by Plymouth in 2012, he moved in with the Predhommes. The bond re-

mains strong between the two families.

"Yes, we get along very well with both families and their lives have intertwined with ours and vice versa," Stechschulte said. "We love when the parents, siblings, grandparents and friends come into town for the games."

Just like family

Stechschulte was asked if he would recommend housing a Whaler player to other families.

"Think about your own kids and what it would be like to send your 16-year-old to go live someplace else and to grow up ... in a new house, new state and, most times, a new country," he said. "Think about how you would want your son or daughter treated and then you'll know how to treat any Whaler you decide to take into your house. "You treat them like family and they feel more at home."

Families interested in becoming billet parents can go to www.plymouthwhalers.com and fill out a Billet Application Form. That gets the process started.

Since all Plymouth high school-aged players attend the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Whalers prefer families who live in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi.

Once families start the process, Stefan will contact them.

Pete Krupsky is communications director and broadcaster for the Plymouth Whalers.

Dramatic finish caps Cardinals' title effort



The 13U Livonia Cardinals captured the championship at the Bavarian Blast Tournament, held Aug. 1-3 in Frankenmuth. The Cardinals defeated the Saginaw Jets, 4-3, in the title game thanks to a dramatic walk-off hit in the bottom of the sixth inning. Team members are (front row, from left) Mitchell Rhoad, Michael Schema, Jimmy Knorp, Andrew Heinz and Joe Sharkey; (second row, from left) Justin Roe, Steven Hunt, Eric Polzin, Jonah Heath, Nick Saylor and coach Barney Knorp; and (back row, from left) coach Jim Wilk, Arton Riza, coach Ray Riza, Evan Bradford and Alex Grzanowski.

MEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

Ocelots jelling as team awaits regular season

New-look Schoolcraft kickers display playmaking flair

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

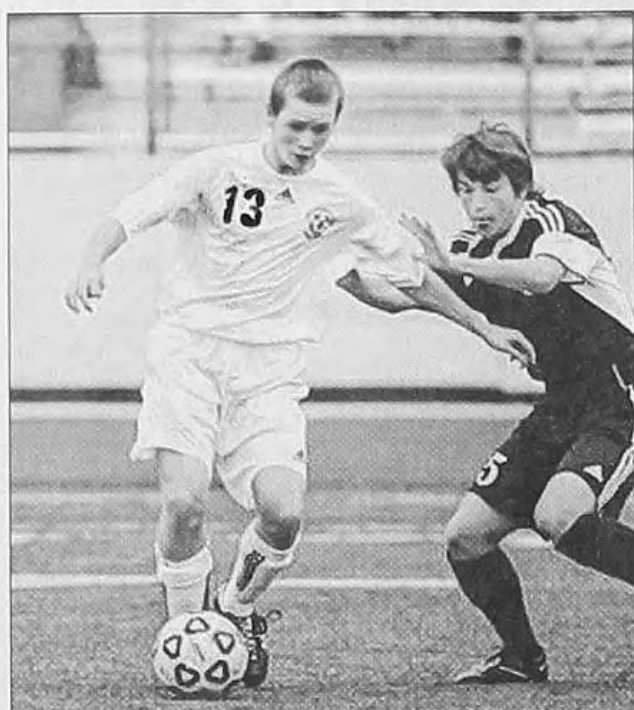
During a flurry in the second half of Wednesday's scrimmage, Schoolcraft's men's soccer team clustered a series of offensive salvos against Lawrence Technological University.

The host Ocelots scored three second-half goals to post a 3-0 victory and none brought a bigger smile to the face of veteran head coach Rick Larson (ninth season) than the goal netted by Lapeer East product Evan Schlaud.

Making a nifty run down the left side of the pitch before sliding a feed across the goal box was freshman forward Billy Werthman (Livonia Stevenson).

Canton alum Nate Bergeson, a forward and one of several returnees from the 2013 team, missed on a diving header in front of the Blue Devils goalkeeper, but Schlaud was perched to the right of the goal and he made no mistake with his emphatic shot.

"We can come at you



One of Schoolcraft College's returnees is Brandon Schulz (No. 13), shown from his senior year at Farmington. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

from the left side, we can come at you from the right side, from the counterattack," Larson said about Schoolcraft's balanced offense. "We can combine through the middle. People like Nate are willing to head balls into the net. We get good hard runs.

"That third goal we scored was absolutely a team goal."

At the other end of

the pitch, recent Livonia Churchill graduate Colton Robison was protecting the lead in goal with an acrobatic, diving stop. He was the third goalkeeper of the day, following Andres Hernandez and Peter Arton (Northville).

"Colton had a fantastic career at Livonia Churchill and Peter Arton went to Northville High," Larson said.

"(Arton) spent some time in the goal and spent a lot of time on the field (at forward), but he's a very good goalkeeper."

Meshing as unit

Buoyed by Wednesday's strong team showing, Larson so far is enthusiastic about how the squad is meshing.

Returnees Bergeson, Schlaud, forward Brandon Schulz (Farmington) and midfielder Abu Al-gabri (Dearborn Edsel Ford) lead the charge as the Ocelots prepare for the season opener at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, against visiting South Suburban College.

The coach then ticked off the names of promising newcomers such as Werthman, freshman midfielder/forward Victor Contreras, freshman midfielders Jon Quintana and Nick Berlich, sophomore forward Alex Podolski and freshman defender Adam Antosh.

"Adam Antosh is an absolutely fabulous defender from Troy Athens," Larson said. "He's just a solid, consistent person that takes a lot of pride in his job. And he's a real team player, so we're really excited about him."

"We're just trying to

figure out pairings and match-ups and who plays best together in those certain situations. I think we have a real nice foundation."

Larson, whose Ocelots will be looking to improve on last season's 12-6 mark (ending with a 2-1 loss to Cincinnati State in the NJCAA Region XII semifinals), is thrilled about more than just the level of talent displayed by his team during the preseason.

"We got really, really coachable guys that believe in what we're doing and we're really excited about that this year," Larson said.

Ready to go

One of the players who fits that description is Bergeson, who was a key contributor for the 2011 state champion Canton Chiefs.

"I can play any position, forward, outside-mid, center-mid, whatever they need," Bergeson said.

He is ready to get the regular season going and is confident things will have a better ending than last year.

"We should have beat them (Cinci State), but things happen," Bergeson said. "We're ready to go this year and win

nationals."

Another KLAA alum, Robison, already is discovering that he's moved up a notch on the soccer scale.

He described the junior college game as "faster and quicker" than the KLAA.

"I mean, everybody here's good players, there's no in-between," Robison said. "I did fine, everything went well."

Meanwhile, opposing teams will soon discover something else: Schoolcraft very well could be a team that will dominate the opposition at times in the MCCA.

One player who thinks so is Novi alum Anton Karamuco, a midfielder in his first season on the squad.

"We're going to have a great season," Karamuco said. "I have a really good feeling about this team and I think we're going to go really far."

Other players with local ties include freshman midfielder Richard Blevins (Garden City), freshman forwards Bobby Mason (Westland John Glenn) and Joe Trombly (Farmington).

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

LJAL competitive tryouts

LJAL baseball competitive tryouts will be held Aug. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Rotary Park, which is located at 32184 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia.

Teams from 9U through 14U will be formed.

Players must be Livonia residents or attend Livonia Public Schools to be eligible.

For more information, visit ljal.com.

Haeger Baseball Camp

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger and his brother Charlie, a former major league pitcher, will be hosting a skills camp Aug. 26-28 (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day) at the Madonna baseball facility.

Designed for kids ages 9-17, the camp will focus on all aspects of the sport, including proper mechanics, optimal mental approach and positioning.

Participants will be taught fundamental drills to improve individual skills, coupled with learning how to play the game though detailed instruction in simulated games.

Three "Campers of

the Day" awards will be presented each day. Additionally, offensive and defensive "Camp MVP" awards will be issued at the conclusion of the camp.

The cost of the camp is \$150.

For more information, visit haegerbaseballtraining.com.

The Haegers will also be hosting a winter break pitching and hitting camp. Dates for this camp will be released soon.

Border Classic game

The second annual 2015 Border Classic All-Star Football Game will be played June 13, 2015, at Wayne State University's Tom Adams Field.

The inaugural game, matching 40 of the top graduating high school seniors from Michigan and Ohio, was played last June at the University of Findlay in Ohio. Michigan won the game, 27-14.

The game is a cooperative event between the football coaches associations in each state. A time has not been set for the 2015 kickoff.

Team Michigan coaches will be named later this summer and the Michigan roster will be announced after the NCAA signing date in February.

Chargers earn division title



The Livonia-based 16U Michigan Chargers recently clinched the title in the WWCL Fastpitch Softball Travel League's Silver/North Division. Team members are (front row, from left) Rachel Blonde, Ashley Bond and Alyssa Facione; (second row, from left) Ashley Mireles, Kennedy Carrier and Ronnie Severin; and (third row, from left) coaches Eric Carrier and Jason Facione. Also on the team are Melissa Glidden, Sarah Jacek, Angie Lewan, Ashley McGeorge and coach Chuck McGeorge.

For more information, visit www.mhsfca.com.

Baseball showcase

Henry Ford Community College will be hosting a showcase for high school and junior college baseball players Saturday, Aug. 23, at Papp Park, 9350 Westlake Road, in Taylor.

Registration and

stretching will run 8:15-8:45 a.m.

The showcase will provide local players with exposure to the Henry Ford coaching staff and professional scouts.

The registration fee is \$100. To register online, visit www.henryfordcamps.com.

For more information,

contact coach Brown at 313-657-3200 or sjbrown@hfcc.edu.

Field hockey sign-up

Registration for the Farmington United high school field hockey team is underway through the Costick Center (activity 110541) in Farmington Hills.

No field hockey experience is necessary. The practice time will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmington United is a combined team of eighth- through 12th-grade players in Farmington Public Schools.

The team competes at the varsity level in Division 2 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

For more information, contact farmingtonunitedfieldhockey@gmail.com.

Softball players needed

The 18-and-over Michigan Diamonds women's fast-pitch softball team needs two players — a pitcher and a utility player.

The team is composed of college players and will compete in four tournaments during the 2015 summer season.

For more information, contact Jeff Combs at

jtcombs@netscape.com or 810-417-1192.

'Meet the Team' night

Livonia Churchill High School's annual "Meet the Team" night will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, in the James P. Carli Auditorium.

All athletes who plan on participating in at least one sport and at least one of their parents are asked to attend.

For more information, contact the athletic office at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117.

GC tennis tryouts

Tryouts for the 2014 Garden City High School boys tennis team will take place 9-11 a.m. Monday through Wednesday (rain or shine) at the school's tennis courts. For more information, contact head coach Ron Pummill at 734-765-5479.

YMCA offerings

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs and leagues this fall. The focus will be on fun, exercise and social interaction. For more information, contact the YMCA at 734-386-0700.

DOCTOR

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who want to get into sports medicine. My mom was a teacher, so it's in my blood."

Probably the most difficult part of her job, Miller admitted, is dealing with devastating injuries.

"I try to develop a good rapport with the athletes, so when one of them gets hurt, it's heartbreaking," she said. "For instance, last year I had to tell a player before a game that he didn't pass his concussion test, so he couldn't play, and he was supposed to start that game."

"It's tough, but you do what you have to do to keep the athletes safe and healthy."

With all due respect to Devin Gardner, Denard Robinson and Madison Ristovski, Miller's three favorite athletes are still too young to enroll at U-M. Heading her top three list would be son Tyler, 13, and daughters Alex, 11, and Sydney, 8



Dr. Amy Miller (right), a resident of Canton, is a team physician for the University of Michigan's football and women's basketball programs. ED WRIGHT

Tyler is an accomplished basketball player; Alex, was recently selected to participate in the Olympic Development Program for soccer; while Sydney enjoys soccer and volleyball.

"If I had my choice, I'd much rather be on the sidelines watching my kids play than at a football game," Miller said, smiling. "That's my favorite place to be — watching them doing what they love to do, with no cellphone and no pager going off."

Born and raised in the Mount Clemens area, Miller earned a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology at U-M while working as a student athletic trainer.

She earned a medical degree from Wayne State University before serving a residency in family practice at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe. She completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship at U-M in 1999.

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Fury wins Rush Classic title



The Farmington Fury '03 Red from the Farmington Soccer Club won the under-12 White Division championship in the Rush Classic Tournament Aug. 10 in Northville. Team members are (front row, from left) Max Marquette, Jake Michalski, Connor Jaisle, Danny Hanus, John Lentz and Cameron Ignasiak and (back row, from left) assistant coach Mike Bride, Martin Marks, Eli Bride, Jacob Kujawa, Joey Bass, Danny Bass, Ty Blair and head coach Jeff Blair. The Fury posted 3-0-1 record in the tournament with 19 goals scored and only four against. In its last past 10 games, the Fury are undefeated with an 8-0-2 record.

Redford costume designer looks forward to work after cancer treatment

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bernadine Vida, photographer, and costumer for movies, theater, television and dance, recently started a new venture: overcoming breast cancer.

The life-long Redford resident has approached her surgical recovery and chemotherapy as she would many of her creative projects. She has plans in the works to design her own head caps and like any good project manager, she is attentive to her budget. In its first week, her GoFundMe campaign has raised \$1,350 of the \$5,000 she requested to help with medical expenses. She also sought support from The Pink Fund and Pink Ribbon Riders to help with household expenses until she can get back on her feet and working full time.

"When I first learned I had it, it was a shock," said Vida, who noticed a lump in her left breast while working as the costume designer on a cruise ship near Australia. She followed up with her doctor when she returned home in March and then took on a guest artist residency at the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids where she coordinated a student fashion show in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Film Festival. While she was in Grand Rapids, her doctor called, asking her to return home to hear test results and a diagnosis.

Treatment called for a mastectomy, chemotherapy and a few weeks of radiation, followed by breast reconstruction.

"My son and I walked around for a few days like zombies and cried. Then something kicked in after a couple of days of getting over the initial shock ... it washes through the system and all of a sudden something in me clicks," said Vida, explaining her generally upbeat attitude. "I don't know what is going to happen next year or the next five months, but I don't want to sit around being horrified and waste opportunities and time. I want to do more teaching, more lecturing. I want to travel more and do more of my photography."

After finishing costumes for the 2012 film, *The Citizen*, Vida began traveling the world, designing and making costumes for performers on cruise ships. She also photographed the countries she visited. Her photography is available at her Foreignography website, www.bernnavida.addr.com and at her Etsy shop, <https://www.etsy.com/people/bernnavida>, which also offers pillows, sleep masks, skirts and other items for sale.

"I want my breast reconstructed before the end of the year. Come spring, I want to be ready to go out and work."

Help with finances

Although she managed to fit in one more cruise ship costume assignment before her surgery, most of her design work — which requires travel — has been put on hold



Bernadine Vida strikes a pose at the Port of Sydney, Australia, on one of her many working cruises.



Victoria the Golden Eagle perches next to Redford resident Bernadine Vida on one of her many trips overseas. She has designed and created costumes for performers on cruise ships the past two years.

while she focuses on her health. Numb or painful fingers and weak hand muscles are among the possible side effects of chemotherapy, which could make sewing difficult. During her recovery, Vida managed to create an Elizabethan costume for a music video without feeling any pain.

"What most people don't realize with an illness like this is that for the first three months I couldn't have worked if I wanted to. For the first month I was at the doctor every day. Then every other day, then every three days. It was unbelievable," said Vida, who is self-employed as a freelance designer. "It's not like I have a nine-to-five job with a big corporation and can take a leave of absence."

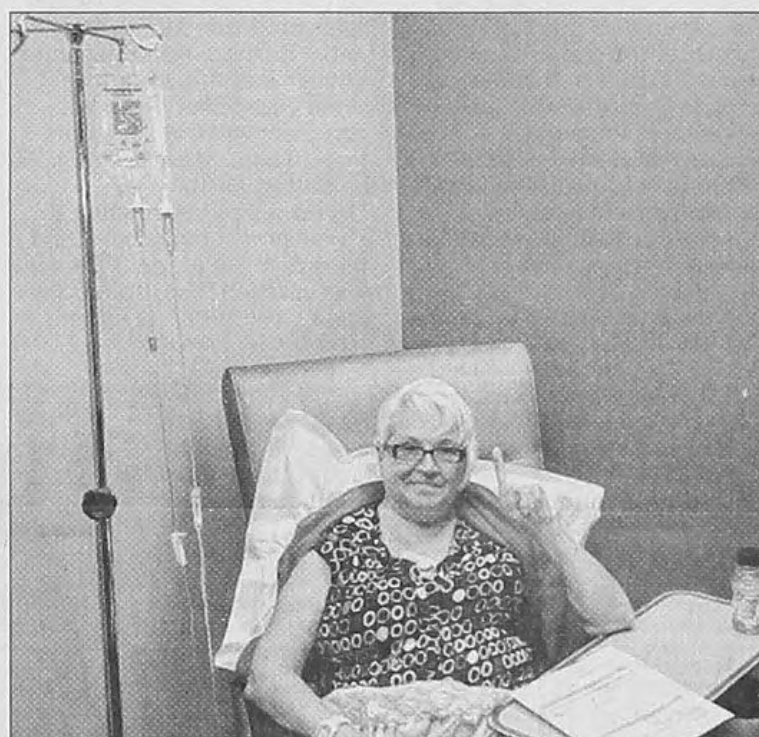
Vida had signed up for medical insurance under the Affordable Care Act, which she said "saved" her financially.

"If I didn't have it I wouldn't have anything," she noted. "They okayed the re-

construction service and everything."

Although medical insurance pays for most treatments, co-pays, out-of-pocket expenses and deductibles, along with household costs, can strain finances, especially when no regular paycheck — other than a Social Security payment — arrives each week. That's the reason Vida looked into other funding sources, such as The Pink Fund and Pink Ribbon Riders, and started the GoFundMe campaign. She discovered Cleaning for a Reason, a nationwide company that offers house cleaning services to breast cancer patients and researched hospital services in the area.

"I can see how incredibly daunting it can be for some people. To me, this is another project. But I worry about someone who doesn't have the tenacity to do this," she said. "The most important thing is don't hesitate. Get on Google and say 'help with cancer treatment in Michigan.' The



Bernadine Vida is undergoing chemotherapy after a mastectomy of her left breast.

American Cancer Society is a good place to start."

Vida chose GoFundMe over other Internet crowd funding sites because it includes a section exclusively for medical-related fundraising. The campaign also created a supportive environment, with friends, acquaintances and well-wishers reaching out for updates on her progress.

Reconnecting with friends

Vida's career has spanned decades and has included work on such films as *8 Mile*, *Transformers*, and *Beverly Hills Cop*, as well as television work with *The Wannabes*, *Jimmy Kimmel LIVE!* and other programs. She also has designed costumes for numerous dance, music and theater performances, staged costume

exhibits at museums, and won many awards, including the Artist of the Year award in 2006 from the Wayne County Council of Arts, Humanity and Culture.

Vida said she has received many responses from individuals she met throughout her career.

"It's enlightening to know people are thinking about you in this way. It is heartwarming."

Visit Vida's GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/Saving-Bernadine.

Her son, Vincent, has accompanied her to all of her appointments and procedures. He's organizing a fundraiser with help from his pool league for late September at Snookers Pool & Pub. Check for more information to follow on her website.

Single motherhood can be lonely, but builds strength

There is something so surreal about becoming a mother. As your body changes, and you feel your little baby growing and moving inside of you, there is this odd feeling you get; knowing that everything you have ever known to be in your life is about to change. As the weeks count down, and the time nears for meeting your precious child, everything starts to change so rapidly.

I used to be a "me, me, me" kind of person. No matter what was happening, I wanted to find a way to make it about me. I did a pretty good job of it too. Ask anyone who has known me over the past 32 years, and certainly they will agree. But lately, I've really changed my way of thinking. Everything now, is about my daughter.

I spend a lot of time thinking of the "what-ifs" and worry that there will be times when



Sarah
Davies

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my daughter and I don't get along, and days when I am not sure I am making the right choices. I get overwhelmed sometimes when I realize how hard it might be to raise her in a family that doesn't consist of a father and mother in the same home. I was raised with a very close-knit family, my folks are still together, and I always dreamed that my family would be just the same. But the more I worry, the more I am reminded that life is not about creating a perfect painting to hang on the wall. Instead, life is actually about making the very best out of any situation you have been given. And so it shall be for me

and my daughter.

We may not have the best of things, but we have all the things we will need. We may struggle from time to time, but I have faith that the love that even I alone will give to my child will be enough to bring us through even the darkest of days. After all, love is the most important piece to any kind of relationship. I will teach my daughter to love; love those you like and even those you don't, even though at times it will be very challenging to live by my own words.

Focusing on her

There are days now where I am stressed, overwhelmed, and exhausted and the day is not even half way over. I question sometimes, at just past lunch, how I will ever make it through to the end of the day. But then I remember that it is not about me anymore. It

doesn't matter if I am stressed or frustrated, or feeling lonely and scared. What matters to me now is her, my little girl. So I push through the lousy days, and anxiously await those days when I will be able to hold her, and kiss her, and love her. I cannot wait to hold my baby girl in my arms and tell her how much I have been longing for her all my life.

I feel saddened sometimes that I do not have that significant other to go through all these pregnancy ups and downs with, someone to tell me I am beautiful on the days I feel ugly and bloated. I question how I will ever find someone so special, knowing that I am going through the most fantastic part of my life on my own. I hear stories of women I know going through pregnancy with husbands and boyfriends who treat them well, making dinner and cleaning and taking

them out when they are feeling down, and then I tuck myself into bed and fall asleep watching TV alone. I slightly envy those women and their relationships, and part of me wishes that I, too, would have had that kind of closeness going through the most challenging and incredible time of my life. But then I remember how strong this is making me, and that there must be a reason for me to go through this in this way.

I believe if nothing else, it is to show myself and my daughter what strength really is. Strength, I have learned, is not merely made up of muscles and stamina. It is made up of faith, love, courage, and a simple belief in yourself.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of becoming a single mother. Contact her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com

Animal rescues run online fundraiser, vaccination clinic

As "mom" to dogs, one which is prone to chasing anything — birds, squirrels, you-name-it — that ventures into our backyard, I have given up the dream of bringing a cat into the family.

Instead, I get my kitty fix by volunteering at New Beginnings Animal Rescue (NBAR) in Royal Oak, where most of the felines are free to play with their pals, climb scratching posts, or relax in a sunny window until they are adopted.

A handful, however, live in cages until they find a forever home. NBAR president Lisa Hill, who founded the organization with vice president Jennifer Fritz of Garden City, and a handful of other volunteers, hopes to upgrade their digs through an Indiegogo crowd funding campaign that aims to raise \$15,000 in a month. The money would buy "cat condos" that would replace the cages in NBAR's individual housing room. The room is home to six cats that need separate quarters because of age or temperament.

"We have six dog crates where we house six cats. It's currently working all right, but the problem with them is that cats are vertical instead

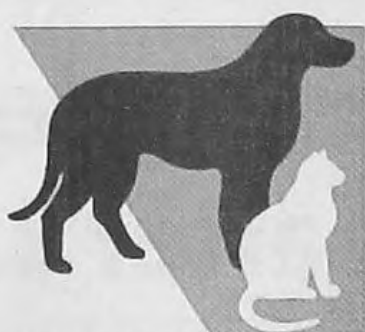


Sharon Dargay

of horizontal, so there is a lot of wasted space because they can't go up," Hill explains in her Indiegogo funding appeal. Cats like to climb, but can't in their cages. The cat condos are taller than they are wide or deep, offering more play space.

"There are shelves for the cats to hop on and lounge," she says describing the condo units. "There's a space for the litter box so it's not taking up any of their playing room ... what's also great about these units is that they are vertical. We'll be able to almost double the cats we can fit in that room."

As of Friday, Aug. 15, the organization raised \$1,375, with 26 days to go. Donation levels of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$300, \$750 and \$3,500 come with various perks. Contributors can claim a tote bag, for example, at the \$50 level. For a \$300 donation, they can name one of NBAR's cats. And for a \$3,500 donation, they'll get a plaque on the cat



PET PROJECTS

room door.

Check out NBAR's fundraising campaign at Indiegogo.com/projects/comfy-condos-for-classy-cats. Visit NBAR 4-7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at 2502 Rochester Road.

Vaccination clinic

Tail Waggers 1990 offers low-cost vaccinations by appointment for both cats and dogs at its Livonia Wellness Center, 28402 Five Mile.

Cost for Parvo/Distemper, Rabies and Bordetella vaccination package is \$30, or buy them individually for \$12 each.

The organization also of-



A cat in one of the free-roam rooms at New Beginnings Animal Rescue peers out a window into the lobby. The organization is raising funds through an Indiegogo campaign to buy new "cat condos" for some of the felines that live in cages at the Rescue's shelter.

fers Lepto vaccinations for \$15 and microchips for \$30. Heartworm testing also is available by appointment at the Center.

Make an appointment by calling the Livonia Wellness

Clinic at 734-855-4077.

Tail Waggers also offers vaccinations on a walk-in basis 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17 at Premier Pet Supply, 31215 Southfield Road in Beverly Hills.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association presents "Movie Night," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Learn about SEMBA co-founder Brenda Dziedzic's butterfly adventures in the State of Michoacán, Mexico. Parking on Hines Dr. or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 fee for non-members. 734-223-5510, or visit www.semba-butterfly.org.

English Gardens

» The store launches its Pink Day fundraising event Sunday, Aug. 17. It will sell \$1 raffle tickets for a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree and six \$250 shopping sprees. Drawings will be held on Pink Day, Thursday, Oct. 9. Ticket sales proceeds will be donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

» Learn about plants for screening at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 23, at all stores.

» Perennial Gardening 101 shows how to bring color and texture to the garden. The free presentation is at 10 a.m., Sat-

urday, Aug. 30, at all stores.

» Get the basics on landscape design in a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at all stores.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Friends of the Rouge

Train to become a leader for the fall bug hunt, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty. www.therouge.org.



English Gardens employees wear pink every Sunday beginning Aug. 17 to promote a fundraiser for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia

Details: Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch *God's not Dead*. Movie starts at sunset. Admission, popcorn and ices are free. Movie will be shown indoors in inclement weather

Contact: Steve Morgan at 313-377-0832

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 24

Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

Details: Bring your own lawn chair for this service with members of St. Michael Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Contact: 734-459-3333

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19

Location: St. Paul's, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Daycare, preschool, Young Fives programs, and grades K-8

Contact: 248-767-4806

SEPTEMBER

FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m., Monday, beginning Sept. 15

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, instructs a 10-week series of classes that include aerobic movements, strength training with light hand weights and yoga stretching, followed by abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70 with a portion of proceeds going to the parish

Contact: 734-455-5910

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 10

Location: St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is a five week series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.

Contact: 248-476-4700, kay@saintpriscilla.org

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Sept. 7, Oct. 12 and 26 and Nov. 9

Location: National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, 26400 Lahser, Southfield

Details: The Council seeks volunteers to help with activities and field trips for clients of Kadima, a mental health facility in Southfield. Trips include a Detroit Tiger game on Sept. 7; Succot celebration at Kadima on Oct. 12; Franklin Cider Mill and Johnson Nature Center on Oct. 26 and the Royal Oak Flea Market, Nov. 9

Contact: 248-355-3300, ext. 0

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

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

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers

of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Childcare is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

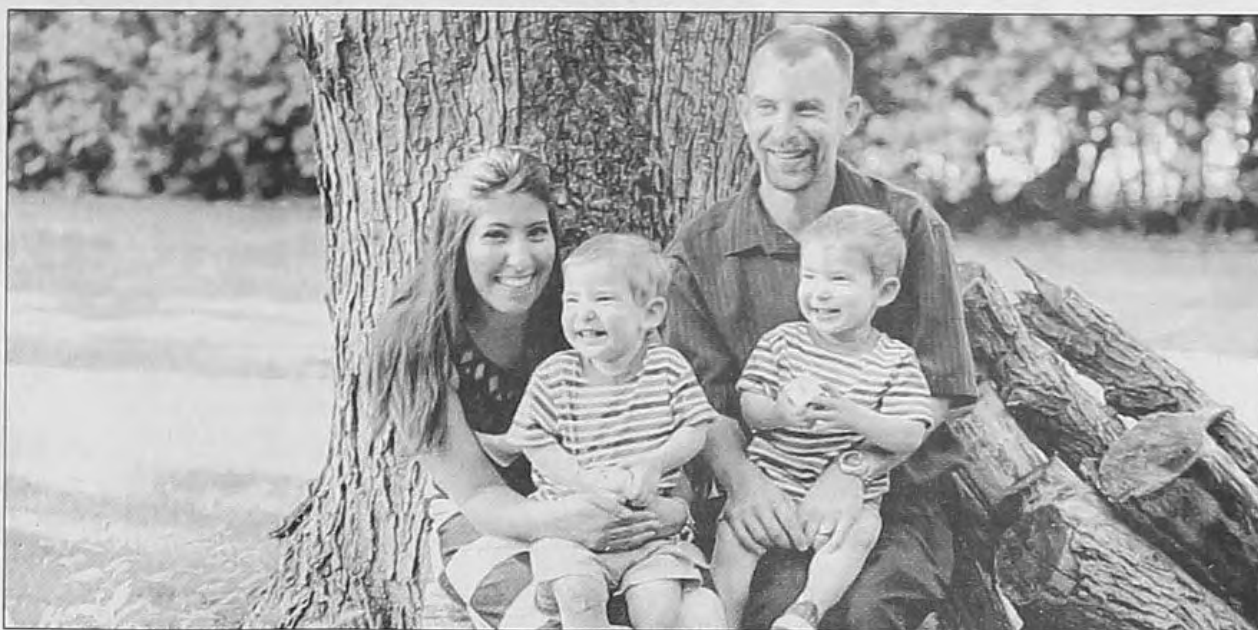
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

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

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

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Cassandra and Mark Walczyk, with their children, Jax (left) and Jace, both 2.

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Mark and Cassandra Walczyk of Westland mark their first anniversary Sunday, Aug. 17. The

couple married in 2013 in Rochester Hills.

They have two children, twins Jace and Jax, 2, and their interests include church, Mothers of

Preschoolers (MOPS), twins and motorcycles. Mark is employed by United Resources LLC.

They plan to celebrate by going out to dinner.

Registration open for museum craft bazaar

The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its Annual Juried Craft Bazaar, set for Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Museum.

Applicants are required to submit three

to four photos of craft items for judges. Table rentals are \$30 each, and most are 8 feet wide, although there are some space variations available. Because space will be tight, vendors must limit

their display area to the size of the table or an equivalent space.

The application is available at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf. Craf-

ters that are not accepted for the Bazaar will receive a full refund.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, one block north of downtown Plymouth.

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GOEBEL, HELEN J.

Age 98, long-time resident of Plymouth since 1929; passed away on August 14, 2014. Helen retired from St. Peter's Lutheran School as a kindergarten teacher, and she taught piano for many years at her home. Beloved wife of Norman, who preceded her in death in 1969. Dear mother of Tom (Elaine) Goebel, Bill (Ellen) Goebel, and the late Phil (Eleanor) Goebel. Proud grandmother of Matthew, Scott, Nathan, David, Carol, and the late Joel. Great-grandmother of Jack, Ryan, Emmet, Olivia, Tony, Carolyn, Brayden, and Logan. The Visitation hours will be Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. The Funeral Service will be Monday 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. The family will greet friends at church Monday 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service. Interment will follow at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial suggested to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church. To share a condolence with the family please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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ROY T., DDS, MS,
FACP, "HAWK",

August 11, 2014, age 82. Accomplished graduate of U. of M. Dental School. Proud veteran of U.S. Air Force Dental Corps, Korean War. Longtime prosthodontist in private practice in the Detroit area. Beloved husband of Jane (nee: Trupiano) for 21 1/2 years. Dear father of Lysanne Anderson (Richard), Gretchen Murphy (Jim), Kim Roshek (Bob), and Michael Smith (Melissa). Grandpa of Molly K., Connor, Matthew, Hayden, Bridget, Ingrid, Lauren, Kari, Davis, Molly H., and the late Meghan. Brother of Gail Hawkinson. Uncle of John Vance. Cousin of Phyllis Daniels. Former husband of Carla and Vivianne. Celebration of Life Saturday, August 30 at 3 p.m. at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe Street, Detroit 48215. Memorial tributes to Bayview Junior Sailing or Michigan Humane Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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KRISTEN,
KAYE SNOWDON

78, of Leland, died August 5, 2014. A casual Celebration of Kaye's life will be held on Sunday, August 17 from 2-5 p.m. at The Old Art Building in Leland. Martinson Funeral Home, www.martinson.info



LEASIA, RICHARD S.

August 8, 2014. Age 91, peacefully at home. Survived by wife Florence, children Susan Cooper (Dave), Richard Leasia (Nancy), Denise Duquette (Thomas), Edge Leasia (Beverly), Shelly Leasia, Steve Leasia, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by beloved son Michael Leasia. Retired President of Creative Industries, an automotive and aerospace supplier that employed hundreds in the Detroit area. He loved travel and golf, and most of all was dedicated to his family and grandkids, especially his special son Mikey, always putting them first. Richard was a University of Michigan alumni who was forever fond of his Wolverines, and at one time was president of the Alumni Association. Proud Veteran of the US Army WWII. Memorial Service will be held privately. Memorial tributes to Special Olympics of Oakland County, P.O. Box 30098, Waterford, 48330. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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August 13, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Lynn. Dear father of Katherine Wallace. Cherished grandfather of Joshua Sartwell (Emma), Jerad Sartwell, Jordan Wallace, Aiden Wallace, and great-grandfather of Amelia Sartwell. Brother of Ilga Vitins, and Guntis Natre. Also survived by a nephew and two nieces. Services will take place privately. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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August 13, 2014. Age 63 of Livonia. In state 10 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 11441 Hubbard griffinfuneralhome.com.



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STARK, LINDA LOU (GREEN)

Age 56, of Garden City, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on October 3, 1957 in Detroit, MI to George and Anna Green. In 1979, she married Darin Stark of Garden City, MI and raised five children. Linda was a wife, mother, and grandmother first, but also had a career as a Certified Home Health Aide during the past 23 years with several companies in the metro Detroit area. She found her calling comforting her family and showing compassion for the ill and injured. She was also a member and past President of the Garden City High School Band Boosters and loved the band members like her own children. Lastly, she was very active with her church family at Fair Haven Baptist Church in Westland, MI and had planned a mission trip to the Philippines to bring the message of God's plan of Salvation to those in greatest need. She is survived by her mother, Anna Green of Garden City, her husband, and her children: Christina, Laura and Samantha, all of Garden City, Sarah of Manassas, Virginia, and Andrew (Brittany) of Overland Park, Kansas; her brothers Michael (Peggy) Green of Powder Springs, Georgia, and George (Trish) Green of Garden City, and sister Patricia (Keith) Stark of Jacksonville, North Carolina. She leaves two grandsons, Matthew and Christopher of Garden City, and a granddaughter, Acelynn, of Overland Park, KS. Linda was preceded in death by her father, George Henry Green of Garden City, in 1998. Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. In lieu of flowers, Linda's family suggests memorial gifts to the Ladies Philippines Missions, Fair Haven Baptist Church. Sign a tribute at www.uhth.com

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July 29, 2014, Age 95 of Canton. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Robert (Barbara) and Sandy Anna -John. Dear grandmother of David Washenko, Timothy Washenko and Daniel (Cristy) Washenko, and great grandmother of Nicolas and Riley. Gathering Saturday, August 23, 2014, 10 a.m. until the 1 p.m. Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

WINSTON, JEROME ALAN
(1926-2014)

Sunset was on August 1, 2014.

Jerome was the son of Harry and Theresa Winston, brother of Buz and Donna, father of Janice and John, grandfather of Jamie, Brett and Lauren. Jerome was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Winston. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard on the USS Spencer during WWII. He traveled around the world to the Philippines, China and Bora Bora in the South

National Cancer Institute awards Beaumont research grant

Cancer patients throughout Michigan will have access to federally-funded cancer research studies thanks to a five-year grant recently awarded to the Beaumont Cancer Institute.

Beaumont Health System is one of 34 community sites participating in the National Cancer Institute's Community Oncology Research Program, also known as NCORP.

"We're honored to be named one of the recipients of the National Cancer Institute's grant," explains Dr. John Robertson, principal investigator for NCORP. "This new program got underway Aug. 1 and its overall goal is to bring can-

cer clinical trials, as well as cancer care delivery research to individuals in their own communities to improve patient outcomes and reductions in cancer disparities. We've got years of experience doing just that in Southeast Michigan."

NCORP replaces two previous National Cancer Institute community-based clinical research programs: the NCI Community Clinical Oncology Program, also referred to as CCOP, and the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program.

Beaumont's Cancer Institute was a long-time participant in CCOP until the program was discontinued on May 31. The new program, with its

\$93 million a year in funding, builds on the strengths of the previous programs and aims to better address the most pressing issues affecting the conduct and delivery of care in the communities across the nation.

Beaumont will receive \$757,511 per year for five years. The NCI-funded cancer research programs will take place at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak and Beaumont Hospital Troy.

The new program is a national network of investigators, cancer care providers, academic institutions and other organizations conducting cancer research. NCORP community-based research examines

strategies to:

- » Reduce cancer risk and incidence
- » Improve cancer care outcomes
- » Expand access to cancer care
- » Increase quality and value of care
- » Reduce cancer disparities

According to Dr. Wort McCaskill-Stevens, director of NCORP, the creation of NCORP allows the National Cancer Institute to take advantage of recent advances in the understanding of cancer and bring this new knowledge into clinical trials conducted in the community, where most patients receive their care.

St. Mary Mercy offers diabetes self-management program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present a free six-week workshop for adults with diabetes called Diabetes PATH (Personal Approach Toward Health) on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 2.

Sessions will run from 2-4:30 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 11, on the hospital campus at Five Mile and Newburgh. The workshop will teach participants to handle the challenges of diabetes, manage symptoms and communicate more effectively with physicians and family members.

Diabetes is a chronic, widespread condition characterized by high blood sugar in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, the hormone needed to transport glucose from the blood into the cells of the body for energy. According to the American Diabetes Association, more than 29 million individuals in the United States have diabetes, including an estimated 8 million who remain undiagnosed.

Diabetes - PATH provides individuals with diabetes a comfortable environment to share their experiences, learn how to improve their health and manage symptoms. Participants will develop weekly action plans, talk about their experiences and help others solve problems encountered during their self-management program. Family members, friends and caregivers may also attend.

Registration is required. Call community outreach at 734-655-8950 or register online under "classes and events" at stmarymercy.org.

Violence, guns among top child health concerns

Childhood obesity remains the top health concern for children in 2014, but when asked about national concerns, adults put school violence and gun-related injuries in the top 10, according to a new University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health.

In the poll's annual top 10 list, a nationwide sample of adults were asked to identify the biggest health concerns for kids in their communities, as well as kids nationwide. Overall, childhood obesity is rated at the top of both lists: 29 percent of adults said obesity is a big problem for children in their local communities and 55 percent said it is big problem across the country.

The top 10 rankings for 2014 locally are childhood obesity, 29 percent, smoking and tobacco use, 26 percent, drug abuse, 26 percent, bullying, 23 percent, stress, 22 percent, alcohol abuse, 19 per-

cent, Internet safety, 18 percent, child abuse and neglect, 18 percent, teen pregnancy, 16 percent, not enough physical activity options, 15 percent.

Across the nation, the rankings are childhood obesity, 55 percent, bullying, 52 percent, drug abuse, 49 percent, smoking and tobacco use, 47 percent, school violence, 44 percent, child abuse and neglect, 42 percent, alcohol abuse, 41 percent, Internet safety, 40 percent, gun-related injuries, 39 percent and teen pregnancy, 37 percent.

Violence, gun injuries

"Obesity remains a top child health problem overall, which has been a persistent concern in our annual top 10 polls along with others like bullying, smoking and drug abuse," says Matthew M. Davis, M.D., director of the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health.

"But this year's top 10 lists

differ in key ways. School violence and gun-related injuries are on the list of big child health problems from a national perspective, but not a local community perspective."

Recent shootings and other instances of violence in schools may have prompted concern among adults from a national perspective, says Davis, who also is professor of pediatrics, internal medicine, public policy and health management and policy at the U-M Medical School, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and School of Public Health.

The poll shows a strong link between many of the top 10 child health concerns to health behaviors of children and their families, says Davis, also a member of the U-M Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation. These concerns indicate that the public understands the powerful role of behavior in health in terms of short-term impact and long-term consequences. Childhood

obesity is a good example.

"Recent data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that rates of obesity in early childhood are decreasing in some states," says Davis.

"But we know obesity among children remains substantially higher than it was in generations past. So this poll reminds us that much of the public recognizes the need to keep working hard on this problem."

Davis says he hopes the results of this poll help health professionals, community leaders and elected representatives prioritize the threats to children's health in their own communities.

"We need to work hard together on these issues of greatest concern to the public, and take note of the particular national concern about school violence and gun-related injuries so we can address how to improve and safeguard our children's health."

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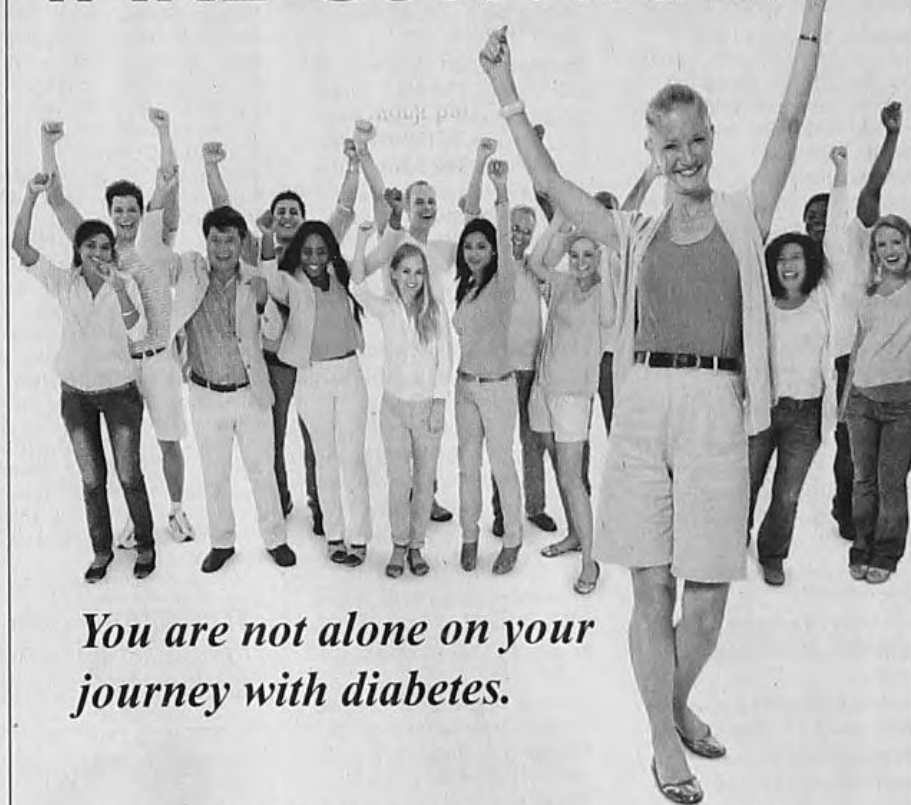
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Are you a good fit for a small company?

By Robert Half

If you're job hunting, one way to potentially increase your chances of success is to look for a position with a small business.

Many applicants focus their efforts on large companies, because they either are attracted to the idea of working for a household name or believe these companies have more openings. Yet pursuing employment opportunities with smaller companies can be a wise move.

Before you begin sending your resume to every small employer with an opening, however, make sure you'd be a good fit for the company.

Small businesses often have very defined corporate cultures, and working at a mom-and-pop shop can be different than working at a larger company.

The ideal candidates for roles with small businesses often have these traits:

An entrepreneurial mindset.

By definition, small and mid-size companies have fewer people to tackle projects, oversee initia-

tives and move things forward. As a result, employees need to be self-starters who can work on their own and think creatively about business solutions.

The ability to collaborate.

It's hard to get any job if you aren't a team player, but in a small business, your ability to work and get along with colleagues is absolutely essential.



The most effective employees can advance their ideas, but not at the expense of working relationships.

In addition, you should possess excellent listening skills and an upbeat personality. When you're working with the same tight-knit group every day, a negative attitude can easily affect the entire team.

A willingness to do it all.

If you're a veteran of a large employer, you're probably accustomed to having someone in IT address your computer issues and asking the department's administrative assistant to order more office supplies. At a small company, however, you may not be able to call upon these same resources. Are you comfortable

attending to all tasks, both large and small? And are you willing to help others who need a hand?

A focus on customer service.

Every client counts for a small business. You'll need strong interpersonal skills to provide great service and ensure customer satisfaction. A small company may not be a place in which you'd thrive if you get annoyed by the small or "irrational" demands of clients.

A passion for the job.

Small employers seek employees who don't merely punch the clock. They want people who show a true interest in and commitment to the bigger picture and understand the correlation

between individual effort and the company's overall success.

Working for a small business offers many rewards, including autonomy, the opportunity to make large contributions, a chance to assume significant responsibility and often a family-type atmosphere that may be hard to find elsewhere. If you possess the right skills and mindset, working for a small business could be an excellent career move.

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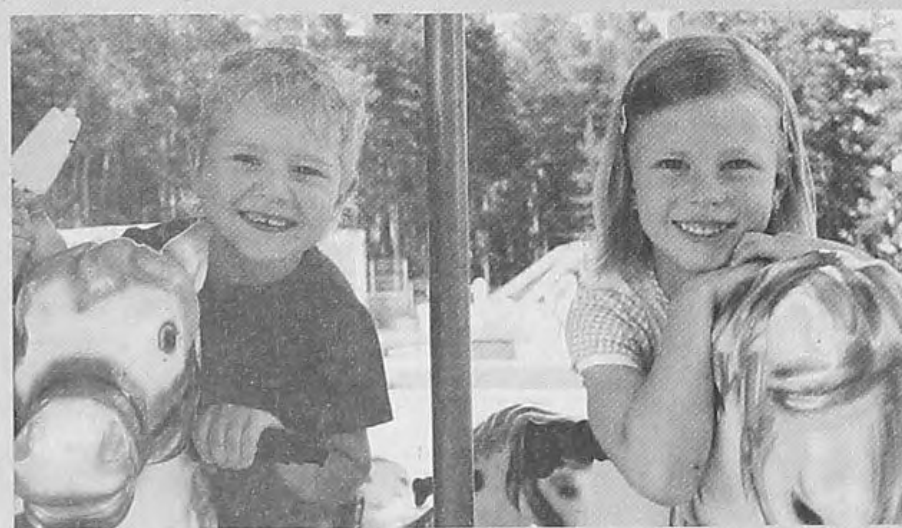
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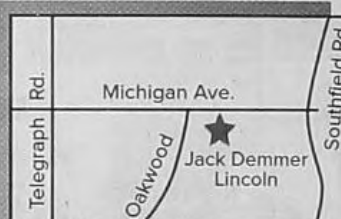
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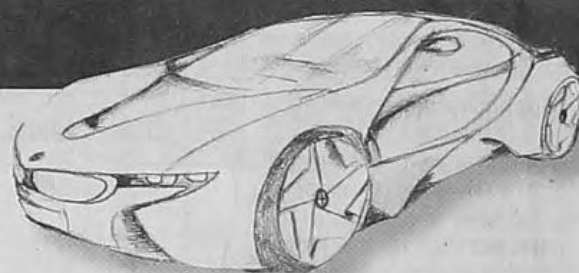
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Car Report

All-New Acura TLX Performance Sedan May Be Hit the Company Is Looking For



By Dale Buss

sedan that the Honda-owned premium brand will begin advertising this week and start selling in September.

Honda sales declined by 1 percent through June in the United States in a pretty robust market where major competitors continue to thrive. Honda has a relatively aged fleet and no huge product launches this year. So among other things, the brand is making a bigger deal of summertime clearance sales than many rivals and just completed a fun social-media based model-closeout campaign, "#Cheerance," early this month.

"Last year we had the best summer event and July on record for the brand," Susie Rossick, sen-

ior manager for American Honda, told me. "So we've had success with this emphasis."

Honda's summer clearance event was all about social media, with videos, memes, GIFs and visual jokes as well as an effort to get hits so that Honda would donate \$100,000 to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

It also involved TV, print, digital and radio advertising, featuring skits and other brand-light scenarios designed to spread "unprecedented cheer" and connect "with as many people as we can in five days," Rossick said.

But Acura's TLX looks like a much better bet to make a material difference to the company's sales this year. Acura sales were down by 2 percent in the first half and plunged by 21 percent in June alone compared with a year earlier. For this disappointing turn, Accavitti -- who recently became chief of the

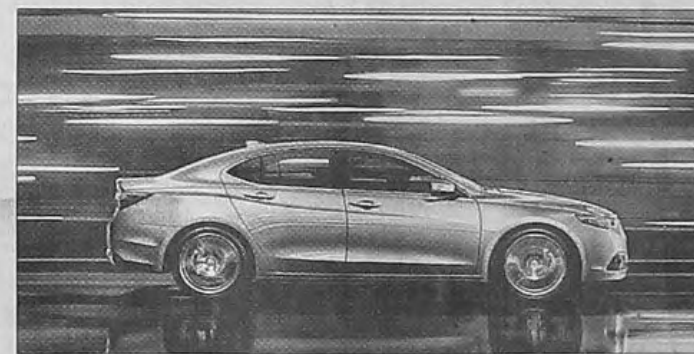
Acura brand as American Honda split its management from that of the Honda brand in the U.S. -- blamed the phase-out of the TL and TSX models that TLX is replacing as well as the fact that the launch of the new sedan has been delayed a few months.

Now, he told automotive journalists, the aim of introducing the all-new TLX is nothing less than restoring Acura's once-respectable place in the luxury-sedan segment as it joins the flagship new RLX sedan that was introduced last year. He's putting Acura's biggest-ever marketing campaign behind the TLX launch.

"It's going to get us back into the mid-size performance sedan market," Accavitti said. The quality and technology in the vehicle including advanced handling aids, as well as the unprecedented marketing outlays, he said, indicate that "we're turning our attention to sedans" while the brand's MDX crossover continues to outsell all other Acura vehicles combined.

In fact, Accavitti would love to see TLX duplicate the success of MDX. Sales of the crossover so far this year are 55 percent ahead of the version it replaced last year, he said. And so far, Accavitti reported, Acura has fielded 40,000 "handraisers" who "actually want to be contacted by dealers" once TLX is available.

"That's twice what we had for MDX," he said. "So we're antici-



The TLX cuts a sleek new profile.

pating fantastic [sales] results" for TLX.

The TLX campaign, under the banner "It's That Kind of Thrill," relies on the narrative of how hard Acura engineers worked to get this critical car just right. The primary anthem ad features the Sid Vicious version of Frank Sinatra's classic "My Way" -- as music provides a meaningful backdrop to the entire campaign.

About one-third of total advertising outlays for the campaign will be digital, said Ed Beadle, Acura's senior marketing manager, fitting the financially-flush Millennials who are TLX's juiciest target and who have never seen a must-have Acura sedan. Audi, with its new A3 compact sedan, and Mercedes-Benz, with its equally compact CLA sedan, are after a big part of the same crowd.

Social activations include creation of bite-sized videos that are

designed to target different types of customers. Acura will run a massive video "road block" on Facebook with TLX videos reaching nearly 100 percent of users beginning in early September.

On Twitter, Acura will run a unique Twitter Cards execution that will allow users to design a car directly within a Tweet, while New Yorker contributing illustrators will be creating custom illustrations on social media "Thrillustrations."

The model will also be featured at the New Yorker Festival in October and the Sundance Institute NextFest film festival this month in Los Angeles, among other experiential-marketing gambits.

Analysts say that Honda's future-product pipeline may be somewhat more robust than the industry average, reportedly including a new version of the Honda Pilot large SUV for 2016 and a major overhaul of the Odyssey minivan for 2017.



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