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Teens fall ill from synthetic drugs

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police say three teenagers are recovering after they ingested or inhaled dangerous levels of synthetic cathinones, an amphetamine-like stimulant known as Cloud 9 and Bliss and marketed as bath salts.

"They're all recovering," Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome said. "But they had a serious condition with accelerated heart rates and hallucina-

tions."

Police issued a statement late Friday morning indicating the three incidents happened within a 24-hour period after the teens used synthetic cathinones that can be found in liquid and solid forms. The youngsters were taken to a medical facility for treatment.

Newsome said the teenagers did not buy the synthetic drugs in Canton, though police haven't disclosed where they got them.

Side effects

"They are not the bath salts you use in your tub," the police statement said. "These are powerful, illegal drugs that have not been tested for safety and users don't really know exactly what chemicals they are putting into their bodies. The side effects they cause may be permanent."

Newsome said a police investigation is continuing. She

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Canton Police are investigating after three teens became ill from using a new, potent form of synthetic drugs.

District keeps TAG in magnet format

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

While agreeing there could be improvements to the program, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustees Tuesday unanimously agreed the district's Talented and Gifted Program should remain in its current form for the foreseeable future.

The TAG decision - more a consensus than actual motion - came as district administrators asked the board to nail down target programs necessary to complete the ongoing boundary study.

"There are a number of items that we need some decisions made before we can move any farther in terms of making recommendations to the board for boundaries and where kids will be going to school," Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director for staffing, student services and policy, told board members Tuesday.

The boundary study committee is set to make its final recommendations to the board Nov. 11. The study was convened as the district decided

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Freshman Natalie Shaffer plays kickball against the sophomores.

Building a BOND

Day at the lake brings Plymouth Christian students together

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Five years ago, Julia Shaffer was headed to Murray Lake for the first time, a new seventh-grader who didn't know many people and wasn't sure what to expect at Plymouth Christian Academy's annual bonding day.

This year, Shaffer, now a 17-year-old PCA senior, was at the head of the class, trying to help her classmates stave off challenges from the underclassmen and helping this year's crop of newbies fit in.

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Seniors Torre Crown and Giuseppe Iacopelli hold a balloon, without using hands, in a relay race.



Seventh-grade wheelbarrow relay.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials will hold three community forums as it puts together recommendations for school boundaries for the 2015-16 school year.

Those forums will take place Sept. 25, Oct. 16 and Oct. 30. All three forums start at 7 p.m. and all are at Discovery Middle School on Hanford in Canton.

The committee is due to make its final recommendation Nov. 11 to the Board of Education.

Canton adopts inspection program for rental units

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton is ready to embark in January on a far-reaching program to inspect thousands of apartments and rental homes amid plans to identify poten-

tially unsafe living conditions and force property owners to make repairs.

Canton officials are hailing the program as a way to protect property values and force landlords to fix problems - such as faulty furnaces, damaged roofs

and blocked fire exits - that could threaten tenants.

"It's good for the property owners to protect the value of their property and it's good for tenants so they have a safe place to live," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "We want to make

sure everything is up to code. It's good for the health and welfare of the community."

The Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed Tuesday to adopt the rental-inspection ordinance and force landlords to register an estimated 10,000

rental properties with the township. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said failure to comply could result in penalties of \$200 per rental unit.

After a second-round vote

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Trio opens new Plymouth eatery

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

With a name derived from the major regional intersection where it's located, a new Plymouth Township bar and restaurant is intended as a social crossroads for the area.

275 Social, on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275, opened quietly nearly two months ago and held an official ribbon-cutting Thursday with the assistance of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Paul Johnson and Steve Vitale, partners in the venture, say they want people of all kinds to enjoy what they say is a combination sports bar, lounge and casual-dining restaurant.

"We like the demographics of the area," Johnson, of Novi, said Thursday afternoon. "Everything's here." From nearby Livonia to the Plymouths and Northvilles, from white collar to blue, "we want everyone to feel comfortable here," he added.

"We want people to come in with their children," Vitale said.

Johnson, an ad salesman, and Vitale, of Troy, a lawyer, have a third partner at 275 Social, William Pittas of Bloomfield Township, a plastic surgeon. Johnson has worked with his sister, chef Kelli Lewton of Royal Oak's 2 Unique Catering, and Pittas' family has long involvement with restaurants in the Philadelphia area.

"He's the driving force behind the restaurant," Johnson said of Pittas.

The building housing 275 Social has been the site of several restaurants in the last decade and a half, including a fish restaurant and, most recently, a Mexican place. Johnson, Vitale and Pittas, who have been working on their concept for about 18

months, had it gutted to the studs and completely remodeled.

The place is gently divided into three sections: a sports bar on the north side, with five big-screen television sets and its own bar; a lounge in the front (west side) with a copper-topped bar; and a dining room on the south side. Total seating is about 250.

Michigan focus

Johnson and Vitale describe their menu as small but growing, with dishes that use produce from local sources and meats from a farm in Yale, Mich., which is in St. Clair County. "We do a lot of farm to table," Vitale said.

There are appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, salads and pasta dishes, plus signature dishes like lobster pot pie and pan-seared salmon.

"It's a small menu, but we're really trying to emphasize taste and quality," Johnson said. The menu will be gradually expanded, he said.

275 Social also has an extensive beer menu, both on draft and bottled, with a focus on Michigan craft beers, and also has wines on draft.

For now, hours are 4-11 p.m. weeknights and 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday, but the trio plans to extend those hours to include weekday lunchtimes and Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts.

He doesn't believe the spot is "cursed," despite the history of several restaurants there not having taken hold for long.

"It's all about running the business right," Johnson said. "We've got to work hard and be humble and we'll be OK."

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Former trustee chosen to fill vacancy

By **Darrell Clem**
Staff Writer

Canton resident Don Turner recalls childhood days riding his bike to a Detroit library branch and finding puzzles, books and games to occupy his time.



Turner

"I still have that feeling of amazement when I walk into a library," Turner, 51, said.

Turner has been chosen by the Canton Public Library board for a two-year stint to replace a trustee, Kim Schulz, who is departing in late September because of an out-of-

town move. Turner's swearing-in ceremony is set for mid-October.

Turner was elected to a four-year library board term in 2008, but chose not to seek reelection as he focused on his small businesses, including Mid-Michigan Meats. He said Schulz's departure, while a loss to the board, came as he again has time to devote to the unpaid, volunteer position.

"I've always had community service as part of my life," he said. "For a couple of years, it felt kind of strange not to have that."

Turner also is seeking a seat on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education in November

— and he foresees no conflict if he happens to win that seat.

The library board's attorney, Anne Seurnyck, has indicated there is no conflict between the two positions because the two boards are independent and separate in terms of finances, governance and oversight, library Director Eva Davis said.

Gary Collins, the school board's attorney, couldn't be reached for comment.

The library board chose Turner from among five candidates who were interviewed for the position.

"I welcome Don back to the library board," Davis said. "His prior experience during the library's lean years will

be an asset to the board moving forward."

Turner said he wants to help steer an ever-evolving library that, in many ways, is a microcosm of the Canton community.

"The library is today's town hall," he said. "It's a steady, static place. Everybody knows where it's at and everybody uses it in a different way. It is our town square."

Turner said he views the library as a place where everyone has equal access to information. "It's the great equalizer."

After he is sworn in, Turner will join board holdovers Nancy Egenberger, Michelle Farell, James Fausone, Sommer Foster and Thomas Hartnett.

RENTAL

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scheduled for Sept. 23, the ordinance is expected to take effect Oct. 2 and usher in a two-month window — from Oct. 15 to Dec. 15 — for rental owners to register their properties. Inspections are likely to begin in January, Faas said.

Inspection fees

Property owners will have to pay a rental inspection fee, proposed at \$100 for a single-family home and \$200 for multi-tenant properties such as apartment buildings. Those fees still face approval, likely Sept. 23.

Township Clerk Terry Bennett said the new

ordinance is needed to ensure rental properties are safe as Canton continues to grow. She also said more homes have been placed on the rental market by owners who couldn't sell them.

"This protects the landlords, who now will have a clean bill of health that says they have passed inspections, and the tenants, who will know they are moving into a properly maintained property," she said. "It's protection for both."

Canton decided to impose inspection fees to offset the program's cost of inspecting as many as 8,000 apartments or multi-family units and 2,000 single-family homes. Faas said the first round of inspections is expect-

ed to take two years.

If inspectors find no problems after inspecting half the units in an apartment complex, they may opt to waive further inspections until the next two-year cycle, Faas said. Canton would notify property owners or managers prior to visits.

Following through

The township board's decision to move forward on rental inspections follows a round of public talks in February. Officials indicated a need to ensure safety of plumbing, furnaces, doors, windows, electrical components and other amenities.

Some rental property owners indicated in February the policy seems punitive toward respon-

sible landlords who keep up their properties. However, local officials said they have to adopt a plan that gives equal treatment to all owners.

Funds for start-up costs will come from registration fees. Officials plan to hire two full-time inspectors and one or two part-time clerical workers and buy two Ford Escape vehicles for inspectors to make their rounds.

Meanwhile, property owners cited for rental property problems would have to make repairs or face potential fines. Ultimately, the township would force landlords to fix problems.

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TAG

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to open its new middle school in Canton in September 2015.

One of those decisions was what would be done with TAG and the board made it fairly quickly. Currently housed in magnet programs at Dodson and Miller elementary and East Middle School, Superintendent Dr. Michael Meisen had recommended moving TAG students back into their home schools and providing "accelerated learning

opportunities" there.

But while agreeing the program could be improved, board members turned that suggestion down.

"I believe strongly in the concept of academic choices and that means choices for students on all ends of the spectrum," said board Secretary Kim Crouch, who supports the magnet program. "Everything we've seen is that these kids do very well in the program. I also hope we get to the point where it's a long-term decision and not a year-to-year decision where parents have to come back to us won-

dering where their students will be going."

Trustee John Barrett agreed some improvements could be made, particularly to the testing procedure that allows students into TAG — he argued for looking at programs that include teacher and parent recommendations in addition to testing — and would like to see a hybrid program eventually developed.

"I don't think the solution is to throw the baby out with the bath water," Barrett said. "I think we have to say, 'How can we make this less exclusive?' 'How can we get

students who have talents in many different areas to participate?'"

Other trustees said that, while the program could use some improvement — it's been basically unchanged for more than 30 years, they say — they still haven't seen a plan they believe would do the trick.

"I've love to find a better way to do it, but I haven't seen the plan," board Treasurer Mark Horvath said. "Risk management says stay with what you've got that works."

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DRUGS

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said the latest synthetic drugs apparently are a newer and more potent form.

"We are working with other jurisdictions and police departments to make sure it is quickly and swiftly dealt with," Newsome said. "The health and safety of our children is paramount. We are working to get these drugs off the shelf and we will prosecute, if possible."

Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools issued a statement after the three incidents occurred:

"We are very concerned about students in our community using Cloud 9 or any other substance," the statement said. "Our attention to this matter has been heightened by two instances at (the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) in the past two days."

Talk to kids

School officials encouraged parents to discuss the dangers and illegality of drugs and alcohol with their chil-

dren, alongside the importance of good decision-making. The district's statement said officials "take every student's safety very seriously."

School officials advised parents who have additional questions or concerns to contact their child's assistant principal. Meanwhile, P-CEP has partnered with Growth Works, Inc., for a two-part series. "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," set for 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 8 and Oct. 15 in the Canton High School media center.

Kathleen Rich, Canton emergency management planner, issued Friday's press release, which said poison center experts say the latest synthetic cathinones are among the worst they have seen. Users have experienced side effects such as paranoia, violent behavior, hallucinations, delusions, suicidal thoughts, seizures, panic attacks, increased blood pressure and heart rate, chest pain, nausea and vomiting.

Anyone who suspects they know someone who has taken bath salts or any synthetic drug should call 9-1-1 immediately

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Veterans seek help with benefits, services during annual summit

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

U.S. Army veteran Brian Foley was laid off two years ago from his job as a maintenance technician for a copier company.

Edward Campau, who served in the U.S. Air Force and retired from Ford Motor Co., worries as his cost for prescription medications increases.

Donald Eagan, a former corporate pilot and Air Force veteran, could use financial help to improve his hearing.



Barnes

"Maybe I could get a hearing aid," he said.

Foley, Campau and Eagan were among nearly 300 veterans

Wednesday hoping to learn how service to their country could qualify them for benefits they might not have received. They gathered inside Livonia's Laurel Manor for the fifth annual Veterans Summit sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation, the law firm Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC, and the Dewitt C. Holbrook Charitable Trust.

James Fausone, managing partner for Legal Help for Veterans, said the effort to bring in Veterans Administration officials and other experts was intended to link veterans to potential jobs,



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Under red, white and blue balloons, area veterans attend a summit intended to link them to benefits, jobs.

health care, disability benefits and other resources that may have eluded them.

"It's the largest summit of its kind in the state," Fausone said.

Years of service

Beth Meade, the Canton Community Foundation's marketing and events manager, said veterans who signed up for the latest summit collectively gave 900 years of service to their country.

They represented every branch of service, from World War II to newer battle zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. They

came Wednesday from communities across southeast Michigan.

"It's a way for us to let veterans, their families and caregivers know all the opportunities available to them," Meade said.

Foley, a Dearborn Heights resident, served in the U.S. Army from 1975-77 and was stationed in Gelnhausen, Germany.

"I've been out of work for almost two years," Foley, 59, said. "I wanted to see what benefits I might qualify for. I haven't had a physical in a couple of years."

Campau, a 75-year-old Trenton resident, spent time in Japan and on U.S. bases while serving in communications in the Air Force from 1956-60.

"I don't know what benefits I have. I've never used the VA, but with the cost of prescriptions going up, I need to see what's available," Campau said, attending with wife Barbara.

Eagan, a 73-year-old Livonia veteran, served as a medical technician in the Air Force from 1962-68 and was stationed in The Azores and U.S. bases. He has impaired hearing.

"I could use some help," he said, attending with wife Jan.

The summit offered an array of vendors and speakers to help guide veterans through what can be a confusing maze when they're seeking help. One of the keynote speakers this year was Jeff Barnes, a veteran who served in Iraq and is director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

'Too humble'

Barnes said many veterans are "too humble" to seek out benefits that are rightfully theirs. He said Michigan, with 660,000 veterans, has the 11th largest population of veterans in the United States. More than half of the state's veterans are 65 or older.

Barnes said efforts to reduce the turnaround time on benefits claims, including those for spouses, has been dramatically reduced to 120

days from what was once two years. He said a 92-year-old Michigan veteran was recently signed up.

Barnes said veterans can qualify for emergency aid for car payments or flood-damage relief. He said during the last year alone, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency helped put 470 veterans who faced foreclosure back in their homes.

"Every vet honorably discharged is entitled to something," he said.

Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone, meanwhile, said one of the most important documents a veteran can bring to the table when seeking benefits is the DD-214, which provides details of their discharge.

Barnes said veterans also should consider attending the 2014 Veteran Expo, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Cobo Center in Detroit. It will include one-stop shopping, he said, for jobs, education, health care, benefits and other services. The second day includes a job fair.

To register, go to www.events.mphi.org/vetexpo or call 517-324-8330.

More information about the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is available at 800-MICH-VET (642-4838) or at www.michiganveterans.com.

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Artist, crafters can exhibit at O&E Media show Oct. 25

The *Observer & Eccentric* Media is reaching out to artists and crafters in the area. Artisans who don't have time to travel to sell their work, this show is for you.

The O&E will sponsor its first Arts & Crafts Show on

Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Quality Inn & Suites on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Artists and crafters of various media are invited to participate in this one-day event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants can take ad-

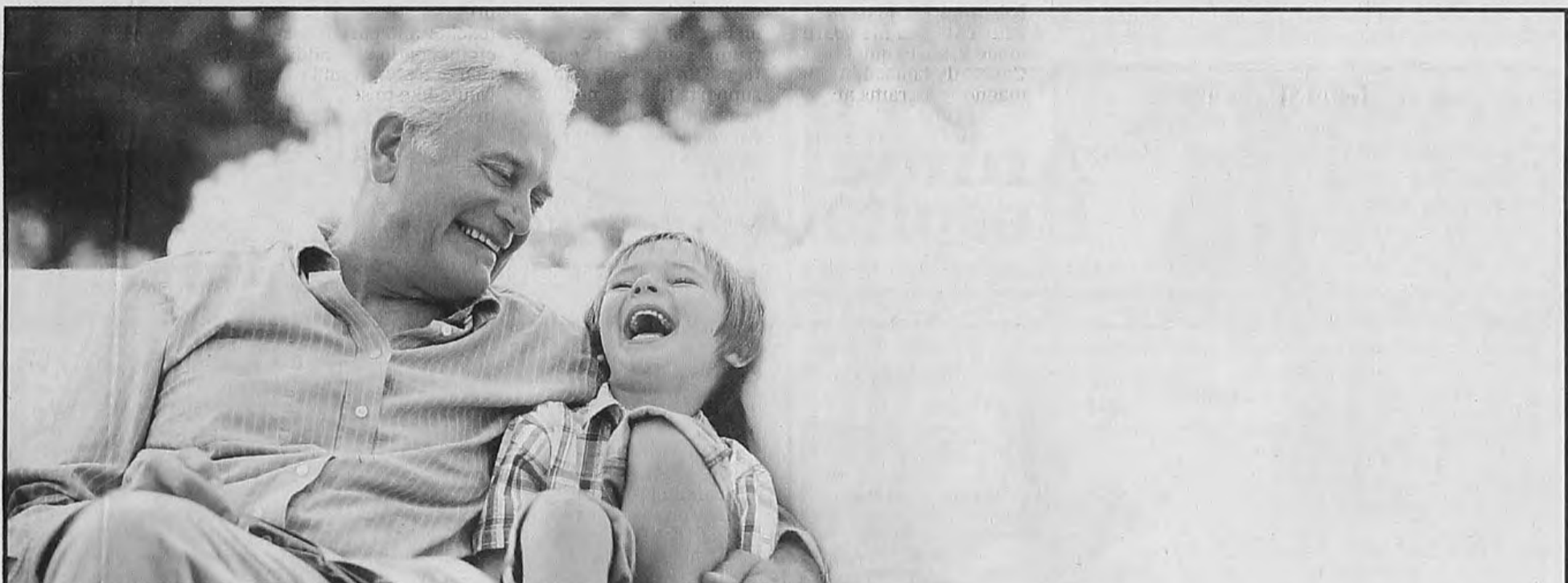
vantage of a discounted rate — \$90 per artisan. Participants receive exhibit space and a listing in a digital ad directory published on hometownlife.com, which attracts more than 375,000 visitors monthly.

The October edition of *Hometown Life Woman* will also feature special pre-event news coverage of the event.

Refreshments sponsorships are also available, along with others for businesses that include speaking/presentation

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Two Glenn teachers win Unsung Heroes Grant

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

Two John Glenn High School teachers have received a grant from Voya Financial for an oral history project started two years ago at the school.

American history teacher Michele Anderson and instrumental music teacher Scott Cramer received a \$2,000 Voya Financial Unsung Heroes Grant for Innovative Teaching Program.

Selected from a group of more than 1,000 applicants, the team is one of only 100 winners across the country who will receive a \$2,000 award to help fund the Vietnam Oral History Project.

Anderson launched the oral history project two years ago, when she had her students interview World War II veterans and defense workers. The project culminated in a USO-style dance at the high school. They did a reprise during the 2013-14 school year, with students interviewing Korean

War veterans. They, too, were feted with a USO-style dance.

Anderson's and Cramer's Vietnam Oral History Project will allow the entire student body to learn the history of the Vietnam War directly from Vietnam veterans.

The project allows students to make personal connections to better understand the history and controversies surrounding this time period. Sociology students will benefit by recording the oral history interviews of veterans and submitting them into the Library of Congress Veterans Project.

History students will benefit from learning about the war directly from these interviews and re-creating a Vietnam War USO dance for the student body and community. To honor those veterans who gave their life for their country, students will also research deceased veterans to create a remembrance display.

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LTU professor C.J. Chung (left) and Betsy Lamb (right) of the host Cranbrook Schools congratulate the state champions in the open category of the World Robot Olympiad, the Robocruisers S of Canton: Christopher Geng, Charles Liu and James Xue.

Canton team wins state crown

Three students from Canton will compete to represent the United States in the World Robot Olympiad after winning the open category at the statewide competition Sept. 4 held at Cranbrook Schools.

Christopher Geng, Charles Liu and James Xue of Canton competed as the Robocruisers S team and took first place in this year's open category competition, which had the theme of "Robots and Space." Student teams had to design and create robots that will assist humankind in solving tasks in space.

Started in Singapore in 2004, WRO is a global LEGO Robotics competition involving nearly 20,000 middle school and high school teams from throughout the world.

Each participating country has its own competition and the best teams from 49 countries will be invited to compete at the World Robot Olympiad in the Olympic city of Sochi in Russia in November.

This is the first year the United

States will be represented and the international Robofest program at Lawrence Technological University is the competition's national organizer. A major goal of the competition is to provide students with a fun way to learn more about science, technology, engineering and math — the STEM subjects.

The WRO-USA national finals will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Don Ridler Field House on LTU's campus in Southfield. Teams are coming from New York, Oregon, California and Illinois.

"WRO is an event that brings young people from all over the world together," said LTU professor C.J. Chung, the founder and director of Robofest at LTU and the WRO director for the U.S. "Teams of youngsters get the opportunity to learn more about STEM and develop their creative and problem-solving skills through various robotics challenges."

ON CAMPUS

Central Michigan

Thirty-two Detroit-area residents, including **Soham Parikh** of Canton, were among the 104 students welcomed recently in the second class of the Central Michigan University College of Medicine.

At 104 students, the second class is larger than the inaugural class of 64 and it was selected from 3,007 applicants. Ninety percent of the incoming students have ties to the state of Michigan.

A \$25 million, 46,000-square-foot College of Medicine educational facility is under construction on the Covenant HealthCare campus in Saginaw. Construction will be complete by May 2015, in time for the inaugural students' third year of study.

The CMU College of Medicine is the nation's 137th medical school, created to address an anticipated shortage of 4,000 to 6,000 physicians in Michigan by 2020.

Lake Forest College

Caroline Campbell of Plymouth is one of 422 first-year students to enroll at Lake Forest College this fall. Campbell was awarded a Forester Science Scholarship and the Presidential Schol-

arship. Campbell is also an honors fellow.

Campbell is a graduate of Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor.

The college continues its commitment to enrolling a national and international student body that will provide cross-cultural learning opportunities broadening all students' experiences. With the addition of these new Foresters, the student body now totals 1,600 students from nearly every state and more than 75 countries.

Heidelberg University

The 2014-15 academic year got off to a great start when Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, welcomed 369 new students and 35 transfer students Aug. 26.

Among those who enrolled as part of the Class of 2018 was **Kaitlin Keys** of Canton, majoring in athletic training and sport management.

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Sophomores compete in tug-of-war.

BOND

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It was Murray Lake Day 2014 and PCA students, teachers and staff were hurrying from the volleyball court to the kickball field, stopping for a tug-of-war and some water games as they kicked off the 2014-15 school year with a day filled with esprit de corps.

Part of the class

"It was scary when I came in seventh grade, because I didn't know anyone," Shaffer said. "After (Murray Lake), you're one of the class, so it's pretty cool. It gets new kids involved and puts them in situations where you have to be part of the class."

Murray Lake is located west of Plymouth, along Ann Arbor Road at Curtis. PCA students

have been going there at the start of school for 15 years or more. The day is for students in grades 7-12 to spend time getting to know each other, learning to become part of their class and, ultimately, part of the PCA family.

On Monday, they spent the day splitting time between a volleyball court, playing kickball, competing in relay races and a variety of swimming contests. The idea, secondary coordinator/athletic director Nathan Yates said, is to "bring the kids together as a class" after having spent the summer break as individuals.

Small-school advantage

Yates said more than 200 of the school's 500 students took part at Murray Lake, the kind of small-school atmosphere larger public schools can't pull off. "It's been part of our

school culture for years," Yates said. "It's one of those things where, when we've had to cancel for weather, kids are devastated. It's a day that not a lot of schools get a chance to do."

While the day is great for all of the students, teachers and staff believe it benefits most the youngest students and students new to the school.

"It really helps some of the newer students get assimilated with the group and have some fun," said Mary Parsons, a PCA teacher for 15 years. "The whole idea of building school unit, setting a tone for the year, helps. We're all in it together."

Building leaders

Caryn Huntsman may very well be the poster child for these methods. She's been at PCA more than two decades, as the ele-



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Getting fired up for the water competition.

mentary principal and, now for the second year, the school's superintendent and head of school.

Huntsman's own children went through Murray Lake Day and Huntsman the mom

knows the same thing Huntsman the principal believes: The day helps build leadership skills.

"We're building leaders ... a lot of these activities have leadership aspects," Huntsman said. "Part of the educa-

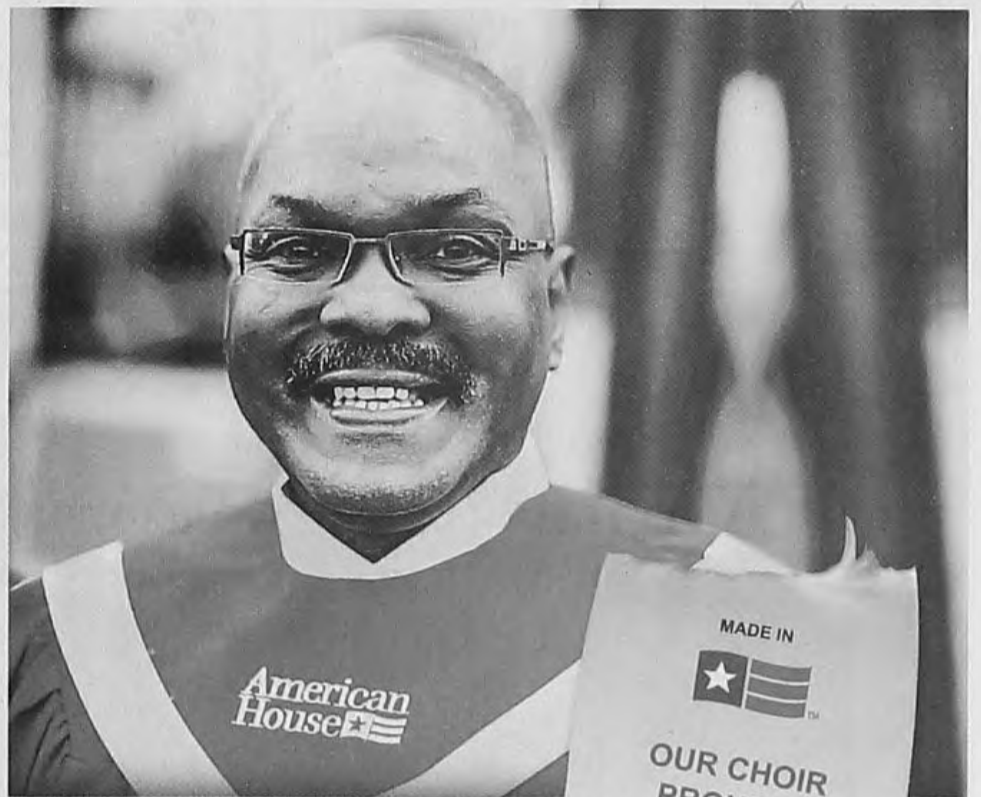
tional process is kids feeling comfortable in their environment, that they're seen, that they have a place. That's what this day does."

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Sophomore Ethan Willis races to the finish.



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Michele Anderson, chair of the Social Studies Department, listens as John Glenn High School Principal David Ingham talks at last year's USO dance for Korean War veterans.

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EEF's 5K aims to support classrooms

Foundation raises money to help fund quality education in district

As part of its continued support of education in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, the Educational Excellence Foundation hosts a 5K Run/Walk for Excellence at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in the Canton High School varsity stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Early-bird registration is \$20 for all P-CCS students and \$25 for all others. Registration includes a T-shirt, race bib, timing device and sponsor goodies. To register or to get more information, go to www.EEF5KFOREXCELLENCE.COM.

Since 1985, the EEF has provided supplemental funding to support the quality of education provided by P-CCS. Last school year alone, the foundation provided some \$159,600 to the district, classrooms, teachers and students.

"The EEF is a very valuable tool for P-CCS, because it allows teachers to offer learning opportunities to their students that might not otherwise be possible," P-CCS Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen said.

Among the donations during the 2013-14 school year were \$29,600 in classroom grants in the fall and another \$26,000 in grants for winter and spring projects. Another \$11,000 provided valuable field trips for Title 1 schools and \$21,000 was conferred in scholarships in the spring to 31 graduating seniors from the P-CEP and Starkweather Academy.

Because it also serves as the fiduciary agent for several PTOs, booster groups and donor-directed grant funds, the EEF also was able to donate an additional \$70,000 into district classrooms in the 2013-14 school year.

Through donations from individuals and business, the EEF awards classroom grants, provides scholarships and facilitates charitable donations to the school district so it can make a significant impact on student learning and achievement.

Carole Kody is director of the EEF. Questions and donations can be directed to her at 734-416-2718.

TEACHERS

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The band and choir will research historical music and perform the numbers at the reenactment USO dance.

Through the Voya Unsung Heroes program, Voya Financial awards grants to K-12 educators nationwide to honor their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects and the ability to positively influence the children they teach.

Anderson and Cramer will now compete with other winners for one of the top three prizes — an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000 from Voya Financial.

Since 1996, the Voya (formerly ING) Unsung Heroes program has awarded more than \$4



Teacher Scott Cramer directs John Glenn Singers at the dance.

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million to help the nation's educators turn creative teaching ideas into reality.

"Voya Financial is honored to salute these outstanding teachers who have the vision to pioneer new methods and techniques in the classroom that inspire learning," said

Bernie Heffernon, senior vice president of Tax-Exempt Markets for Retirement Solutions at Voya Financial. "Each day, we help individuals prepare for a secure financial future and we are proud to recognize these men and women who prepare stu-

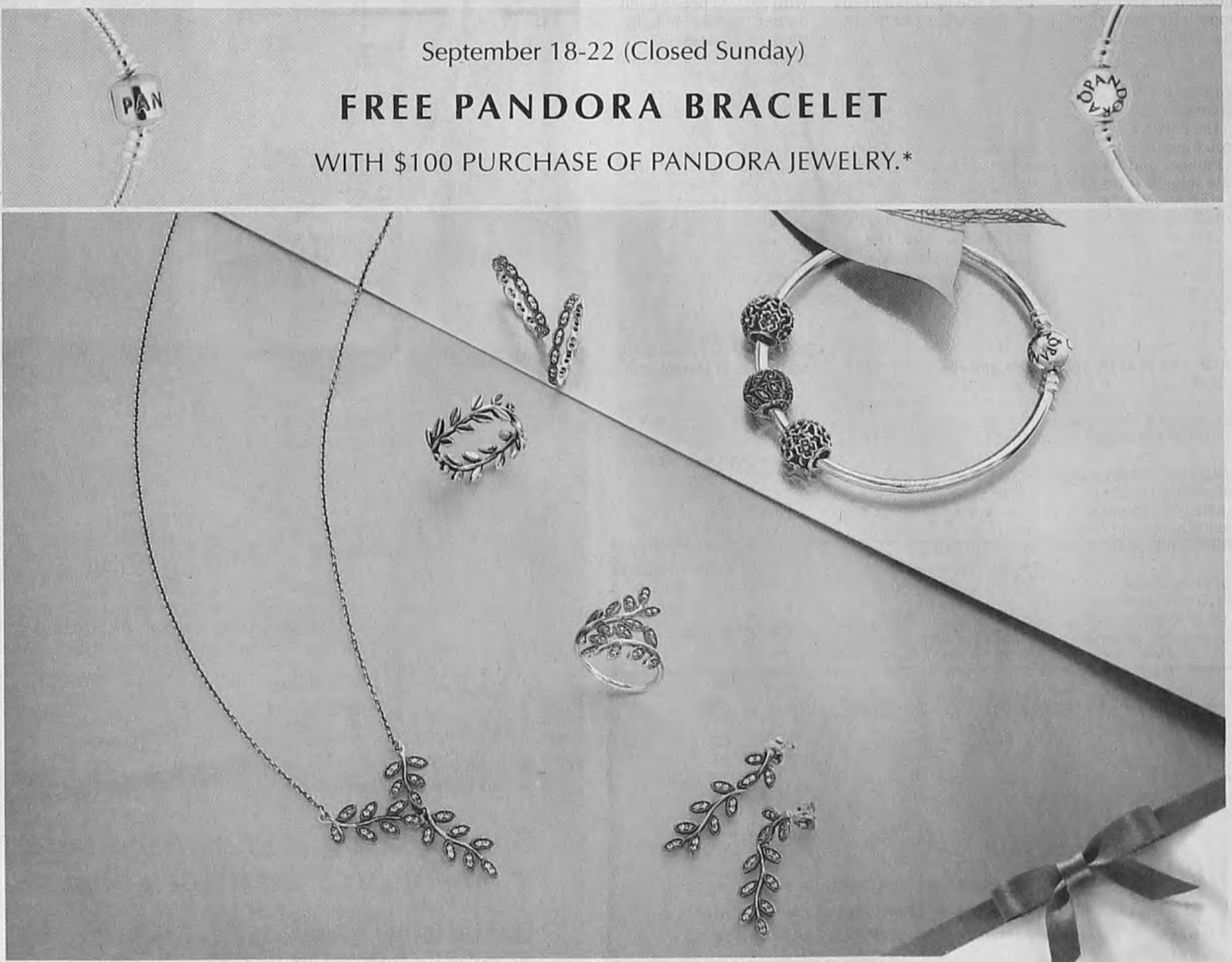
dents for their future.

"We understand that teaching is one of the most important professions in the world and are pleased to help Michele and Scott continue making a life-long, positive impact on the children they teach," she added.

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Plymouth foundation taking grant applications

Group has made \$182,000 in grants and scholarships since 2008

In its 2014 grant cycle, the Community Foundation of Plymouth's Advisory Committee will be awarding \$15,000 in grants to support organizations and programs that benefit the greater Plymouth community.

Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

Fifteen Plymouth community leaders serve in a volunteer capacity on CFP's Advisory Committee and review funding requests to award grants annually. Since 2008, the Com-

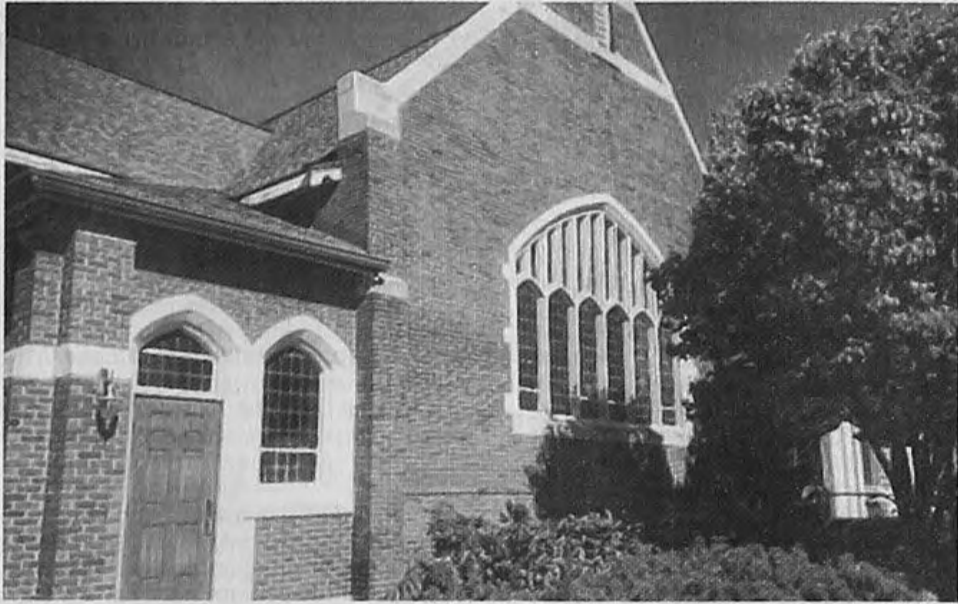
munity Foundation of Plymouth has made philanthropic investments in the Plymouth community through more than \$182,000 in grants and scholarships that have touched hundreds of lives.

Supporting outreach programs that inspire young music students, funding new playground equipment for children with special needs, helping low-income students attend summer science and engineering camp and funding for local art exhibits are just a few

ways CFP grants have helped to make a real difference in Plymouth's community.

Nonprofit organizations interested in applying are required to email Neel Hajra, chief operating officer and VP for Community Investment, nhajra@aaacf.org, to touch base about their grant proposal and to ensure that the funding request will be appropriate in focus and scope.

For more information on how to apply, visit CFP's website at www.cfplymouth.org.



Solid Rock Bible Church has been serving the Plymouth area since 1994.

SOLID ROCK

Community picnic highlights Solid Rock's 20th anniversary

Solid Rock Bible Church has been serving the Plymouth area since 1994 and will have an open celebration and church-wide picnic Sept. 21 to honor the 20th anniversary.

Solid Rock Bible Church has been a firm foundation in the city of Plymouth for nearly two decades in its current location at 670 Church Street, behind the Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street.

In the earliest years, church members met at both Pioneer and West middle schools (plus a long stint later at Central Middle School right next door). Its current home is in the former United Methodist Church building, a historical structure that was rebuilt in 1916 to replace the original structure that was erected on the site in 1848, but perished in a fire.

Lead teaching pastor the Rev. Brad Cannon has been part of the Solid Rock staff from the beginning, first serving as youth pastor. He is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton schools and Baptist Bible College in Penn.

"At Solid Rock, we want to fulfill our mission by loving God and loving people," Cannon

said. "It is an honor to serve the people of this great community for the past 20 years. God has been so faithful to us as a congregation. We look forward to the next 20 years of fulfilling God's call for us to dig in and meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the greater Plymouth area."

Solid Rock Bible Church is non-denominational and focuses on teaching directly from the Bible without altering the essential truths of scripture and on encouraging members to utilize God-given talents to serve each other and the local community. The church is composed of many groups of people in different stages of life, from college students, young married couples, large (and small) families and seasoned veterans who started the church many years ago.

Solid Rock participates in many outreach programs to serve the local community of Plymouth, but also surrounding areas of Canton, Livonia, Northville and even Detroit. The recent Vacation Bible School invited kids from all over the surrounding Plymouth neighborhood. Money raised from the

children's offerings was sent to Africa to buy food, blankets and bikes for transportation between villages.

Church members spent this summer participating with Miracle League, an organization that provides children with special needs a volunteer "buddy" to help them play baseball, regardless of ability. Many women from the church participate in an organization that provides basic toiletries, health products and Bibles to encourage a changed lifestyle for women who engage in stripping or prostitution in the surrounding area.

Solid Rock also has a Downtown Outreach Ministry, which brings basic necessities (clothing, toiletries, coats and blankets) and food to the homeless in Detroit twice a month.

The Sept. 21 outdoor picnic is a celebration for church members, but more importantly is a free lunch opportunity for the general public to learn more about Solid Rock in a relaxed environment.

Anyone who wishes to participate is asked to please RSVP to the church office at 734-455-7711.



Army ROTC Cadet Brett Quick on top of the tallest building in Thailand.

Ladywood grad gets first training deployment as cadet

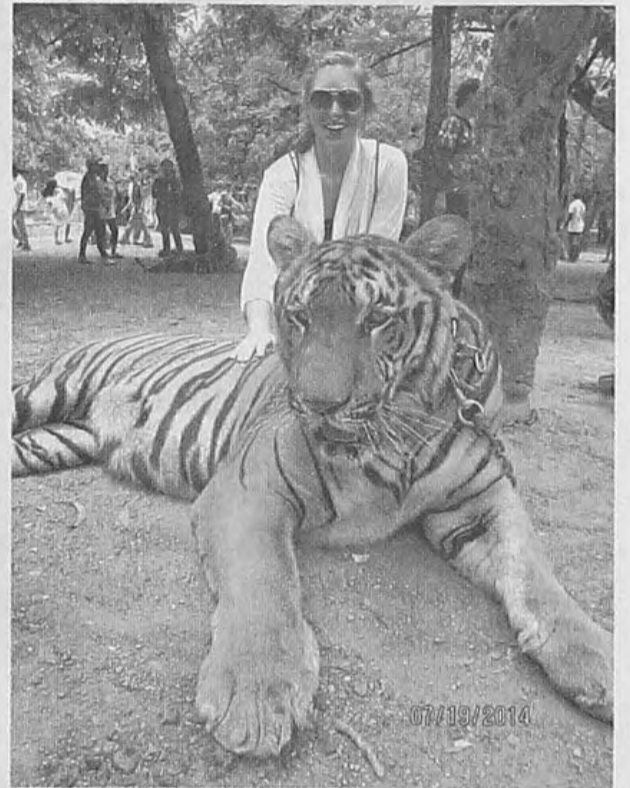
Brett Quick of Plymouth, an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet, is getting involved in Cadet Language and Cultural Immersion Training, her first training deployment as a cadet.

After a week-long training session at Fort Knox, Ky., Quick and other selected cadets are deployed to partner nations, where they are immersed in the local cultures and languages.

The selected cadets will spend three weeks involved in assisting with current Army missions that range from community outreach projects to teaching English to local children or host country military personnel. They are not only getting a total immersion in another culture, but are also building positive relationships and helping the people of partner nations.

Quick taught English at the Armed Forces Academy Preparatory School in Nakhon Nayok, Thailand.

She's the daughter of



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ROTC Cadet Brett Quick of Plymouth, shown her with a rescued Bengal tiger, taught English at the Armed Forces Academy Preparatory School in Nakhon Nayok, Thailand.

Geralyn Quick of Plymouth and Christopher Quick of Plymouth.

Quick is currently a

student at University of Notre Dame, and a 2012 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia.

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John Dalton (from left), Jason Hodges and Anthony Wozniak were among several students who placed 3,000 flags surrounding the Schoolcraft College mall and along Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Schoolcraft College students honor victims of 9/11 attacks

Across the nation, Americans honored Thursday those who died as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the United States. At Schoolcraft College, a small group of students got together to place 3,000 flags in remembrance to those who lost their lives 13 years ago. "We must always remember this day in history," said John Dalton, chairman of the Schoolcraft College Republicans. "It changed our

lives and shaped the course of history for our nation and world forever."

Flags were placed surrounding the college mall and along Haggerty Road in Livonia, where Schoolcraft's main campus is located.

The project was a last-minute idea from the Eastern Michigan University and the Schoolcraft College Republicans.

"I was on the phone with Mr. Dalton on Tues-

day trying to come up with an idea to honor the fallen on 9/11," said Anthony Wozniak, chairman of the EMU College Republicans. "We came up with doing the flag project because it was fast and would make an impact."

This is the first year this was done at Schoolcraft. Both Dalton and Wozniak hope this will become a tradition at the college, as it has been at the University of Michigan for many years.



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The Make A Difference program, where volunteers do light yard work for seniors, is one of the programs funded by the Plymouth Community United Way.

United Way kicks off annual campaign

Plymouth Community United Way has kicked off its 2014 campaign to raise money for programs that improve lives in Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County.

Now celebrating 70 years of making a significant social impact in local communities, PCUW continues to focus on basic needs, education and stability.

For the last several years, PCUW has been busy providing emergency food, rent and utility assistance because of the downturn in the economy. In addition to basic needs, this year's contributions will help PCUW pursue its Community Impact Initiative to advance the common good and improve the lives of all residents. The initia-

tive aims to prevent problems before a crisis occurs.

In an effort to address issues, grants were awarded last year to organizations attempting to make lasting change. Funding was provided for food pantries, bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, shelter for domestic violence victims and their children, hospice, grief counseling, substance abuse assessment and treatment and opportunities for youth to develop skills and become valuable community members.

PCUW also awarded grants to Plymouth Canton Community Schools (Bridge program to prepare ninth-grade students for success in high school and an after school pilot program to mentor and tutor ele-

mentary students) and Southeast Michigan Veterans Stand Down to assist homeless veterans.

Throughout the year, PCUW organized Make a Difference days to clean yards of senior citizens and people with disabilities and collected back-to-school supplies, baby items for low-income mothers and new hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, school supplies and food for those in need.

Donations can be made online at www.plymouthunitedway.org or to Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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FRI/SAT LS 11:45

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11:10, 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:15
FRI/SAT LS 11:40

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11:40, 2:00, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10

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David Galido of Novi plays Mortimer, who is tied up by Dr. Einstein, played by Gary Weinstein of Farmington Hills. KURT MATHIAK

Players: 'Arsenic and Old Lace' debuts

Suburban actors take to the stage in season opener

The Brewster sisters love to murder old men and bury their bodies in the basement. That zany premise sets the stage for the Farmington Players season opener, the farcical black comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring.

Tickets are now on sale for the show that runs Sept. 26 through Oct. 18 at the Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The show is sponsored by Mall, Malisow and Cooney, P.C.

Insanity runs in the family in this classic play that premiered on Broadway in 1941 and later became a popular film directed by Frank Capra. In the Farmington Players version, Cynthia Tupper of Farmington Hills and Mary Ann Tweedie of Novi shine as the spinster aunts, Abby and Martha, all too happy to dispose of lonely old men with a few sips of elderberry wine laced with poison.

As the old women perfect their deadly hobby, their nephew Mortimer Brewster (David Galido of Novi) pays a visit, discovering a body stashed in a window seat — and the game is on for a show rich in irony, where you can't help but root for the killers.

Kristi Schwartz of Canton makes her directorial debut captaining a show she first "fell in

love with" during a high school acting class. "I'm attracted to the juxtaposition of 'good vs. evil' in this show," Schwartz said. "Being a good girl who always follows the rules, I wanted to direct a black comedy where I could explore that dark side."

Their live-in nephew Teddy (Dan Muldoon of Madison Heights) prances around convinced he's President "Theodore Roosevelt," even supervising the digging of the Panama Canal. Charging up the stairs blasting his bugle, Muldoon creates a whimsical portrayal of the 26th president.

The craziness intensifies when the creepy third nephew, Jonathan, pops in — a Boris Karloff-looking serial killer on the run played by Guy Copland of Berkley. He's hiding from police with his sidekick Dr. Einstein (Gary Weinstein of Farmington Hills). Copland nails his part as the criminally insane bad guy everyone loves to hate, while Weinstein does the same, digging into his bag of comic tricks to make Einstein a lively character.

Schwartz admits she's fortunate to be blessed with a "talented cast and crew." She admires how her leading man Galido skillfully plays the "straight man" Mortimer,

who discovers the bodies in the basement, covers it up from "clueless cops" and calls off his wedding, because he fears insanity may just be a family trait.

The cast includes: Abby: Cynthia Tupper, Farmington Hills; Martha: Mary Ann Tweedie, Novi; Mortimer: David Galido, Novi; Jonathan: Guy Copland, Berkley; Dr. Einstein: Gary Weinstein, Farmington Hills; Elaine: Kori Bielaniec, Livonia; Teddy: Dan Muldoon, Madison Heights; Officer O'Hara: Jim Moll, Farmington Hills; Lt. Rooney: Dave Reinke, Novi; Officer Brophy: Jared Kovach, Waterford Township; Officer Klein: Bryan Dogariu, Walled Lake; Rev. Harper: Dave Ewick, Southfield; Mr. Gibbs: Dennis Verner, Farmington Hills; Ms. Witherspoon: Rebecca Dull, Farmington Hills.

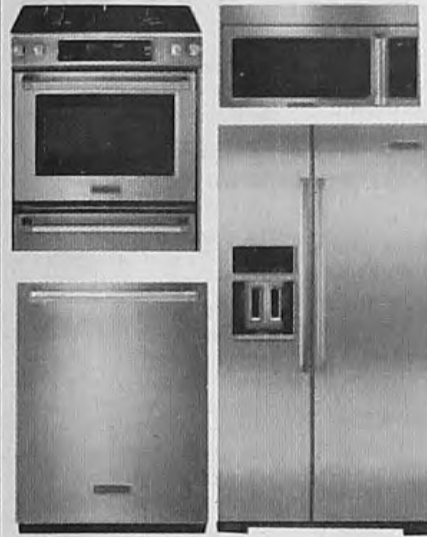
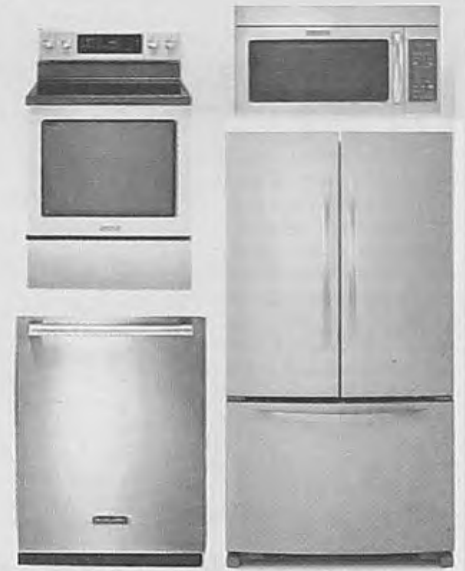
The production team includes: director: Kristi Schwartz, Canton; assistant director: Jason Wilhoite, Commerce; junior assistant director: Allie Walter, Canton; producer: Laurel Stroud, Redford; producer: Marilyn Zerlak, Farmington Hills. Tickets are available at www.farmingtonplayers.org and the box office at 248-553-2955. Single show tickets are \$16 for adults; students and senior adults receive \$2 off any performance.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DKG CRAFT SHOW

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Road (at Sheldon), Plymouth
Details: Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society of women in education that provides scholarships for Plymouth-Canton students pursuing a degree in education. Its biggest fundraiser for scholarships is its annual craft show. More than 65 juried crafters will be featured, displaying unique jewelry, hand-crafted soaps of natural ingredients, seasonal decor, gourmet foods, hand-painted scarves, pottery, unique pet supplies and more. The event will include a surprise drawing every hour as well as a drawing for several big prizes, including a hand-stitched quilt, a round of golf at Fox Hills and at Pheasant Run, a bed & breakfast package, framed Tigers memorabilia, a \$50 gift certificate from Focal Point, two \$25 gift certificates to Vanessa's Flowers and many local restaurant gift certificates. The American Association of University Women, which also provides scholarships to students, will again join the show with its annual used book sale. Admission is \$2.
Contact: Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.net

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Heather Pinage, 734-727-2063. Please specify you are requesting an appointment for the United Home Health location. For MMAP information visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

FOLK MUSIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 20, open mic at 6:15 p.m.; program 7-9:30 p.m.
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The BaseLine Folk Society returns for its 10th season, featuring 10 "open-mic" performances plus a featured artist. This month's featured artist is John Natiw, an award-winning songwriter who is a regular performer at colleges, coffee and tea rooms around the state, with a collection of acoustic/Americana/folk music. The host is singer-songwriter Jessica Carmichael, who made her BaseLine debut last September.

Contact: Contact BaseLine president Scott Ludwig at scludwig@aol.com or 734-453-0869.

FIRE STATION TOURS

Dates: Oct. 5-11, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Plymouth City Hall fire station
Details: The city Fire Department celebrates Fire Prevention Week by hosting a daily open house at the City Hall Fire Station. Firefighters will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Oct. 6-11, to give tours of the station and provide fire prevention information. The department is also now scheduling tour groups for Fire Prevention Week. The department has tours geared to both youngsters and adults, so all groups are welcome.
Contact: To schedule a tour time during Fire Prevention Week, call the city Fire Department at 734-453-1234, ext. 280.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Fire Station No. 1, 9911 Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Community Fire Department hosts its popular Fire Safety Open House. The event, free to the public, will feature the Fire Safety House for kids, free food, fire station and apparatus tours and demonstrations of how to use a fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication and how to handle a stove fire.
Contact: Harbour Club Golf Course, 48356 Denton, Belleville

LANTERNS OF LOVE

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.
Location: Harbour Club Golf Course, 48356 Denton, Belleville
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice hosts Lanterns of Love. Memorial sky lanterns will be released at dusk by anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one who has died. Registration begins at 7 p.m. and there is no charge to attend. Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended for seating. An indoor candle lighting will take place if weather is not conducive for the launch.
Contact: To reserve a lantern,



Merit semifinalists

Ten Detroit Catholic Central High School students were named semifinalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship competition, including Ryan Doyle of Canton (East Middle School) and Jack Watts and Daniel Reilmann of Canton (All Saints). The semifinalists will have the chance to compete for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million.

contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

SPOKEN WORD

Date/Time: Friday, Sept. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Cherry Hill Village Studio Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: Interfaith Community Outreach and Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit sponsor "Spoken Word: If You Knew Me." The program is open to grades 8-12. Admission of school supplies for local schools is being asked. RSVP via email to plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com or on Facebook at plymouthcantonico.com.
Contact: For more information, call 734-502-2508.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Dates: Sept. 26-27
Location: NorthRidge Church, Beck and North Territorial, Plymouth
Details: For one weekend at NorthRidge Church, bestselling author and nationally known speaker Gary Thomas will be holding the conference "Sacred Marriage," where attendees will learn how to transform a "tired" marriage into a relationship built on love and respect. Thomas explains and expands on how a marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other at this conference.
Contact: To purchase tickets or learn more, visit NorthRidge Church.com/SacredMarriage.

CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 5, lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; chocolate affair 2-5 p.m.
Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, hosts the 10th annual "A Chocolate Affair and Luncheon" to benefit First Step, the program for counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Luncheon tickets are \$25, as are tickets for the "Chocolate Affair."
Contact: For tickets or more information, call First Step of Plymouth at 734-416-1111, Pat at 734-981-1702 or Kittie at 734-646-5212.

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ZUMBA GOLD
Date/Time: Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon
Location: Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township
Details: The Plymouth YMCA will offer Zumba Gold fitness classes free with participating health plans or \$39 annual YMCA fee, plus \$25 per six-week session. Sessions run continuously year-round. Zumba Gold is a specialty dance inspired fitness class that takes the Zumba flavor and modifies the moves and pace to suit the needs of active older adults, baby boomers and the beginning fitness person.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS
Date/Time: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ The Elks presents Interlochen- and Juillard-trained Walter White and his Quartet. Walter White plays trumpet, Jeff Trudell (son of Johnny Trudell) on drums, Gary Schunk on keyboard, and Ralphie Armstrong on Bass. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Date/Time: Sunday, Sept. 21, 2:30 p.m.
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth Township
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites all widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments follow.
Contact: For more info, call

POKER FUNDRAISER
Date/Time: Sunday, Oct. 12, registration 11 a.m. to noon; ride starts at 12:15 p.m.
Location: Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills
Details: The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. hosts a Poker Run fundraiser that starts at Motor City Harley-Davidson. Recreational and serious bikers are invited to ride to raise money for military veterans and

Blum's Landing, a northeast Michigan bed & breakfast for War on Terror military personnel and their families. Registration fee is \$25 per bike in advance, \$30 the day of the event (additional riders are \$15). The ride will be approximately 60 miles, with several stops and dinner at VFW Hall in Plymouth included. There will be prize drawings and raffles along with awards for most patriotic bike and furthest traveled.
Contact: To register, go to www.plymouthamrotaryfoundation.org. For questions, call 734-454-7335 or email dschmidt@americanbus.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT
Date/Time: First and third Thursday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of the space.
Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

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 www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf.

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 Eva Davis
 Library Director
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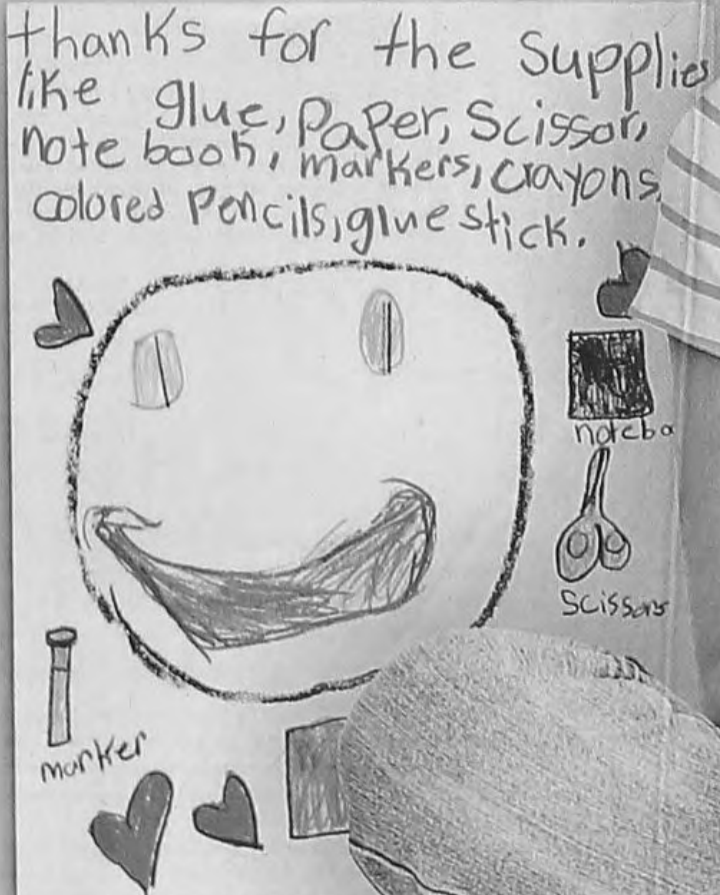
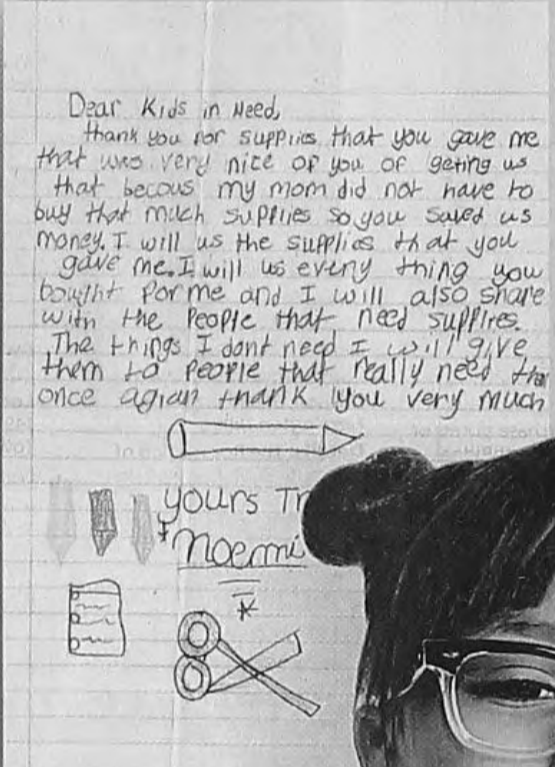
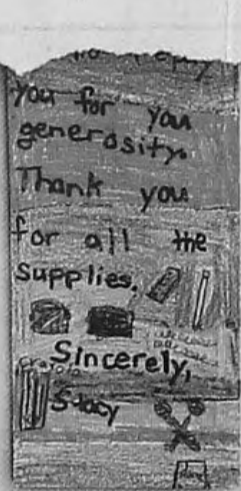
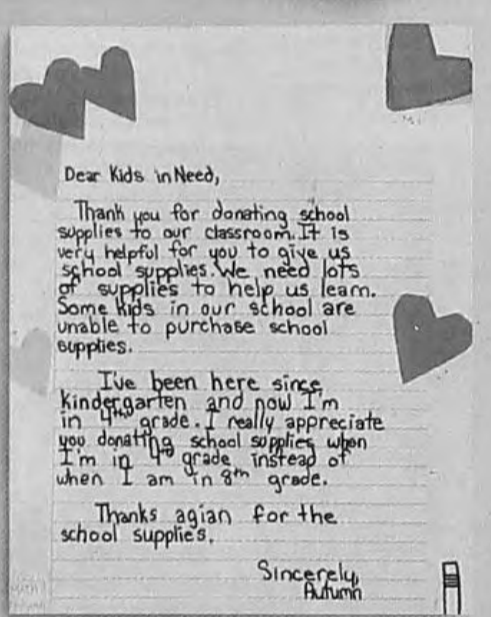
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SOME PROBLEMS HAVE NO SOLUTIONS
 Some medical problems have no ready solutions. For example, a patient whose ankles swell during the day, may come to a doctor believing that the physician will prescribe water pills to rid the ankles of excess fluid. The doctor acts differently. After an examination his response may be to urge the patient to walk more.
 What the physician sees is that in this patient's case, the ankle swelling is not the result of heart failure, bad kidneys or an impaired liver. Rather, the patient has poor veins around the ankle and foot, meaning the blood gets to the ankle area but has a hard time returning up the leg and back to the heart. The blood pools, but what the patient sees are swollen ankles.
 No medicine exists that will strengthen the veins; taking water pills may make the patient dry as a stone, but won't stop the pooling. Using support hose is of little value as the pooling is in the ankles not the legs. The recommendation to walk has merit as walking will cause the leg muscles to act as a pump to bring the blood up to the heart.
 But basically, the physician's job is to tell the patient the swelling is something he will need to live with.
 Osteoarthritis of the hands presents a similar medical problem. The knuckles enlarge and distort the look of the hand. Loss of joint mobility interferes with a person's ability to open a car door, twist a bottle cap or button a shirt. But there is no medication or physical therapy that will return a person's hands to their previous strength and flexibility. It is a doctor's duty to inform the person to adapt.



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METAL RECYCLING CENTER IN LIVONIA CHOOSES TO IMPRESS

By Dennis Zelazny

Here is a great way to put some cash in your pocket and help keep the environment green. GLR Advanced Recycling has groomed 15 acres of concrete in Livonia to create a perfected recycling center. In addition to concrete, it has a certified 70-foot truck scale and drive-through operation to keep you warm and dry. It serves approximately 150 customers per day. GLR prides itself on "safety first" and is CFC certified.

If you own an end-of-life vehicle or one that is close to that point, then this is the company to call. Michael Bassirpour, president of GLR, encourages you not to leave that vehicle in your yard, but rather call his company and it will take the grief out of disposing any out-of-service automobile. It is dealer licensed and scrapping metal is its business. The company is also in a position to make you an immediate offer on a running vehicle as well, taking the wait and uncertainties out of selling your car.

If your vehicle is not in running condition, fret not — GLR owns a fleet of tow trucks with knowledgeable drivers that are more than happy to come and pick up your car.

Jeff Sonne, director of vehicle operations, makes sure that all vehicle sales are as easy as 1-2-3. Sonne is part of the young, aggressive management team that wants your business. The team will never give you less than quality service and is devoted to making sure you get paid the fairest market price and in most cases a bit more. Its "price beat/match guarantee" shows the competition how business should be done.

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years. It continues with that family tradition in making sure end-of-life cars are disposed of properly.

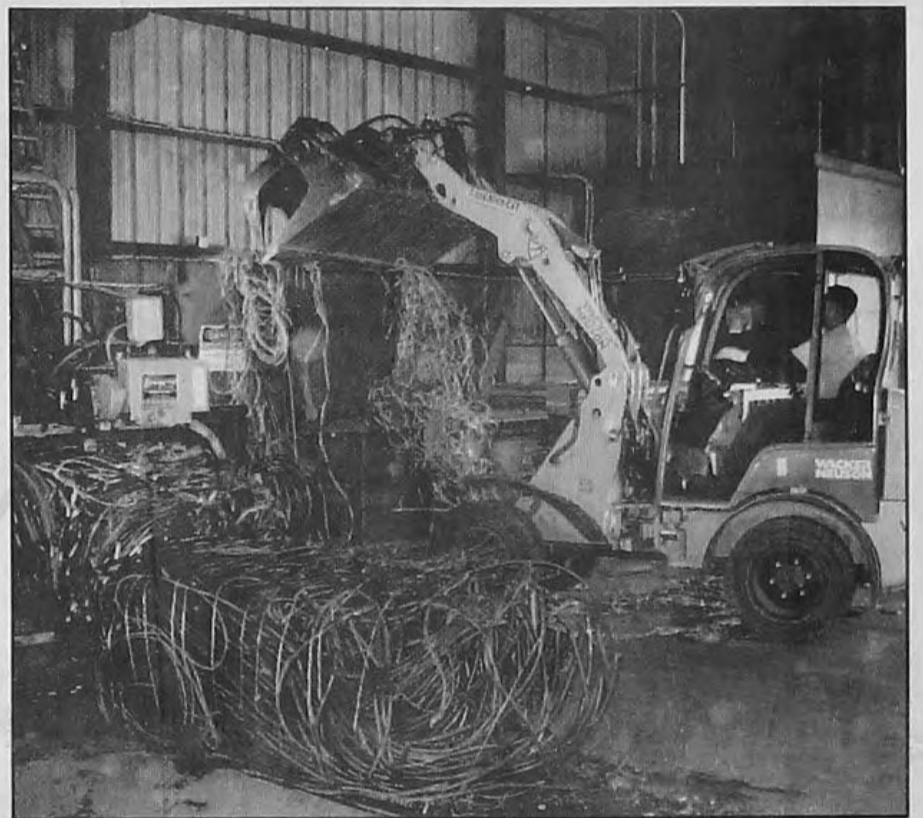
When you call, you will experience its three-step process. The review list includes asking if the vehicle has a clear title and if the car is in running order. Your answers to these questions will get you an instant quote. If you agree to the offer, the next step is to set up a convenient appointment for pick-up and the driver brings your instant payment. It couldn't be any easier.

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There are some exceptions where an end-of-life vehicle might not be dead yet. Advanced Car Buyers, a division of GLR, handles sales for all used cars that still have some life left in the tank. After a team of certified mechanics perform tune-ups and scrub-ups, these road-worthy vehicles are offered for sale.

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Shown here is the process of baling wire.

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PLYMOUTH 47, WAYNE 7

Wildcats put big hurt on Zebras

Plymouth takes major advantage of Wayne miscues, penalties

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Like a steamroller, the Plymouth Wildcats flattened division rival Wayne Memorial to the tune of 47-7 Friday night.

It was a game that never really was in doubt, especially after the Wildcats (3-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLA South) scored back-to-back touchdowns within a 58-second span in the first quarter to go up 14-0.

Scoring both of those early TDs was senior running back Anthony Kenney, who scored three in the game. His first TD was on a 30-yard run down the left sideline, one play after

quarterback Deji Adebisi connected on a 24-yard pass to junior Chris Walls.

Kenney then took it over the goal line from 3 yards out, two plays after senior sparkplug linebacker Shane Raymond intercepted a pass attempt by Wayne senior quarterback Angelo Wiggins near midfield and brought it up to the Zebras' 30 with about eight minutes left in the first.

"We just played hard, our thing was to get better," Adebisi said. "We knew we were a little bit better team, but we played hard, we won in the trenches. I give it to my O-line, they played great today."

Getting it started

Adebisi also said Kenney was a catalyst, "punching it in the end zone, twice, three times. He played great to-

night, he really brought it."

"I thought the whole team got better tonight," said Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk, whose team will visit Livonia Churchill next Friday. "We were really trying in practice to clean up the little things. We're not there yet, but we were a little more together tonight."

Sawchuk also tipped his cap to Kenney for doing "a great job" Friday, both in the backfield and defensive secondary against the winless Zebras (0-3, 0-1).

Also stellar on defense was Raymond, who added a safety later in the opening quarter, not long after his interception.

"He's the (middle) backer," Sawchuk said. "He's the quarterback of the defense, he's

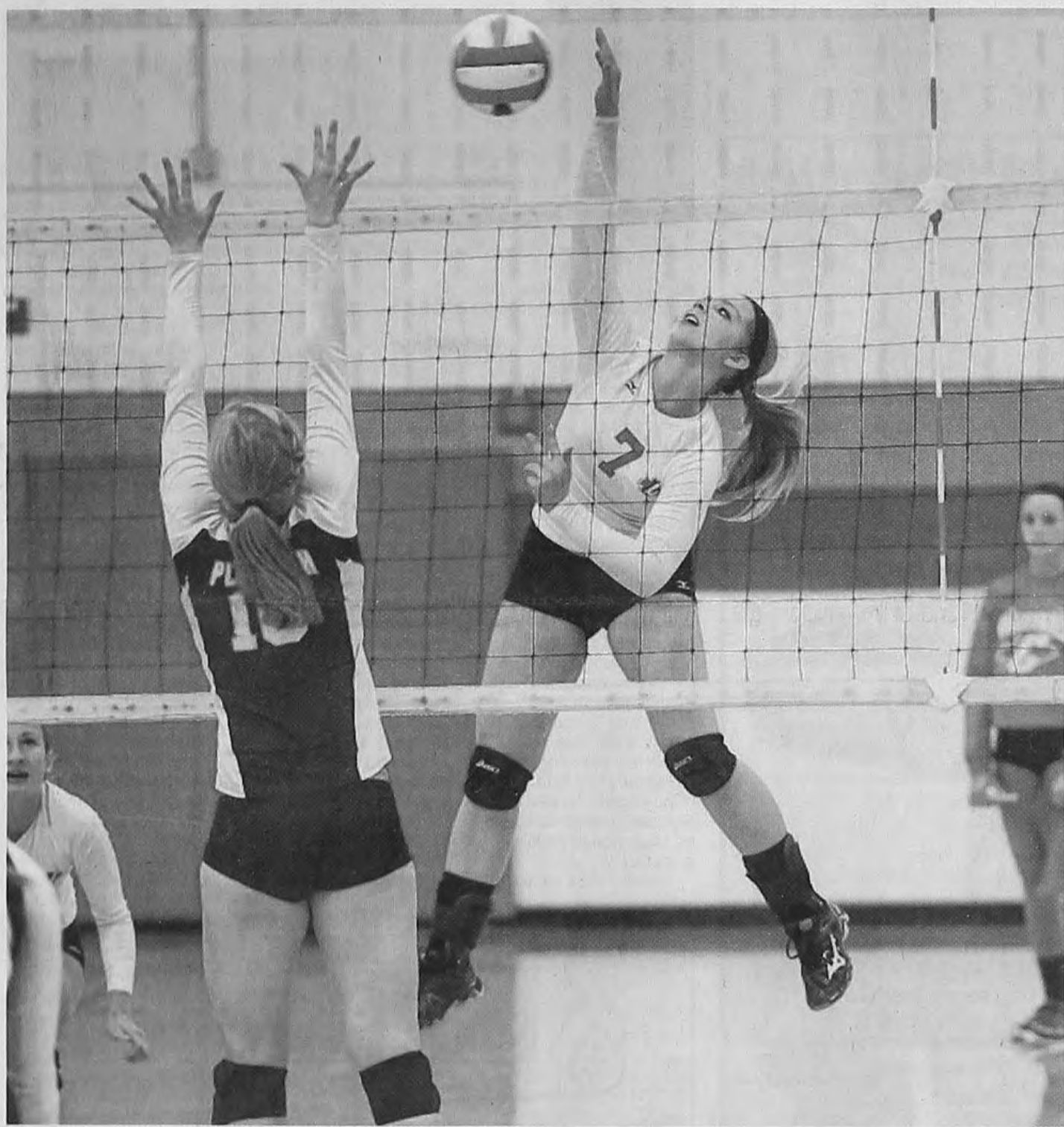
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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth quarterback Deji Adebisi (No. 5) outraces Wayne Memorial defender Juan Wise (No. 13) during Friday's KLA South Division football contest.

PREP VOLLEYBALL



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Slamming the ball over a Plymouth defender Thursday is Canton's Lauren Schornack (No. 7).

VICTORY IS SERVED

Canton prevails in hard-hitting KLA South match-up against Plymouth

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The blood always pumps a little harder when Plymouth and Canton match-up and that certainly holds true for volleyball.

Such was the case Thursday night, with the host Chiefs rallying to defeat the Wildcats in four sets — after losing 25-22 to Plymouth in the opening set.

In a match filled with lengthy volleys, knee-scraping defensive saves and powerful slams on both sides of the net, the Chiefs prevailed.

Canton roared back with wins of 25-19 and 25-13 to take a 2-1 lead going into Set 4.

The Chiefs finished the KLA South Division opening match with a 25-18 victory in the fourth set to seal

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Tossing the ball up during her serve is Canton libero Megan Roy (No. 6), during the Chiefs' KLA South Division victory over Plymouth.

Canton runs past Patriots in 49-6 rout

Salem loses to Lions to fall to 0-3

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Canton entered Friday night's match-up with Livonia Franklin without three of its offensive line starters from the preseason depth chart. Despite losing a fourth member early in the first half, Canton persevered in a 49-6 road rout of the Patriots.

"It was a lot of people — a lot of big guys — but we're a team," Canton senior quarterback Greg Williams said. "Everybody's got to do their one job. Not one guy, not four guys make a team. It's about the full 11."

Williams piloted a prolific Canton offense that accumulated 514 total yards, 474 of which came on the ground. Williams accounted for the other 40 on a passing touchdown to Nolan Gilo with 1:29 left in the first half to put Canton up 21-0.

The Chiefs (2-1) put up more points 2:14 into the third quarter (28) than they scored in the entirety of last week's 24-21 loss to Hartland. Williams said that the coaching staff had preached moving on and learning from the loss and to stay in the present.

"The whole thing all week was 'get it done.' When we broke it down, there was no speeches. We just had to get the job done," Williams said. "It's always tough coming off of a loss, especially a close one at home. But you only get nine guaranteed games, so it's a quick season. You have to be able to bounce back fast."

Canton got the scoring started early with an 8-yard touchdown by junior running back Jakob Wickens. The touchdown was set up by a 67-yard return of the opening kickoff by Chuck Turfe to get the ball deep into Franklin (0-3) territory.


Sophomore Marcus Sanders stole the show by scoring three touchdowns and rushing for 210 yards on 15 carries. He put Canton up 14-0 after a 3-yard touchdown six seconds into the second quarter.

Sanders outraced Patriots defenders on his final two touchdowns, from 75 and 69 yards out late in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter on back-to-back possessions.

Turfe put Canton up 28-0 with his 53-yard run touchdown through the heart of the Franklin defense just 2:14 into the third quarter.


Canton closed the scoring with a

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MAKING THE GRADE

Plymouth-Canton adopts new academic standards for all student-athletes

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Until recently, it didn't add up that some Plymouth-Canton Educational Park student-athletes were able to continue competing on the field or court despite not getting things done in the classroom.

"It used to be, in this district, if you had four D-minuses and an E, you were eligible," Plymouth varsity football coach Mike Sawchuk said. "Which is ridiculous."

So the district has now implemented a uniform, new-and-improved policy for student-athletes — establishing the academic standards they must meet in order to keep catching touchdowns, ripping base hits or out-distancing opponents in the pool.

All Canton, Plymouth and Salem student-athletes must essentially carry a 2.0 grade-point-average, with grades to be checked every five

weeks to make sure they remain eligible.

As far as Sawchuk is concerned, the policy doesn't change the mentality with his football program.

"That's your number one thing, academics, because there's only a very small percentage of your kids that are going to go off and play college football," Sawchuk said. "So you better get it done in the classroom, regardless. In fact, I don't think I've ever had a kid that was getting ready to play college football that I had to send somewhere, like a junior college, because of his grades."

"We've always hammered them on their grades and they've always qualified and been ready to go. So I'm pretty proud about that."

Still fair

According to Plymouth assistant principal of athletics and activities, Kyle Meteyer, a former track and field coach at Salem, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is raising the standards to be more in line with neighboring school districts.

The Plymouth-Canton district is, as a result,

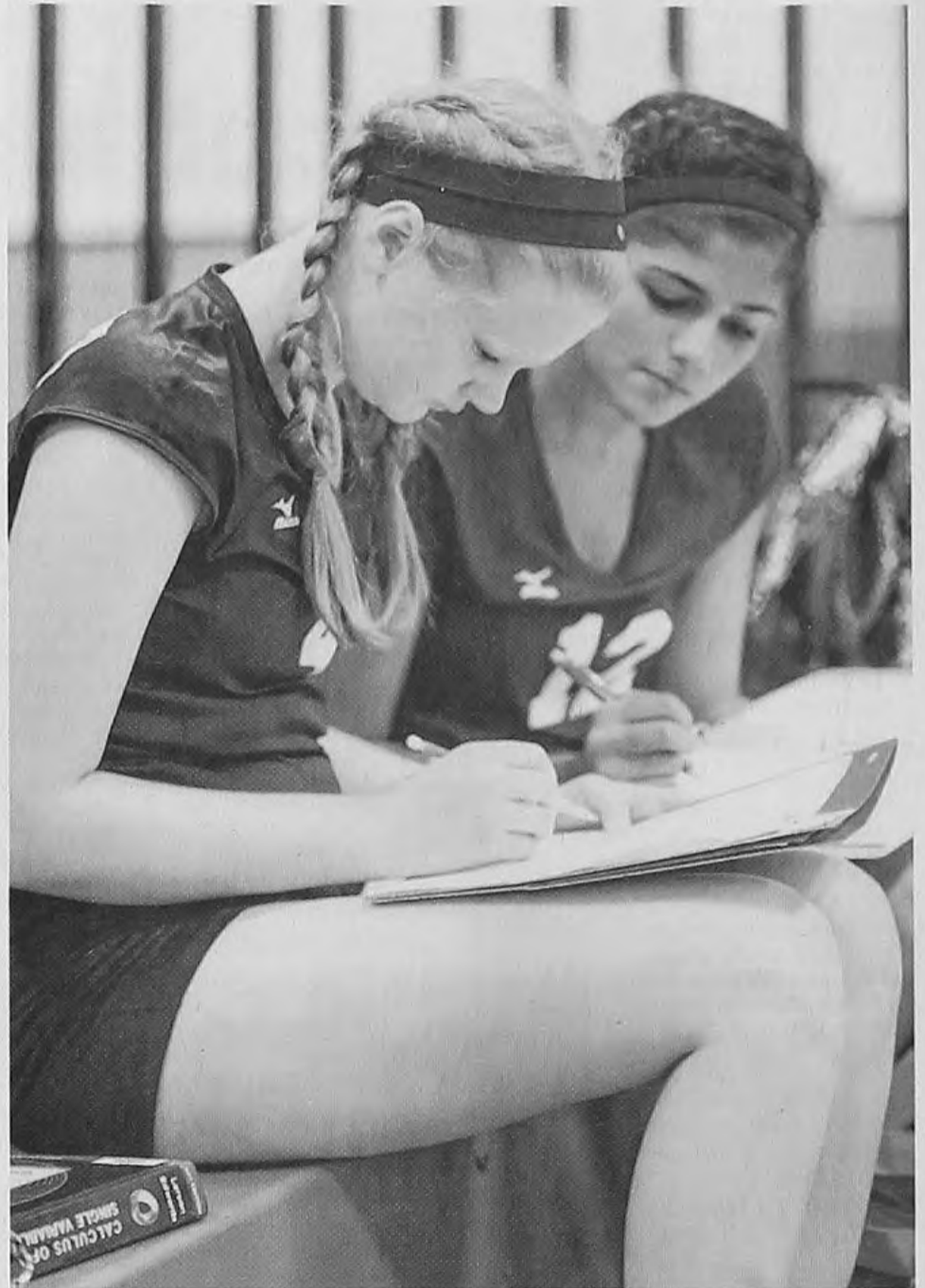
jettisoning the long-adopted standard established by the Michigan High School Athletic Association that was a "one size fits all" policy for students all across the state.

"There are a lot of districts, (the) minimum standard is to pass 66 percent of your classes, which in our district with six classes means you got to pass four," Meteyer said. "So under the old policy it was conceivable for a student to have four D-minuses and two E's and still be eligible to play sports."

Meteyer said he thinks it's a good move for the district, noting the policy still provides leeway for kids who might be struggling with a class or two as long as they deliver the goods overall.

"I am a big fan of it; I think it was overdue," Meteyer said. "I was a coach myself in the district. I always thought the old policy ... the MHSAA standard is designed for an entire state, so everybody from Detroit to Plymouth-Canton to the Upper Peninsula rural schools fall under the same thing."

"It's a one size fits all, so we're trying to be



Getting in some homework during a varsity volleyball game are Plymouth freshman players Autumn Cannon (left) and Niral Patel. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

better. We're trying to be more aggressive on this and try to raise the bar. ... I'm a track coach, we didn't raise it a foot, we raised it about three inches. So we put it within every student's grasp."

Keeping tabs

Meteyer said the policy does not have a particular benchmark that students need to maintain, whether GPA or a number of classes they need to pass.

"We're checking grades every five weeks instead of 10 and the standard is, they have make one of two qualifications," he said. "They either have to be passing all of their classes, that means with a D or better."

"And if they're not

doing that, they can fail one class, we're giving them a little bit of leeway ... but the remaining classes that you are passing have to equal out to a 2.0 GPA."

"Sometimes a kid might get over his head in a harder class or something he's not too good in. We're willing to give him the benefit of a doubt, if he's demonstrating that he's doing a good job in those other five classes."

By keeping tabs every five weeks instead of 10, that gives student-athletes — and coaches, for that matter — the incentive to make sure schoolwork isn't slacking.

"In the past, grades were checked every 10 weeks, on the quarters," Meteyer said. "Now

they're being checked twice as frequently, every five weeks."

"The reason for that, especially in fall sports, kids would get their first grade check in November. Most fall sports are done by November, most of them wrap up in October. By the time we check everybody's grades, they're gone, so coaches really had no influence over them."

Other districts to adopt similar policies include Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Northville, Rochester and West Bloomfield.

"It's understanding the bare minimum is no longer good enough," Meteyer said.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth harriers outdistance Canton in division

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

Plymouth's harriers got the best of Canton's on Tuesday at Cass Benton Park in Northville and that went both for the girls and boys races. In the girls contest, the Wildcats earned a 22-35 victory.

Plymouth's top scorers were medalist Annie Bonds (20:50), Hailey Foster (second, 21:57),

Charlotte Clark (fifth, 23:02), Emma Radke (sixth, 23:05) and Marianne DeBrito (eighth, 23:16).

"We're pretty evenly matched teams," Plymouth assistant girls cross country coach Alice Ahearn said. "Annie Bonds ran away with first place finishing over a minute before any other runners, but Hailey Foster worked hard to cross the finish line

second to edge out Canton (which took both third and fourth).

"As is normal, it's the third, fourth and fifth runners to score for the team that typically make the biggest difference in the outcome."

Ahearn stressed that pack running from Clark and Radke "helped solidify the win" along with DeBrito.

"The girls worked hard for the win and

should be very proud of themselves," Ahearn said.

In the boys Plymouth-Canton match-up, the Wildcats defeated the Chiefs 26-31.

Matt Pahl and Jonny Dalton took the top two spots, with respective times of 17:15 and 17:47.

Following in third for the Chiefs was Mike Roberts (17:53).

The Wildcats also scored points for fourth

place (Matt Dottavio, 18:12), seventh (Ethan Byrnes, 18:40) and 12th (Erik Liubakka, 19:28).

For Canton, in addition to Roberts, Nick Socha (18:21) and Zach Clark (18:32) placed fifth and sixth, respectively. In eighth place was Billy Toth (18:42), while Shane Andrews took ninth (19:05).

SALEM 18, NOVI 41: On Tuesday at Willow Metropark, the host Rocks were victorious in their KLA Central Division

opener. Claiming medalist honors was senior Lauren Arquette, with a time of 19:40. Not far behind in second place was senior teammate Anya Cho (19:59). Other Salem finishers were senior Shekinah Johnson (fourth, 20:37), junior Kayla Hughes (fifth, 20:45), freshman Madalyn Simko (sixth, 20:54), senior Elizabeth Tripp (ninth, 21:12) and Erin McCann (10th, 21:13). "The girls responded well coming off a weekend invitational by opening the dual season with a victory," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "Anya and Lauren are showing their true leadership by running with passion and determination. The girls ran our race plan effectively and pulled away in the last two miles to open the year with a victory."

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the deal. "We made a few of our own errors," Plymouth head coach Sarah Marody said. "Canton's good, they've got quality hitters that can place the ball. They have outstanding setters that control the game.

"And their defense was picking up a lot of what we were throwing at them. ... We gave them a few points in the meantime and it hurt our momentum."

String of aces

Key to the proceedings for the victors was senior Carleigh Vela, who gave her team an extra jolt with four consecutive aces. It was 12-8 when that run of serving supremacy started and soon the Chiefs were up 17-8.

"I hadn't been making my serves and coach John (Denys) really talked to me and I just got a lot of confidence and I just had to make it happen," Vela said. "It was the fourth game and we didn't want to go to a fifth.

"I was playing keepaway from Olivia Beyer. She's a strong player, I respect her and I was just trying to score, basically."

All of Vela's aces during the run were sent to the far corner, a spot where Plymouth players could not get to in time.

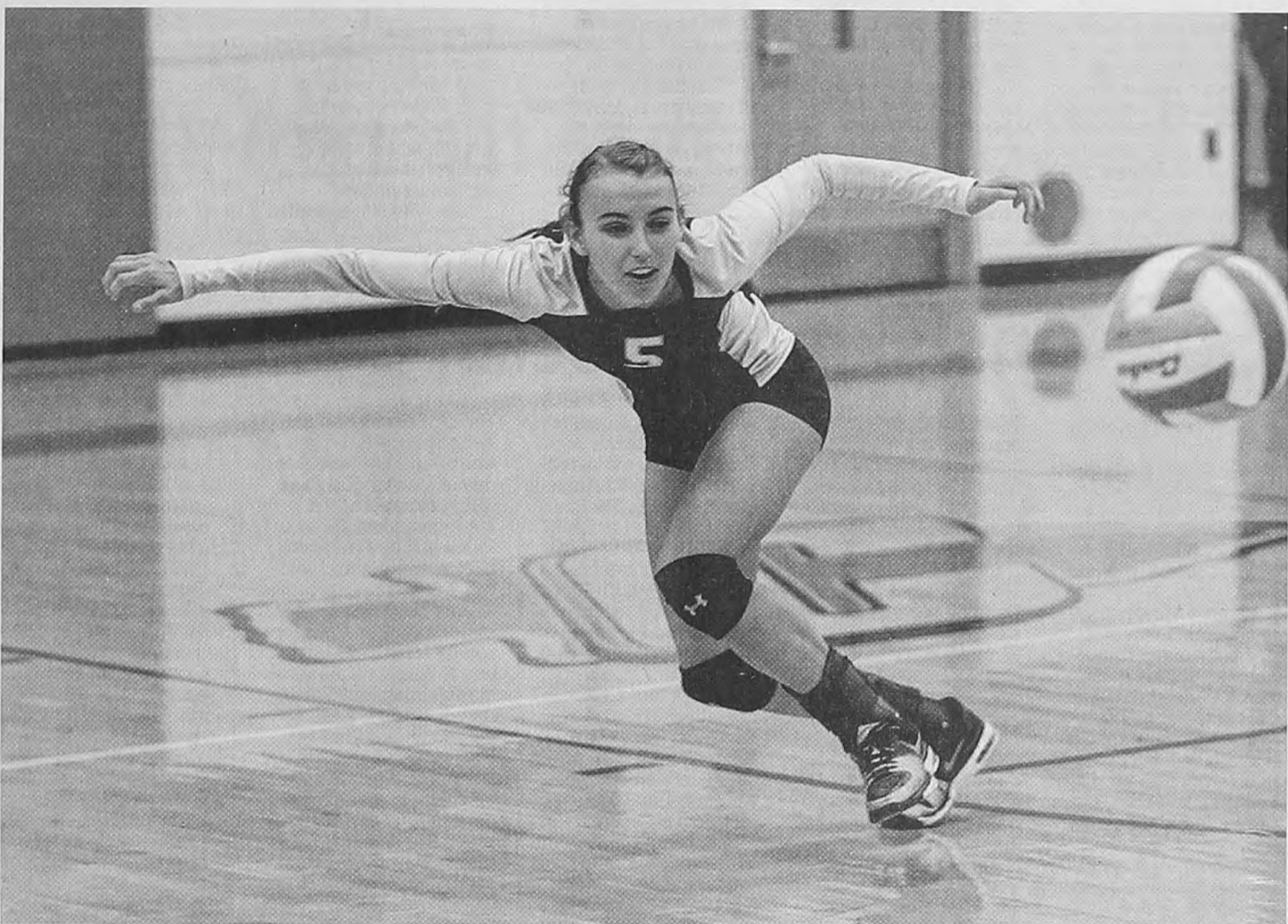
According to Vela, who also tallied 17 assists, her attitude mirrored that of her teammates.

"I hand it to Marody's team, but we just know it's important to win, it's expected to win and we do everything we can to win," Vela said.

Up to speed

Canton head coach Steve Johnson, whose team improved to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in the division, said his team needed to pick up the pace after the first set of the night.

"I always tell them you have to match the other team's speed right



Zeroing in on the ball for Plymouth is senior defensive specialist Aleah Rogalski (No. 5).

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off the bat and we failed to do that in the first game," Johnson said. "Plymouth took advantage of that, we were caught on our heels most of the time.

"They were playing a lot faster than we expected and they were playing with a lot of energy, which we were expecting."

But beginning with the second set, Canton got back on track.

"I thought Megan Roy (21 digs, five aces) did a good job starting to solidify serve receive," Johnson said. "Because our serve-receive was a little shaky in the first game. She started solidifying that along with the other passers and I thought that was giving the setters a little more chance to have three options to set.

"And Haley Diedrick

(eight kills, 18 digs) and Lauren Schornack (12 kills, 10 digs) were also very good improving their serve-receive."

Johnson added that Annie McDougall (10 kills) "was huge for us, good leadership, she kept chipping away and swinging away and really kept the team motivated. And Lauren Schornack was really pounding away on the outside."

Other Canton contributors included Courtney Kurkie (seven kills), Sydney Torres (six kills) and Chloe Homco (12 assists).

Beyer led the Wildcats (3-7, 0-1) with 21 kills, while libero Charley Irvin collected 25 digs and Aleah Rogalski impressed with 15 digs.

"She (Rogalski) played incredible," Marody said. "She made the difference in a lot of

points, picking up stuff in deep corners." Marody added that the game, despite the outcome, was a positive for her team.

"We had a lot of girls return this year, but not a lot of girls with starting game experience," Marody said. "And I'm impressed with the way they stepped up tonight.

"I also wanted to add that Lauren Clemons (seven kills) was a crucial piece of our success tonight as well."

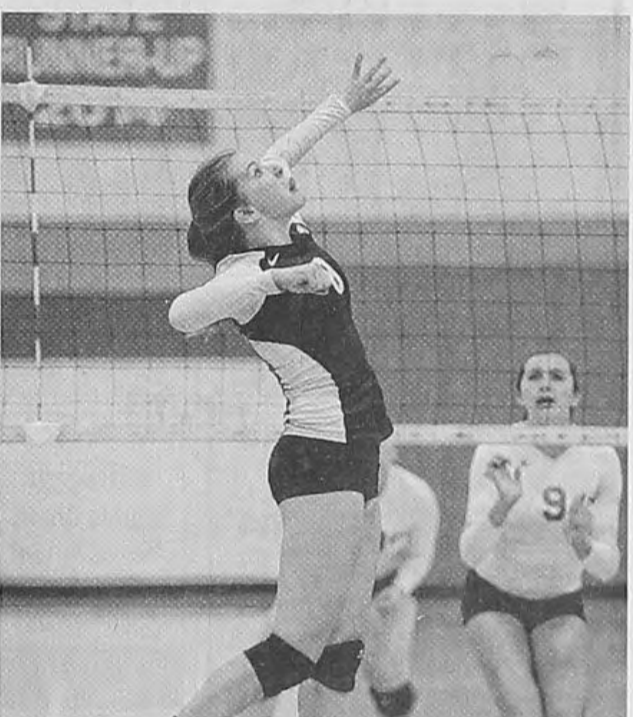
PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN PRE-VAILS: Plymouth Christian Academy swept past Allen Park Inter City Baptist in three sets Thursday night.

The Eagles were victorious 25-20, 25-11, 25-15.

PCA head coach Katie Decker cited freshman Grace Kellogg, sophomores Olivia Mady and Divina Roi for being standouts.

Kellogg was outstanding from the service stripe, while Mady and Roi led the way in kills and digs, respectively.

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Keeping her eye on the ball before sending it over the net is Plymouth's Jordan Schamp (No. 8). Waiting for Canton is Courtney Kurkie (No. 9).

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been there for three years and he does a great job."

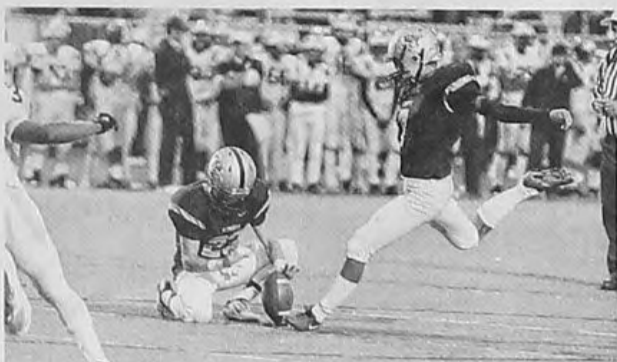
The Wildcats featured an active defense throughout the penalty-filled contest, which was played with a running clock (except for penalty delays) in the second half.

Plymouth picked off Wiggins four times and also scored on a safety when Raymond hauled down Wiggins with about four minutes to go in the first quarter to make it a 16-0 advantage.

The lead swelled to 23 points by the time the opening quarter concluded.

After not moving the football, a Wayne punt was brought back 15 yards by sophomore Isaac Emminger, who fumbled the ball on the hop and made a nifty return to the Zebras' 25.

Emminger's subsequent 9-yard run set up Kenney's third scoring run of the quarter — another 3-yard plunge. The onslaught con-



Booting a field goal Friday night for Plymouth is sophomore kicker Van Nguyen (No. 7).

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tinued in the second quarter, with Plymouth building a 40-0 cushion, again with the help of defensive takeaways.

Wayne finally enjoyed a good offensive series early in the second, with Wiggins guiding the Zebras deep into Plymouth territory (albeit with the help of a pass interference call against the Wildcats).

Wiggins dumped a pass into the left flat, where junior running back Malik Bryant caught it and took it for a 20-yard gain inside the Plymouth 45.

Three plays later, junior tailback Lonyell

Desjarnet made a spin move to get away from a tackler and took it 28 yards down to the 2-yard line.

On second down from the 1-yard line, Wiggins ran the ball in for an apparent touchdown. But a holding call nullified the score, pushing the Zebras back to the 13.

The Wayne quarterback then lofted the ball into the end zone, only to have it snagged by Plymouth junior Victor Abraham.

Plymouth, starting at the 20-yard line following the touchdown, struck quickly to go up 30-0.

Adebiyi delayed, waiting for an opening in the line, and burst down the right sideline for a 53-yard gain, down to the Wayne 27.

On the next play, Adebiyi's laser was caught by senior Kalen Dunham for a 27-yard touchdown. Sophomore placekicker Van Nguyen made his fifth extra point of the half to open up the 30-point spread.

Wayne fumbled the ensuing kickoff right back to the Wildcats and it only took Plymouth three plays to score again.

With 6:22 remaining in the half, senior Connor Theodorakakos made a sliding catch in the end zone for a 5-yard TD.

Nguyen then capped the first-half surge with a 27-yard field goal.

Things to work on

Penalties and sloppy play dominated the second half and Plymouth managed just one more touchdown on the night.

With 3:26 left in the third, senior defensive back Dakota Lynn intercepted a Wiggins pass and brought it back 59

yards for a touchdown, upping Plymouth's huge lead to 47-0.

Wayne finally got on the scoreboard with 6:53 left in the game, thanks to a defensive gift from Plymouth.

The Wildcats, with the second string in the game, were stuck deep in their own zone and coughed up the ball in the end zone.

Falling on it for a touchdown was junior safety Austin Cross.

"We were a little bit sloppy," Sawchuk said. "We probably should have had 17 more points on the board, but we were undisciplined."

Sawchuk said he saw a lot of things to like, however. Now, it will be back to work to sharpen up for the Chargers.

"Churchill's a very well-coached, athletic football team and we respect them a lot," Sawchuk added. "We're going to have to play well on defense. They got a lot of athletes and great coaches.

"We got to get better in practice this week."

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58-yard touchdown by senior running back Brian Newton.

SALEM FALLS AGAIN: It's been a tough road thus far in 2014 for the Salem Rocks, who dropped to 0-3 overall (0-1 KLA Central) after losing a 40-6 decision Friday night against South Lyon.

It wasn't until the final quarter that Salem broke free from its offensive drought, courtesy of senior running back Johnny Perko.

Following a meager 6-yard gain on the previous play, Perko took the handoff from quarterback Alex Nicholson and sprinted down the sideline for 57 yards before being brought down at the South Lyon 5-yard line by Kane Ruffin. The Rocks continued to give the ball to Perko, who punched it in two plays later on a 3-yard dive with 9:40 remaining.

"Johnny has great effort and missed last year for some reasons," Salem head football coach Kurt Britnell said. "He's a kid who doesn't play a lot, but he gives us a great look during the week on scout and that's his time to play. He got rewarded today with that and it was a great effort."

Perko finished the night with seven carries for 96 yards, while adding four tackles and a sack on defense.

The biggest disparity came in first downs, with South Lyon moving the chains on 15 occasions to the Rocks' five. The Lions held a 283-127 advantage total offensive yards.

For Britnell, it's a matter of picking up the pieces and trying again.

"We got to go back and look at mistakes, but we're making the same mistakes," he said. "I guess that falls on me and we just have to do a better job of coaching the kids up and keeping them focused and to keep working. I like our kids and we have good kids. I said going into this season that this is probably our best team athletically that we've had here. For whatever reason, it's not clicking like we had hoped."

Correspondent Tom Morelli contributed to this report.

Wildcats riding wave of momentum

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

The positive momentum from claiming the Sept. 6 Wildcat Invitational continues for Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team.

On Thursday at Livonia Churchill, Plymouth rolled to an 8-1 victory in a KLAA South Division dual match to improve to 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the division.

The Wildcats only fell short at No. 1 singles, but Plymouth junior Jordan Lu was outstanding in defeat against Chargers senior Jonathan Martin, dropping a pair of hard-fought 6-4 games.

Plymouth swept all other match-ups on the day, beginning with sophomore Matt Decker's 6-3, 7-6 (6) victory over Sean Mulka at No. 2 singles.

Both senior Charlie Hou and sophomore De-

ven Patel were on their game in the Nos. 3-4 flights. Hou took care of Tim Ohtake 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3, while Patel earned a 6-0, 6-1 win at No. 4 over Johnny Zhou.

Doubles duos did not let up, with all five pairings taking care of the Chargers in two games each.

At No. 1, Plymouth junior Kevin Hou and sophomore Yogesh Monhanraj prevailed 6-3, 6-2 over Raymond Peters and Matt Smith.

Sophomores Ramana Ramanathan and Justin Kapke kept the streak going with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Cooper King and Mit Patel at No. 2 and, at No. 3, it was a 7-5, 6-3 win for seniors Matt McDDonald and Alex Tsakoff over Mickey Ohtake and Shantam Ravan.

Rounding out the impressive victory were the

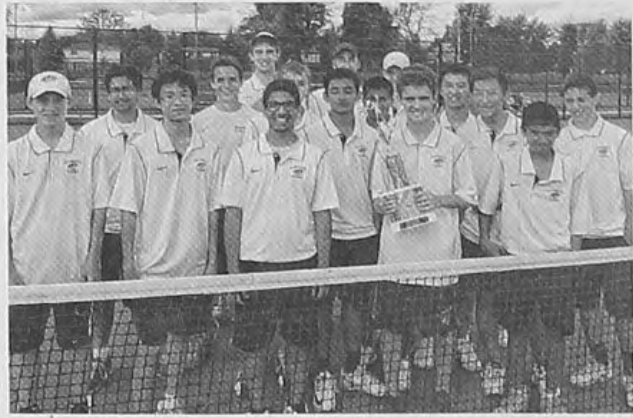
No. 4 duo of freshman Nathan Tseng and Evan Kopp (6-3, 6-2 over Zach Smith and Logan King) and the No. 5 tandem of seniors Adam Sochacki and Ani Hadagali (6-0, 6-0 over Kevin Xu and Joe Healy).

Wildcats winners

From top to bottom, the Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team lineup is hammering opponents with regularity.

Such was the case last Saturday, when Plymouth captured the Wildcat Invitational at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park for the team's second consecutive invitational triumph this season.

"The team is firing on all cylinders right now and they show no signs of slowing down," Wildcats head coach Tom Kimball said. "I've coached this team since the day the



PLYMOUTH TENNIS

Celebrating an impressive victory at the recent Wildcat Invitational is Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team.

school opened its doors (in the early 2000s) and this is the most talented and hard-working group of guys we have ever had.

"We have faced nine straight teams without losing so much as a set in our singles lineup." The Wildcats prevailed

flight, other than No. 1 doubles and No. 3 doubles, where silver medals were earned.

In singles play, Lu, Decker, Charlie Hou and Patel were victorious in Nos. 1-4.

Winning in doubles play were the teams of Ramanathan-Kapke (No. 2), Tseng-Kopp (No. 4) and Sochacki-Hadagali (No. 5).

Nearly as strong were No. 1 doubles players Kevin Hou-Monhanraj and the No. 3 tandem of McDDonald-Tsakoff.

"Several players have served clocking in over 100 miles-per-hour," Kimball said. "Our doubles teams are playing smart, high-level tennis and still are showing improvement on a weekly basis.

"They are aggressive and they are open to learning and using advanced strategies, shots and tactics in their matches."

PREP TENNIS ROUNDUP

Spartans skip by Rocks, 5-4

Sweep of singles matches propel Stevenson

By **Ed Wright**
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's boys tennis team chiseled out a significant 5-4 victory Tuesday over KLAA Central Division rival Salem.

The Spartans' quartet of singles players rocked all afternoon as they all won their matches, some more handily than others.

Sophomore No. 1 player Cade Bunton stroked his way to a 6-0, 6-3 victory junior Charlie Liu,

while No. 2 player Brendan Parker swept Rocks counterpart Rohan Thandrar, 7-5, 6-2.

Senior Neal Adams won an up-and-down three-setter from Sagar Rafal, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Junior No. 4 standout Andrew Dziobak rebounded from a 6-4 opening-set loss to Ryan Karim to seize the final two sets, 6-4 and 7-6.

The lone doubles point for the Spartans was generated by the No. 2 duo of Alex Westphall and Mike Licata, who edged Veeram Hirekhan and Matt Chin, 7-6, 7-5.

Salem's Joe Stewart and Ben Stanz upended Brad Weiland and Jack Dunne, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, while

the hosts' No. 3 doubles duo of Joe Pakizar and Tej Nagaraja outlasted Peter Akel and Jeff Della Mora, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Churchill upended

A pair of matches against Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals Canton and Plymouth was anything but a walk in the "Park" for the Chargers this week.

Churchill's KLAA South Division recorded fell to 2-2 after the Chargers succumbed to the Chiefs and Wildcats by identical 8-1 scores.

Churchill's lone point in Tuesday's loss to Canton was at No. 1 doubles, where Raymond Peters and Matt Smith outlasted

Howard Zhang and Shivan Shah, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Churchill's No. 2 doubles duo of Cooper King and Mit Patel battled Sri Narayanan and Jacob Paton stroke-for-stroke before coming up short, 7-5, 7-6.

The No. 1 singles match between Chargers senior Jonathan Martina and Rohan Vaishnav was entertaining, but Vaishnav prevailed, 6-3, 7-6.

The highlight of the Chargers' 8-1 setback to Plymouth was Martin's 6-4, 6-4 triumph over Jordan Lu. Sean Mulka played well at No. 2 singles before falling to Matt Decker, 6-3, 7-6.

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Ladywood golfers break through

After going 0-11 last season, the Livonia Ladywood girls golf team earned its first dual match victory in 2014 with a 173-189 Catholic League win Tuesday over Birmingham Marian at St. John's Golf Center.

Sophomore Lydia Cranmer's 42 led the way for the Blazers, who evened their league record at 1-1.

Sophomore Jordyn Rioux and freshman Gabriella Scopone each added a 43, while junior Carley Hall fired a 45 for nine holes.

Megan O'Rourke and Caroline Currier

each led Marian with a 43, while Maddie Muston and Madeline Pippel added rounds of 51 and 52, respectively.

The Blazers return to action at 4 p.m. Thursday, when they face Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in a match at St. John's G.C.

CANTON 193, CHURCHILL 212: Led by medalist Alyce Krumm, who registered a nine-hole score of 43, Canton defeated Livonia Churchill in Tuesday's KLAA South Division match-up at par-35 Fox Hills.

Canton's Madelyn Mans and Churchill's Alyssa Mazur each shot a 47 to tie for second overall. The Chiefs, 3-0 overall, also received a 49 from Meghan Meredith with Lauren Luyet (54), Manasa Potluri (56) and Molly Mundorf (59) rounding out the lineup. Canton will face campus rival Plymouth on Monday, also at Fox Hills.

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BOYS PREP SOCCER

Chiefs, 'Cats win, set for showdown

Canton, Plymouth both unbeaten in division entering Tuesday game

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Two powerhouses in the KLAA South Division are on a collision course.

Both Canton and Plymouth won their respective varsity boys soccer games Thursday night, improving to 4-0 in the division in the process. That sets the stage for Tuesday's

showdown at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Chiefs blanked Livonia Churchill 3-0, while the Wildcats earned a 4-3 victory over Livonia Franklin.

In the Canton-Churchill contest, Sam Deloy sparked the Chiefs' attack with two goals, with other key contributions coming from Jack Zemanski (one goal, one

assist) and Josh Posuniak (two assists).

Canton led 1-0 at the intermission and strong defense and goalkeeping (divided between Andrew Loehnis and Jay Krebs) kept the Chargers at bay all night.

Chiefs coach Mark Zemanski credited a back line spearheaded by Sam Belcher and Chris Dooley for stopping Churchill's offense. The coach added that Loehnis also came up with a clutch save on a breakaway when the game remained in doubt.

Blake paced Plymouth's victory with two goals and an assist, with Bennett Brooks (one goal, one assist) and Jayden Huxtable (one goal, one assist) helping the cause.

Head coach Jeff Neschich said Jason Liguori and Calvin McCracken were strong at midfield, with Van Nguyen and Brandon Burger solid in the back.

NORTHVILLE 2, SALEM 1: The Rocks fell behind by two goals and could not catch up in this Tuesday night KLAA Central Division match-up. Scoring for Salem (3-4 overall, 2-1) was Nick Massey, netting his sixth goal of the season off a free kick with seven minutes remaining in the contest. Assisting was Max Kummer.



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Canton's Jordan Percy (No. 3) vies for possession of the ball against a Livonia Churchill player during Thursday night's contest.

Mercy off to great start in volleyball

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

If Farmington Hills Mercy continues on its current pace, the Marlins can anticipate 2014 being another outstanding year in the game of volleyball.

They already have established themselves as one of the top teams in the state and have the potential to do great things this season.

Mercy, ranked No. 2 in the latest coaches poll, has won three consecutive tournaments and compiled a 22-1-1 record to date.

The Marlins have won 18 straight matches since losing to Chelsea in the final round of the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational. Subsequently, they won tournaments at Lake Orion, Marian and Saline.

"Maybe the result wasn't what we wanted (at Pioneer), but we came back, made a few adjustments and changed the lineup and responsibilities a little bit," coach Loretta Vogel said. "When we went to Lake Orion, things changed dramatically. That's why we stayed with a specific lineup and rotation and it's been successful for us."

"I thought that was a big tournament for us. Novi, Lake Orion, Clarkston and Mount Morris have great teams this year. It was one of those kind of days."

Ten of the 14 varsity players return from last year's team that went 41-16-2 and was a Class A regional runner-up to Livonia Stevenson.

The top player on a well-balanced club is senior Jenna Lerg, a four-year varsity player and two-time all-area selection who has committed to Michigan.

She has mostly played libero, but she also has been a setter and will have multiple roles this year. The Marlins will use her more in the attack and she will start in the front row as a hitter.

"That means she hits, she passes, she defends for us," Vogel said. "She needs to touch the ball twice on our side of the court."

"It's a different role for Jenna compared to her club team, where she's a libero. She's doing a great job for us as the left front."

Senior Shanleigh Conlan is a returning starter at setter, while senior Monica Shuk moves into the starting lineup as the new libero.

Senior Emoly Crowley and junior Sloan Horejsi are returning defensive specialists and two of Mercy's top three servers.

Junior Haley Schultz is another defender and varsity returnee, but she's coming back from a knee injury and will work her way into playing time gradually.

The Marlins lost much of their front court, including all-area hitter Jenna Reinhold, middle Christa Greenwood and outside Jessica Rieckhoff.

But they have experience at those positions and the Mercy attack hasn't skipped a beat despite the losses to graduation.

Senior outside Marybeth Robert and senior middle Kayla Fisher are veterans of several varsity seasons and will complement Lerg nicely.

"We have seven seniors on this team and I think leadership is an element they have," Vogel said. "People talk about leadership and, well, what is that? To me they have very good composure about them. If a team gets up on us, we're going to figure it out."

Junior right-side Colleen Hadley and sophomore Bella McDonald also return from last

year's team and lend depth to the attack positions.

The new varsity players are junior defensive specialist and No. 2 server Carmen Compton, junior defender and backup setter Molly Schwalm, sophomore hitter Jordyn Kreucher and freshman left front Lauren Hunter.

While some individuals might be more prominent players, everyone will have a role to play and get on the court, according to Vogel.

"Everyone has their own little part of the game they contribute," she said. "Maybe it's a single role. If you're a serving specialist and you can get us two or three points, that's big."

Like other Mercy teams, the Marlins don't have a lot of height and will rely on execution and good defense.

"What has been successful for us is doing the little things correctly," Vogel said. "In volleyball that's what it's all about."

"We don't rely on one individual. Some other programs will have that one standout. For us, the overall game depends on everyone."

"We're not big compared to other programs. I don't think Mercy has

ever been truly big. We need to move the ball around and disrupt the opponent's defense."

The Marlins would like to win the Catholic League crown and go farther in the state tournament, but they will face tough competition.

Mercy has beaten arch-rival Marian (No. 4 Class A) once, in the final of the Marian tournament, 25-21, 25-18. They were likely to meet again Saturday in the

Michigan Elite Volleyball Club's Program Cup.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (No. 1 Class B) is the defending league champion. Dearborn Divine Child and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard are honorable mentions in that division.

"There's just a lot of very good competition," Vogel said. "Personally, I like that because everyone gets better when you play good competition."

While there are a lot

of "nice teams right here in Oakland County," she added it's way too early to think about the state tournament and what might happen in November.

"I found out through all these years, it's not how I live the game," Vogel said. "You don't set those expectations."

"Tomorrow's practice and how we build for the next day is what we try to stress. That's what the program is about."

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REAL LIFE ROSIE THE RIVETERS

Women share WWII tales

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Recarda "Rickie" Moore traded her job as a bridal gown seamstress for a stint in B-49 bomber construction.

Jean Chappa left a 35 cent-per-hour paycheck and more than tripled her wages making B-17s.

And Mary Helen Penzoa quit deli work to fabricate wings for U.S. military aircraft.

The women, all residents at American House in Farmington Hills, worked as riveters making airplane wings during the 1940s at Murray Body Plant, in Detroit. They were among the millions of women who entered the work force during World War II to fill male-dominated trades in factories, after men were drafted. Rosie the Riveter, depicted in advertisements and cartoons, became the symbol of women like Penzoa, Chappa and Moore, who contributed to the war effort.

These three real-life Rosie the Rivers are featured in a new short documentary film, *A Rivet in Time*, by director Keith Famie of Novi. Famie, whose Emmy Award-winning films include *Detroit Our Greatest Generation* and *Our Vietnam Generation*, heard about them from American House founder Bob Gillette.

"He called and said, 'Keith, we realize we've got three individuals that were part of the Rosie the Riveter brigade.' Bob is a passionate individual when it comes to veter-



Mary Helen Penzoa (right) makes a point about being a riveter during World War II. She and two other women, Recarda Moore (left) and Jean Chappa, who also worked for the war effort, live at American House in Farmington Hills and are featured in a documentary by Keith Famie of Novi.

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ans," Famie said.

On the set

The story resonated with Famie, whose late father was a bombardier during the war and whose mother is of the same age as three women. He set up cameras in the Arsenal of Democracy exhibit at Detroit Historical Museum.

"I put the three ladies in front of an old radio and filmed them listening to the iconic broadcast when Pearl Harbor was attacked. I had a

feeling that was the way the film should open. It worked," he said.

The 10-minute film includes interviews with each woman, along with old photographs and footage of the era, including assembly line scenes.

"We did an iconic photo of them at the end, of them standing together and making a muscle, pushing their walkers aside and making a proud moment," Famie said. "It was all good stuff. It really brings to life that

era through these women's lives. I'm honored to be the one to tell this story. I had fun with them and I think they had a lot of fun."

Exhausting day

The women, who plan to view the film at its premiere on Tuesday, said shooting was fun but tiring.

"They moved us around a lot. They adjusted the lights. We were so busy we didn't

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

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210. Publish: September 14, 2014



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Air duct cleaners ripped off my neighbor

It is a Saturday afternoon, I've just finished doing my radio show and sitting in my office writing this column and listening to the Glenn Haeg radio show. It's the night after a huge wind and Michigan has more power outages since the great grid failures of 2003.

A large tree was hit last night in front of my neighbor Bill's house and within 30 minutes, Tom across the street had cut up all the branches that were on the street. Bill said it best last night, "We have the best neighbors in the world right here on our street."

I feel the same way every day as I sit in my garage, feed the neighbor dogs, and give the kids special treats and the adults fresh toma-



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

atoes from my garden. I really am the "grandpa Joe" in the neighborhood. Across the street live John and Genevieve, wonderful neighbors who invite all residents of the subdivision to their home on Halloween night after the children all are put to bed. Everybody brings a dish to pass and we all have a night where we put on the monster costumes.

A few weeks ago, a monster showed up at John's house dressed in an air duct cleaning truck. I happened to be sitting in my garage and noted the time of

arrival of this company. I also noted the time of departure and so the total time spent at John's house was one hour and 40 minutes. At this point I thought back to a column I wrote just a few years ago where I described what happened to a Dr. Saxe in Ann Arbor. He had an air duct cleaning company come to his home that spent 35 minutes in the house and charged him \$600. That was a complete rip-off and so is this case with my neighbor John.

Dirt, debris

I called my air duct cleaning company and asked if he could do the job in one hour and 40 minutes. He said, "There is no way that this monster company could have cleaned the

duct work in this amount of time." He pointed out that his company usually takes 1 1/2 hours just to set up before they even begin to clean the ducts. I asked my guy if he would be kind enough to stop by John's house and, using his camera, take some pictures inside the duct work. He arrived a few days later at 8 a.m. and he and I and John inspected the duct work. My guy proved that this rip-off company did not clean the air ducts anywhere close to what he would have done. It was shocking to see all the debris and dust and dirt that weren't removed and what was even worse, John paid \$500 to have this job done.

My guy showed John all the areas of the duct

work that were not cleaned and pointed out that they only made the problem worse by shaking the dust loose and leaving it there. John said that he would call the company and ask for his money back and point to the evidence he obtained to prove his case. I will let you know how John makes out and I wish this dear good neighbor all the luck in the world.

Let me repeat what I said in an earlier column. The air duct cleaning industry has a very tainted image caused by companies who make a huge amount of money from very unsuspecting homeowners. They are not regulated in any way and can operate like this for many years and they hurt the good

guys who want to make a living honestly.

It's been said that the different states in this country receive more complaints about air duct cleaners than any other service industry and I believe this to be true. I asked John why he didn't ask me for a name of someone to be trusted in cleaning his air ducts. John is such a good guy and he told me he just didn't want to bother me with such a simple question. I do believe that from now on, John will walk across the street and always asked for a reference. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

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have a chance to see the museum," said Penzoa, 91. "I was exhausted when we came home. It was a long day for people like us."

"We didn't know what they were going to ask and at this stage, we didn't know what we could remember. You realize we're talking about 70 years ago. It's nice that someone finally thought about us, but at the time, I don't remember making a big fuss."

The women said they didn't think much about their wartime experiences after they married and began raising families. They were too busy being mothers and then grandmothers to reminisce about their former jobs. Penzoa lived in Waterford Township for 44 years and raised two children. Chappa, 93, the mother to two sons and two daughters, was raised in Hamtramck, and moved to Southfield after marriage. Moore, 92, moved to the U.S. from England when she was 6. She raised two daughters and lived in Taylor.

Although they all had worked at the same factory, they never met while on the job. They discovered their shared experience during conversations at American House.

"It was a coincidence," Chappa said. "We all moved in here. We didn't know we all were Rosie the Riveters."

Becoming riveters

Moore said she took on the factory job because her brother had been drafted.

"He said 'My sister can do anything.' I took his job so he would have a job when he came back," she said. "He thought I could do it so I decided I could, too."

The women earned 90 cents per hour while being trained and then \$1.19 per hour when they began working on the production line.

"When you're 21 you always want to do something different. I had never been in a factory before," Penzoa said. "I thought if someone is willing to pay me 90 cents an hour to



Jean Chappa talks about her experiences riveting airplane wings during World War II. She's on the set of *A Rivet in Time* at the Detroit Historical Museum.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
An early photograph of Mary Helen Penzoa, who worked as a riveter for the war effort when she was 20 years old.

learn something new, I'll go learn it."

All three women worked with a partner who held an iron bar steady beneath the area being riveted. Sometimes they'd switch tasks. Penzoa worked with the same partner for at least two years and recalls receiving Christmas cards from him every year until he died.

"You had to get into a rhythm with it," Moore said, recalling that she had "perfect rhythm" with her riveting partner. "Everything had to be perfect."

"When we got through riveting that one spot, there was an inspector with a flashlight," Chappa added. "Sometimes the rivet wasn't flat and we had to take it out."

A RIVET IN TIME

When: 1-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16

Where: Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit

What: Keith Famie's film about three Farmington Hills women who worked as riveters constructing aircraft during World War II.

Details: Opening remarks will start at 1 p.m., followed by Famie's introduction at 1:20 p.m., and the film screening at 1:30 p.m.

Contact: 313-833-7935

The women recall the work as tiring and the environment as noisy. For the first time, they routinely work slacks rather than dresses and skirts to work and in public. After her first day on the job, Penzoa headed home to make a pair of blue slacks with a blue and white gingham blouse.

"We just felt there was work to be done," Penzoa added. "And we did it."

"Don't you remember the song, *Comin' In on a Wing and a Prayer*? It was a wartime song. We used to say we did a good job, because the wing held up."

Inspire Theatre nears 10-year mark of cultural offerings

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When Len Fisher was a high school senior, he got "bit by the bug" of theater.

Fast forward to 2005 when Westland's Inspire Theatre presented its first show. Fisher brought the community theater's message to Westland Rotary at a Thursday, Sept. 11, luncheon, calling the theater "Westland's best-kept secret."

"We started in a church on Warren Road and then we were gypsies," he said of productions, with eight of the 10 years of existence in Westland. "We're community theater. Everybody is volunteer, and nobody gets paid." Inspire Theatre is now housed on Executive Drive off of Ford Road, behind Vision Lanes in an industrial area of Westland.

"Theater is supposed to be fun," Fisher told the Rotarians. "I've been in a lot of theater companies where it wasn't fun. We make it fun. We tell good stories well."

This fall, Inspire is staging Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. In that play, a writer sets up a seance, with the medium conjuring up his dead first

wife. Only the writer can see the first wife.

Fisher also described an upcoming Christmas variety show incorporating a sing-along and movie music.

There's a related youth theater for ages 7-17, which is at work on several yuletide productions, including *Merry Christmas*, *Charlie Brown* and a couple versions of *The Gift of the Magi*, one more humorous.

"We understand we are in a former machine shop," he said of the theater that seats 161. "We have a stage. It's a nice size stage."

Inspire Theatre does comedy well, he said, as well as smaller-scale musicals. "Our goal is to do good stories well."

He's working toward a coalition of area theaters: "We're sharing resources, we're sharing ideas back and forth. We want more theaters in the area."

He's also excited about February 2015 and the 10th anniversary, with all involved over the years invited back for a highlight show.

For more, visit www.inspiretheatre.com.

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Len Fisher brought the story of Westland's Inspire Theatre to Westland Rotary Thursday, Sept. 11, at Joy Manor.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia offers new classes



Portrait artists Laura Callow, Ellen Garner and Larry Sekulich are busy rendering their portraits of a live model at Visual Arts Association of Livonia.



Portrait and model Rick Rivera sits for an open studio session at Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is enrolling students for its fall semester.

Several new classes are offered along with standard classes in watercolor, acrylic, experimental studies and sculpture, all taught by professional instructors.

Allen Brooks will teach "Photography — the other Art," from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 23. He has been judged twice as one of Michigan's Top Ten Photographers by the Professional Photographers of Michigan. During each session, the student will learn more about controls on their camera, and how to use them effectively and creatively. Aimed at anyone with a pocket digital, a DSLR or even a smartphone camera.

A class for teens as well as adults, Julie Woodward will teach, "Paint the Masters." Students will paint in acrylics and practice the

style, techniques, and color mixing of four famous master artists: Georgia O'Keeffe, Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh and Edgar Degas. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for four weeks on Saturdays starting Sept. 20. Woodward has taught drawing in schools for the Young Rembrandts Program and has taught for the past seven years in Northville.

Also, back by popular demand is pastel artist, Jim Markle. His workshop, "Painting the Landscape in Pastel," will meet 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8. Topics for discussion include, underpainting, composition, design, and color and value.

To receive a catalog of all classes and information on registration, call 734-838-1204. Or check www.vaalart.org The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile, at Newburgh in Livonia.

ENGAGEMENT



Zach Dahl and Megan Mihelick

SUBMITTED

MIHELICK-DAHL

Megan Mihelick and Zach Dahl announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dave and Kathy Mihelick of Canton, earned a bachelor's degree in human resource management in 2012 from Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resource specialist at Dow Corning in Midland. Her fiancé, son of Jim and Marliese Dahl of Monticello, Ill., earned a bachelor's degree in material science engineering in 2012 from the University of Illinois. He is employed at Hemlock Semiconductor in Hemlock. An Oct. 4 wedding is planned at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

ANNIVERSARY



Julie Brown and Mark Rembacki of Plymouth Township at Victoria-by-the-Sea on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

CELEBRATING SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Julie Brown and Mark Rembacki of Plymouth Township marked their 25th wedding anniversary this month. Julie and Mark were married Sept. 9, 1989, by the Rev. Robert Schaden at the Newman Center of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. They enjoy spending time with family and friends, including Mark's mom, Alice Rembacki of Livonia. The couple also enjoys sports, travel, reading and volunteer work. Julie is employed as an editor with Observer & Eccentric Media. The couple took an early August trip to Prince Edward Island in the Canadian Maritimes to mark their milestone.

ANNIVERSARY



John and Geraldine Borys on their wedding day in 1964

SUBMITTED

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

James and Geraldine (Slowik) Borys marked their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. They were married in 1964 at St. John Cantius Catholic Church in Detroit. The Boryses have lived in Livonia for their entire marriage. They are active members at St. Genevieve/St. Maurice Parish. They like to travel, especially Up North, and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, Kent, Jamison, Tyler, Brooklyn, Parker, Helena and Kylie. They have three children, Mark (Kelly) Borys of Howell, Karyn (Michael) Stoppa of Livonia, and Darlene (Benedict) Langlinais of Canton. James is retired from Chase Bank and Geraldine is retired from Marycrest Manor. Plans for celebration included a Mass and special blessing, followed by dinner with the family in Plymouth.

ANNIVERSARY



Diane and William Bencik on their wedding day in 1964

SUBMITTED

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

William and Diane (Onufrak) Bencik of Livonia marked their 50-year wedding anniversary on Aug. 22. They were married in 1964 at Saint Patrick's Church in Wyandotte, and took a honeymoon trip to Quebec, Canada. Their four children and their spouses, Sherrie Bencik, M.D., and husband Brian DeVetter, M.D.; Jeffrey Bencik; Kristin Bencik, D.O., and husband Jason Boudreau, D.P.O.; and Michael (Yvonne) Bencik, helped them celebrate this memorable event by sending them to Nova Scotia for a week. On their anniversary, William and Diane went to a lobster restaurant where four American motorcyclists were so impressed that they paid for the couple's drinks. William is retired, after teaching and counseling for 46 years in Taylor. Diane retired from teaching gifted and talented students in the Troy School District. Most of their time is spent baby-sitting six grandchildren. They also enjoy traveling with their children and grandchildren, exercising, gardening, cooking and reading.

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BEVELHEIMER
MARY JANE
(MC CARTHY)

Age 82, passed away peacefully September 8, 2014 from complications following cardiac surgery. Mary Jane was preceded in death by son, Daniel Joseph, parents T.R. and Mildred (Finney) McCarthy and brothers James and Joseph McCarthy. Mary Jane is survived by husband John Broderick, daughter Susan Bevelheimer, sons David (Eileen), Chuck (Jacqui), John (Anita) and Ted Bevelheimer and five grandchildren, Grace, Devan, Joseph, Erika and Jackson. Surviving sisters include Lucy (Don) Spielman, Peggy (Tom) Haun and Connie Dugan. Born March 22, 1932 in York NE, Mary Jane graduated from St. Joseph's High School in York, NE and completed Nurse's Training in 1952 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, NE. A 1980 University of Michigan graduate, Mary Jane graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1984. Mary Jane practiced law at Rose and Bevelheimer, P.C. in Plymouth, MI from 1984 to 2001. Mary Jane wed John Broderick in 1995 and were members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. An avid golfer, skier, tennis player and gardener, Mary Jane enjoyed her travels with John and spending time with her five grandchildren. The visitation was held Friday September 12th at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home. The funeral Mass was held Saturday, September 13th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church or Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit, MI. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

FELIKS, OVEDA S.

Age 83 of Rogers, formerly of Garden City, Michigan, passed away September 8, 2014 in Rogers. She was born March 24, 1931 in Burnsville, Mississippi the daughter of Charles and Lora (Watson) Woodruff. She was a nurse. Oveda is survived by her children John Feliks of Garden City, Michigan, Lora (Joseph) Ostach of Livonia, Michigan and Felicia Lewis of Rogers, Arkansas; also her sister Theda Cannon of Russellville, Tennessee, and many beloved cousins, aunts, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Private interment in the War Eagle Cemetery. Online condolences to www.bentoncountyfuneralhome.com.

WITTLINGER,
KRISTINE E.

Manchester, Michigan Her Legacy... Wittlinger, Kristine Elizabeth "Kris", age 42 of Manchester died September 9, 2014 in a tragic vehicle accident along with her co-worker Andrea Hicks while performing their duties as Child Protective Service workers. She was born on September 20, 1971 in Warren, MI to Timothy and Diane (Dominy) Wittlinger. Kris began her work with DHS in Jackson County in February 2012 and quickly became a very strong CPS investigator. She was known by her coworkers and in the community for her skills as well as her engaging personality. Her love for animals was rivaled only by her love for children which made her work effortless. Her memory will be cherished in the hearts of her family and those who knew her as a dedicated, loving, intelligent woman. Her Family... In addition to her parents, Kristine is survived by her children: Henry and Anabelle Jones; brother: David (Jennifer) Wittlinger; niece: Caroline; nephew: Gavin. Her Farewell... Kris' Memorial Service will be on Saturday, September 20, 2014 beginning with visitation at Noon followed by a service at 1 p.m. at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd., Bloomfield Township, MI with the Reverend Diane Morgan officiating. In Kris' honor, memorial donations may be shared with Ozone House, 1705 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Please sign Kristine's guestbook at www.borekjenning.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900.



HOUBLER,
HELEN ELIZABETH

passed peacefully into the pain-free after-life at the age of 56 on September 6, 2014. She was survived by her daughter, Tonya Hoobler, brother, Kenneth Hoobler (Kathy), sister, Bonita Westergard (Hoobler), brother, Timothy Hoobler (Richelle), nephew, John Hoobler (Patricia), nephew, Robert Hoobler, nephew, Jason Westergard, niece, Tara Westergard, nephew, Ryan Hoobler, niece, Sarah Hoobler, great niece, Emily Hoobler, great niece, Elizabeth Hoobler, and great niece, Mackenzie Hardy. The memorial will be held on September 19, 2014, from 11am until 8pm. The public is welcome at any time. The location will be the pavilion in Hines Park at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. The family is requesting that donations be made to an account that has been created to fund Helen's memorial. To make a donation please go to the following website: http://www.gofundme.com/c78w7k.



In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
IRENE
MACIEJEWSKI

It has been two years since your death September 12, 2012, but you are still missed and loved.



DETTMANN,
HENRY CARL

Age 85, September 10, 2014. Henry was born in Hamburg, Germany. Beloved husband of Rita Kliza. He was also a father and grandfather. Henry loved traveling, swimming and spending time at the ocean in Florida, but his happiest and favorite moments were spending time with his grandchildren. He retired from GM. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. (in state at 10 a.m.) at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburg Rd., Livonia. Visitation Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Scripture service Sunday at 7 p.m. Please share a memory at rgharris.com.



VANNATTER,
ROBERT A.

Age 57, of Farmington, died September 10, 2014. Robert is survived by his wife, Denise; sons, Ryan Robert, Jay Robert (Theresa) and Randy Robert; grandson, Jonah Robert; sisters, Dori Vannatter and Sandy (Aaron) Demine; nephews, Derek (Kristin) Vannatter, Steven (Tracie) Anderson and Eric Demine; great-nephews, Seven and Brody Anderson. Sadly Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Jaril and Virginia Butler and grandparents, Stanley and Sophie Jewel. Visitation Sunday, September 14, 1-8 p.m. and Monday, September 15, 4-8 p.m., at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral service Tuesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. also at the funeral home. Memorial tributes suggested Common Ground Sanctuary, commongroundhelps.org HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME heeneey-sundquist.com

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

Butterflies

Brenda Dziedzic, author and co-founder of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will talk about winter garden maintenance and overwintering of butterflies, 7 p.m. Sept. 17, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Nonmembers pay \$3. Annual memberships are \$15. www.sembabutterfly.org.

Plymouth Nursery

Learn how to create a terrarium, 1 p.m. Sept. 20 at Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. You'll create a garden under glass to take home. Fee varies depending on the plants used. Completed project starts at \$59.99. Call 734-453-5500 to reserve a spot.

English Gardens

» Get information on designing, planting and maintaining flowers and plants in outdoor containers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Free.
» Learn the basics of designing a bulb garden at a free presentation 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.
» Get tips on dividing perennials and pruning plants to ready

them for winter, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Free.
» Learn about indoor gardening, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at a free presentation.

» Store experts explain how to put your garden to bed for winter, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 in a free presentation. Classes are held at all English Gardens 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.

Livonia Garden Club

Paul Wingert, a member of the Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, will show how to care for and propagate bromeliads and will explain why they make great houseplants, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia; livoniagardenclub.org.

Heritage Park

The park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Pre-register for programs online at recreg.fhgov.com.
» Take a full moon hike 7:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7-8 p.m. Nov. 7. The Friday night hikes

are for families and children, 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person payable online or at the door. Meet at the nature center in the park.

» Hayrides run 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, through Oct. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Rides are approximately 30 minutes. The fee is \$5 per person. Pre-register online. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the event. Includes the hay wagon ride, marshmallow roasting over a campfire and apple cider.

» Practice yoga 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 8 outdoors, in front of the Heritage Park Visitor Center. Designed for adults of all skill levels. \$10 per class paid at the class. Bring your own mat and blanket.

» Junior Naturalist Club, for ages 5-11, meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month from September through June at the nature center. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class, paid at the door. Register online. The topic is Wilderness Skills on Oct. 11.

Meet critters

See some of the animals, such as turtles and snakes, that make the Kensington Metropark Nature Center their home, 2 p.m. every Sunday. The program is free. To register or for more information, call 810-227-8917

RELIGION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

BIBLE PROPHECY

Time/Date: 7:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 15
Location: Metropolitan Church, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, and multiple other locations
Details: An in-depth Bible prophecy series called Unlocking Revelation will examine prophecies of Scripture. Visit the website to see all locations and to pre-register and receive a free Bible Prophecy DVD on the first night. Snacks will be served.
Contact: www.UnlockRevelation.com

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancake and French toast breakfast also includes sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, lower level, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: Pete Paxton and Adele Corson in concert; tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door
Contact: 313-806-6090, 734-427-2290

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sept. 21
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz kicks off the church's 2014-15 performing arts series. No tickets necessary. The church suggests a \$15 per person or \$25 donation.
Contact: 248-474-6170, Ext. 208

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen
Details: The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Victoria Kopistiansky, performs a benefit concert to aid Christians in the Middle East, North Africa and Ukraine through International Orthodox Christian Charities. An afterglow will follow the concert. Donations will be collected. Sponsored by Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metro Detroit
Contact: www.ioccc.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19
Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland
Details: See, God's Not Dead! on an 8-foot outdoor screen. Challenged to defend his faith by an atheist college professor, Josh Wheaton is forced to ask himself if he will rise to the challenge or shrink back and take the easy way out. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
Contact: 734-458-7301

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 SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Jan. 4, 2015
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia
Details: Weekly seminar and support group designed to help participants rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by individuals who have experienced grief and who want to help and encourage others.
Contact: 313-682-7491

SERMON SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Hugh Burns preaches on the topic "Get Real: Religion With Two Feet on the Ground." A free will offering will be collected on Wednesday
Contact: 734-464-4433

TRANSFORMATION STUDY GROUPS

Time/Date: Kick off starts 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 14; small groups begin week of Sept. 21
Location: Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland
Details: Participants will look at God in spiritual health, physical health, mental health, emotional health, relational health, financial health
Contact: 734-458-7301

TRUNK SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Church members will sell rummage sale items from their car trunks
Contact: Dianne Sherman at 734-812-5172 or 734-522-6830

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:

Canton — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 24, Friendship Church Canton, 1240 N. Beck; 1:30-7:15 p.m. Sept. 29, Geneva United Presbyterian, 5835 Sheldon

Farmington Hills — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 18, 22, 25 and 29 and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 20 and 27, at the Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty

Livonia — 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 18, 22-25, 29-30 and 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sept. 19, 26, and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 20, at the Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia; 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sept. 21, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sept. 24-25, Madonna University, 14221 Levan; 1:30-7:15 p.m., Sept. 24-25, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty; 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 28, St. Aidan Catholic Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road

Call 800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

Healthy eating

Upcoming nutrition workshops and cooking demonstrations from Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Market:

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert focuses on desserts, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5 and includes a \$5 Busch's coupon, recipes, and samples. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter in the store; 248-427-7400.

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert teaches quick and easy recipes for the slow cooker, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$5 and includes a \$5-Busch's coupon, recipes, and healthy eating tips. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter at the store; 248-539-4581.

» Busch's chef Rebecca Wauldron will show how to make the most of seasonal produce and dietitian Denise Cykiert will give tips on keeping

recipes nutritious, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia; 734-779-6100.

Prostate cancer

Farmington Hills-based 21st Century Oncology of Michigan offers a free seminar about prostate cancer, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. "State-Of-The-Art Update In Prostate Cancer" will focus on the latest advances in prostate cancer detection and care. To reserve a space at the lecture, call Samantha Dedoes at 248-464-3246 or email samantha.schmoyerdedoes@21co.com.

Stress seminar

Harsha Jayatilake, M.D., medical director, Center for Integrative Medicine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and Beverly Merian, R.N., Center for Integrative Medicine, will present information on stress and its effects on the mind and body, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Wellness Center, located off the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Levan and Five Mile, in Livonia. Attendees will learn to identify stressors and how to better manage stress. The seminar is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1320.

Tri County Celiac Support Group

Rumi's Passion in Plymouth will demonstrate gluten-free cooking 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. The group also will begin a Celiac 101 series that will give participants the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the ins and outs of living with celiac disease. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Walk with a Doc

Savitha Balaraman, an oncologist at Botsford Hospital, will talk about meditation and will lead a walk, noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 18, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Register

for this free program by calling Botsford at 877-477-3621.

Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., medical director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, will present information about bladder dysfunction and overactive bladder 6-7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Register by Sept. 19 at 734-655-1980.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

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

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Breast cancer support

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

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby

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

Choir therapy

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

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Overeaters Anonymous

» Meet 7:30-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday at St. John Neumann Church, 4488 Warren Road, Canton. Contact Mary at 734-634-7154 or Traci at 734-718-5575.

Prostate cancer event to focus on latest treatments

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, in collaboration with Wayne State University School of Medicine, will present the fourth annual Prostate Cancer Symposium, Latest Treatment Advances: What you learn here could save your life, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit.



SUBMITTED
Elisabeth Heath, M.D.

The symposium will focus on the latest research and treatment advancements for surviving prostate cancer, including proton beam therapy, cryotherapy, new FDA-approved drug therapies, research and clinical trials.

Prostate cancer patients, their spouses and advocates will hear updates from several experts and have an opportunity to ask questions about therapies, clinical trials and research progress.

Elisabeth Heath, M.D., FACP, symposium course director, will be joined by several other experts and prostate survivors on a discussion panel. Heath is director of Prostate Cancer Research at Karmanos Cancer Institute and professor of oncology and medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Keynote speaker is

Rick Kittles, Ph.D., professor of Division of Urology, Department of Surgery, and director of the Center for Population Genetics, University of Arizona. Kittles is known for his research on prostate cancer and health disparities among African Americans. He has also been at the forefront of the development of ancestry-informative genetic markers, and the use of genetic ancestry to map genes for common traits and disease. His work has been featured in five PBS and BBC network documentaries related to human biological diversity, race and disease as well as on CNN and the CBS show *60 Minutes*.

During the symposium, the Karmanos Cancer Institute will recognize individuals and an organization or business with the Isaac J. Powell, M.D., Prostate Pioneer Achievement Award. This award recognizes a physician, community volunteer or prostate cancer advocate who continues to demonstrate outstanding leadership, commitment and compassion in his or her service to prostate cancer survivors while raising awareness of prostate health within the community.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The symposium and parking are free but registration is required. To confirm registration and see the full agenda, visit www.karmanos.org/prostatecancersymposium or call 800-KARMANOS.

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7 networking tips for young professionals



By Aimee Hosler
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Recent grads with shiny new degrees. Mid-career professionals vying for new (or better) jobs. Retirees looking for a supplemental income. The value of professional networking is rarely outgrown or overstated. Sure, everyone is on social networks these days, but there's a big difference between knowing the perks of networking and knowing how to network effectively. Hint: Setting up an online profile and halfheartedly touching base with connections now and again probably won't cut it.

Here's a look at what will:

1. Cast a wide net.

Connecting with former college classmates and colleagues is a solid way to begin building your network, but it may not be enough. You don't have to hand your business card to every stranger you exchange pleasantries with on the subway, but

why not think bigger than the alumni finder on your favorite networking website? CollegeFeed recommends touching base with a wide breadth of people, including former high school teachers, community and religious leaders, and even your friends' parents. Networking functions are another great way to meet new contacts.

2. Be a yes man (or woman).

In a column she penned for Harvard Business Review, Kathryn Minshew, CEO and co-founder of The Muse, offers a helpful piece of advice to young professionals: NYFO, or Network Your Face Off (figuratively speaking). That means saying yes to as many networking opportunities as possible. That Toastmasters meeting across town on a Tuesday night? Make it happen. Out-of-the-blue coffee invite from an old co-worker or classmate? Be there. The networking gig sure to be a waste of time is the one not taken.

3. Be likeable.

It goes without saying that prospective employers and clients are probably more likely to hire someone they like, but how can you be sure that someone is you? Being polite and on time is a start, but there are a few other tips that can hedge the bet in your favor. For example, Salesforce recommends asking contacts plenty of questions about themselves. This creates a comfortable environment for them and an air of friendliness around you.

4. Be proactive.

You've handed out your body weight in business cards. You've made every networking event and touched base with every semi-relatable contact you could think of. Time to sit back and wait for the calls to start rolling in, right? Wrong. The only way you can be sure opportunity knocks is to go calling literally. Instead of wait-

ing for the phone to ring, Forbes recommends calling new contacts and putting the ball in their court. You need not pester them, but even a brief voicemail is a welcome mat for potential contacts.

5. Be a follower.

Remember when we suggested being likeable? Another way to do this and create a positive impression is to follow experts in your field. Follow them on Twitter. Follow their publication. Follow their careers on LinkedIn or in the news. Follow them in every professional capacity you can think of, and then let them know about it.

6. Be polished.

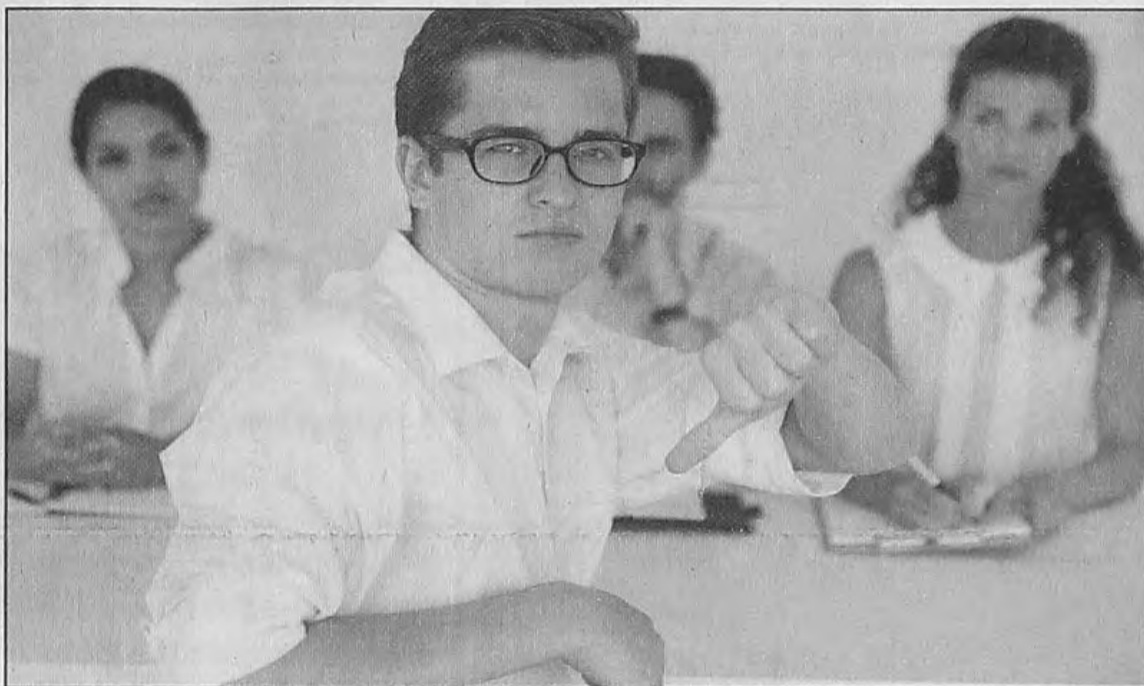
That snazzy new blazer may help cement the right first impression at your next networking event or interview, but being polished extends far beyond your wardrobe. It means proofread-

ing every email you send, being polite even three hours into a painfully boring conference and not drinking too much at that business mixer. It also means not making bad decisions elsewhere, especially on social media (a tool human resources pros and recruiters love to leverage).

7. Recalibrate now and again.

Your current network may not always be the right one: As you grow and achieve more, so should your professional circle. Forbes recommends periodically asking yourself what you aim to accomplish, who can help you do it and why they should care to at all. This results-oriented thinking is what separates successful people from career coasters.

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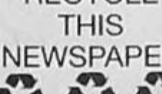
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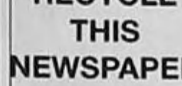
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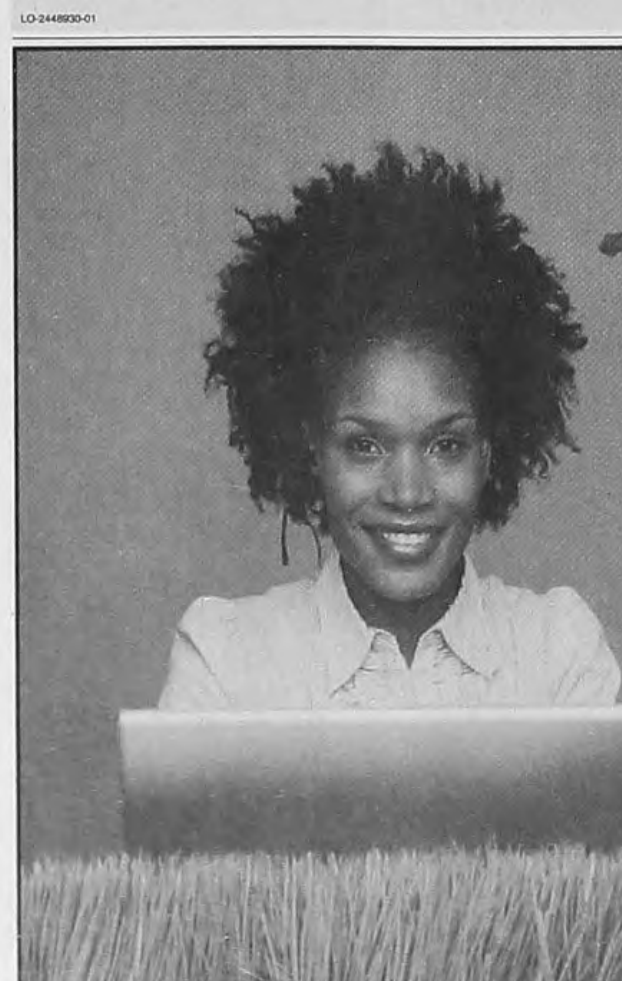
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 - 32 Winning serve
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Car Report

Compass Keeps True Direction for Jeep in Growing Compact-SUV Segment



Compass is styled and configured as the "reasonable" Jeep



By Dale Buss

Everybody's excited about the all-new Cherokee and the contribution that it is making to the overall sales performance of the Jeep brand. Already Cherokee was Jeep's best-selling vehicle in August, and its 113,933 sales for the year to date led Jeep to a 45-percent

fine package of fuel economy, performance, comfort, capacity and overall refinement, for prices starting at under \$25,000. In a vehicle segment that is getting still more popular as gasoline prices drop below \$3.50 a gallon for the fall, Compass remains a worthy entrant.

For 2014, Compass got some extra help from Jeep product planners as well. It added a newly optional six-speed automatic transmission that replaced the continuously variable transmission previously offered in most Compass models. The exterior also got a styling tweak, and the interior was upgraded to a standard 6.5-inch touch-screen audio interface and, for the Limited trim, a rear-view camera. Front-seat air-bags were made standard across the line-up.

In part, the latest refinements to Compass are aimed at the Jeep purists who've always sniffed at this particular model. When Compass debuted for 2007, it represented something of a departure for Jeep because its smoothed-off design didn't look particularly rugged and it was a car-based execution that was aimed at the majority of SUV buyers who only wanted to drive around suburbia rather than take their vehicle off-road, wherever that was.

Compass is offered in three trim levels. Standard equipment on the base Sport version includes alloy wheels, fog-lights, roof rails, air conditioning, cruise control, 60/40 split-folding rear seats, a tilt-only steering wheel, a 115-volt household power outlet and a four-speaker sound system with a CD player and auxiliary radio jack. There are more amenities in a couple of available extra packages. Stepping up to the Latitude version of Compass that I drove gains heated front seats, a height-adjustable driver's seat, a leather-wrapped steering wheel with auxiliary audio controls, and a sunroof, while the top-shelf Limited edition gets items such as leather upholstery, a power driver seat and automatic climate control.

Compass offers some unusual amenities, including a cooled glove-box, a rechargeable LED cargo light that pops out for use as a flashlight (a nod, I guess, to

the more adventurous Compass owner), and optional speakers that flip down and out from the raised lift-gate to enhance tailgating.

Overall, I found Compass's carrying capacity more than adequate. Cargo capacity, at 62.7 cubic feet, could handle transport of most things you'd want an SUV to handle, including a 12-foot rug. And with a tall friend sitting in the rear seats, I heard no complaint about roominess.

The Sport and Latitude are powered by a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine that produces 158 horsepower and 141 pound-feet of torque. Mileage for the Latitude I drove was rated at 27 mpg on the highway and 21 mpg in the city for a combined rate of 23 mpg. That's not great compared with competition in a segment where buyers are looking for strong fuel economy as a trade-off for buying a small SUV, but it's good enough for many consumers.

In fact, maximum mileage for Compass is 23 mpg on the city and 30 on the highway, and that makes the model comparable with competitors such as Ford Escape and Honda CR-V, though not with segment leaders such as Mazda CX-5.

Compass is far from peppy in terms of performance. Its pickup is reasonable, a big part of the overall reasonableness of the vehicle. Some reviewers complain about its turning radius, but I didn't find it to be too much off the category norm and certainly not a black mark.

But in a very Jeep-like way, Compass does come in four-wheel drive, a feature that no doubt has added to its allure across most of the country after the snowbound winter of 2014, that's the kind of "off-roading" that most Compass owners would have in mind, anyway.



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Kim Elliott 586-246-5007



OPEN 2-4pm | 32275 Verona Cir., Beverly Hills | Lovely ranch on private double lot in popular East Beverly Hills. Finished lower level. \$269,000
Carol Clark 248-225-3564



OPEN 1-4pm | 655 N. Glenhurst Dr., Birmingham | Character abounds in this stunningly updated stone faced 1930's colonial. \$769,000
Host: Anne Hammond 248-225-8214



OPEN 2-4pm | 295 Henley St., Birmingham | Elegant Poppleton Park Tudor built in 1996. Beautifully landscaped grounds. \$947,500
Robert Dundon 248-433-5443



OPEN 1-3pm | 1600 Derby, Birmingham | This property offers a great opportunity to walk downtown. 3 bed, 2 bath, 1900+ sqft ranch. \$259,000
Host: Jeff Smith 248-648-0910



OPEN 1-3pm | 1501 Mansfield Rd., Birmingham | On a nice corner lot in popular Sheffield Estates. Updated kitchen, natural fireplace. \$297,500
Margie Duncan 248-752-8118



OPEN 2-4pm | 119 Drury Ln., Bloomfield Village | Beautifully updated home situated on just under 1/2 acre. Glistening hardwood floors. \$534,500
Lorraine Yalman 248-425-7426



OPEN 1-4pm | 2888 Colonial Way, Bloomfield Twp. | Walkout mid-century ranch on incredible wooded & very private lot. Fabulous master. \$319,900
Lou Colombo 248-417-0867



OPEN 1-3pm | 46502 Killamey Cir., Canton | Amazing opportunity at the Links of Pheasant Run!! Gorgeous end unit. Open floor plan. \$265,000
Shana Maitland 517-449-5219



OPEN 12-4pm | 536 Meadowlake Rd., Canton | 4 bed, 2 bath colonial. Remodeled kitchen, built-in table nook with garden window. \$207,000
Kent Tyrrell 734-502-0510



OPEN 1-4pm | 41410 Bobcat Ct., Canton | Nice end unit condo with deck that is move in ready! Updated full finished lower level. \$188,900
Perrin T. Emanuel 313-300-6883



OPEN 1-4pm | 1135 Longfellow Dr., Canton | Interior freshly professionally painted September 2014! First time on the market in 21 years! \$218,500
Chris Patrick 734-546-9978



OPEN 12:30-3:30pm | 44159 Fair Oaks Dr., Canton | Spacious 4 bedroom home situated on a cul-de-sac. Over 2000 sq ft! \$199,900
Vickie Reasons 313-510-7115



OPEN 1-4pm | 26690 Gena Dr., Chesterfield | Absolutely gorgeous Lakefront split level on Lake Mary Ann. Two-story great room. \$329,000
Kevin Paton 586-292-1770



OPEN 12-3 pm | 41246 English Oak, Clinton Twp. | Newer end-unit Ranch condo. Kitchen has crown molding and UBA Tuba counters. \$239,900
Host: Joe Stivers 586-805-0631



OPEN 1:30-4pm | 11756 Secluded Ridge Dr., Conway Twp. | Cape Cod beauty on approx 3/4 of an acre. Built in 2003. Main level master. \$165,000
Jessica Tremonti 313-478-0819



OPEN 2-4pm | 21705 Lujon, Farmington Hills | Beautifully expansive 4 bed, 4.5 bath luxurious estate in Meadowbrook Forest Sub. \$630,000
Marsha King 313-740-2575



OPEN 2-4pm | 100 Meadow, Grosse Pointe Farms | Gorgeous classic French colonial in a great cul-de-sac! Remodeled, move in ready. \$468,900
Jim Addison 313-682-2152



OPEN 1-3pm | 35 Crestwood, Grosse Pointe Shores | Custom built Home with 3 beds, 2 1/2 baths with master, 2 fireplaces, walk out patio. \$325,000
Dori Daskas 313-909-8259



OPEN 2-4pm | 1803 Hawthorne, Grosse Pointe Woods | Brick bungalow on a large lot. Updated kitchen, hardwood flrs, 2 fireplaces. \$164,900
Chuck Maniaci 313-706-0310



OPEN 2-4pm | 19991 Emory, Grosse Pointe Woods | 4 Bedroom colonial with updated kitchen and baths. Natural fireplace in living room. \$259,900
Joe Rich 313-550-6800



OPEN 1-3pm | 1034 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods | Beautiful center entrance colonial one block to Ferry Elementary. Move in ready! \$299,000
Dori Daskas 313-909-8259



OPEN Appt Only | 44 Regal Place, Grosse Pte. Shores | Great curb appeal in this spacious colonial w/3 car garage. Fam rm w/wet bar. \$465,000
Laila Abud 313-886-4200



OPEN 2-4pm | 9801 Tioga Trail, Hamburg Twp. | Welcome to this gorgeous home in Whispering Pines overlooking the golf course. \$274,900
Jan Carey 734-846-8263



OPEN 1-4pm | 38176 Jefferson, Harrison Twp. | Beautiful canal front just south of Metro beach. Spacious patio and park like yard. \$209,000
Host: Jeremy Lant 586-699-4094



OPEN 1-4pm | 41675 Belvidere, Harrison Twp. | Great open floor plan! Custom home with 2 master bedroom suites with full baths. \$475,000
Carol Paton 586-665-8808



OPEN 1-4pm | 32451 South River Rd, Harrison Twp. | A boaters paradise! Gorgeous custom 3-story colonial minutes from Clinton River. \$589,900
Kevin Paton 586-292-1770



OPEN 1-4pm | 29320 Grandview St., Harrison Twp. | This amazing home is located on over 100' of prime riverfront property. 300' private lot. \$329,900
Kevin Paton 586-292-1770



OPEN 2-4pm | 1375 Sylvan, Hartland | Great location on beautiful Long Lake! Updated kitchen. Includes extra back lot 70x153. \$209,000
Chuck Maniaci 313-706-0310



OPEN 1-3pm | 6434 Simler Dr., Independence | Gateway to Deer Lk! 150 frontage feet of sea-wall canal property. Walkout lower level. \$369,900
Cindy Hannah 248-705-0829



OPEN 1-3pm | 16203 Wayne Rd, Livonia | Plenty of room to move in this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Spacious master suite. 1st flr laundry. \$248,500
Shana Maitland 517-449-5219



OPEN 12-4pm | 17718 Parklane St., Livonia | Elegant Denmar Estates brick ranch. Family room w/fireplace. Three bedrooms w/hardwood flrs. \$179,900
Kent Tyrrell 734-502-0510



OPEN 1-4pm | 25963 Lyman Ln., Lyon Twp. | Remarkably well-maintained and updated 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on private 1.26 acre lot. \$310,000
Marianne Prokop 248-675-1244



OPEN 2-4pm | 1615 Balsam Way, Milford | Nearly 2 acres, Nearly 7,000 total square feet, 8 car garage, finished walk-out. \$585,000
Karen Thomas 248-505-3066



OPEN 1-3pm | 47300 7 Mile Rd., Northville | Welcome to your oasis moments away from downtown Northville. 1.5 acres of land. \$614,900
Shana Maitland 517-449-5219



OPEN 1-4pm | 47035 W. Main St., Northville | This residence will stand the test of time. 1 1/3 acre sanctuary of woodland gardens. \$1,100,000
Anne Smith 248-470-5231



OPEN 1-3pm | 46438 Pinehurst Cir., Northville | Wow! Absolutely loaded with options and amenities! Spacious gourmet kitchen. \$800,000
John Goodman 248-770-3114



OPEN 1-4pm | 370 S. Rogers, Northville | Stately brick French chateau w/ award winning architectural design built by Frank Bauss. \$699,000
Jane Spence 248-420-0101



OPEN 1-4pm | 24567 Thatcher Dr., Novi | This very well cared for home is truly impressive! Multitude of upgrades and additions. \$510,000
Marianne Prokop 248-675-1244



OPEN 1-4pm | 1021 Valleyview Dr., Orion Twp. | Fantastic custom built brick ranch. Lake Orion schools. Access to Heather Lake. \$375,000
Beth Dever 248-625-1372



OPEN 1-3pm | 616 Herald, Plymouth | A true custom masterpiece! Ideal in town location. Completely transformed with close attention to detail! \$699,900
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OPEN 1-4pm | 856 Harding St., Plymouth | Just like living in a park! Wonderful private treed setting. 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial! \$297,000
Chris Patrick 734-546-9978



OPEN 12-3pm | 9438 Southworth Ave., Plymouth | Move in ready! Quiet small neighborhood close to shopping, minutes to downtown Plymouth. \$229,000
Chris Patrick 734-546-9978



OPEN 12-3 pm | 27350 Kelly Rd., Roseville | Clean, updated, and move in ready!! Hardwood floors, updated bathroom w/ceramic tile floor. \$74,900
Host: Paula Burin 248-202-8686



OPEN 2-4pm | 615 S. Gainsborough Ave., Royal Oak | Spacious home just a short walk to downtown Royal Oak! Fabulous great rm addition. \$174,900
Penny Toth 248-433-5491



OPEN 1-4pm | 4623 Olivia Ave. W., Royal Oak | Move in ready! Lovingly maintained home walking distance to downtown Birmingham. \$129,900
Patrick Floch 248-225-3130



OPEN 2-4pm | 1011 Troon, St. Clair | Lovely colonial with first floor master suite, 4 bedrooms on the second floor, 3 full up. \$399,900
Laila Abud 313-300-9986



OPEN 2-4pm | 22971 Englehardt, St. Clair Shores | Cute 3 bedroom located on quiet street. Finished basement. Hardwood floors. Fireplace. \$134,900
Jim Addison 313-682-2152



OPEN 12-2 pm | 1715 River Rd., St. Clair | St. Clair River View! End unit 2nd story ranch condo, lots of light and privacy. \$137,500
Don Alcorn 810-278-6654



OPEN 1-4pm | 28706 Joan St., St. Clair Shores | MUST SEE! This 3 bed 2 bath ranch sits on a quiet tree-lined street near a large park. \$129,999
Jacquelyn Hasenfratz 248-763-4490



OPEN 1-4pm | 4410 Fleming Way, Superior Twp. | Hard-to-find 4 bedroom, 4+ car garage brick ranch on over 2 acres! Dream kitchen. \$550,000
Marianne Prokop 248-675-1244



PENDING | Fantastic Ranch in Warren! Well maintained and well cared for home with an outstanding backyard. \$111,000
Bridget Robidoux 586-322-4583



OPEN 2-4pm | 31525 Morgan, Warren | Beautiful 3 bed brick ranch. Hardwood floors, large finished basement w/bar for entertaining. \$134,900
David Fekin 313-350-9261



OPEN 12:30-4 | 60616 Miriam Dr., Washington Twp. | Updated and ready to go...solid Colonial in beautiful sub with numerous updates. \$240,000
Donna Bousson 248-515-1843



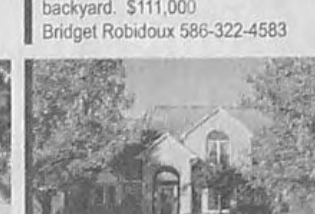
OPEN 1-4pm | 2850 Angelus Pines, Waterford | Over 2000 of finished living space, recently updated Lakefront home. Move in Ready! \$229,900
Paulette Wisel 248-494-1551



OPEN 12-2pm | 8040 Apple Creek Ct., Webster Twp. | Welcome to Paradise. 6 bedrooms! You will love the natural flow of the open floorplan. \$550,000
Jan Carey 734-846-8263



OPEN 1-4pm | 7775 Donna, Westland | One-of-a-kind eye catching home on large lot loaded w/extras. Living room has soaring 2 story ceiling. \$139,900
Bill Harrison 734-788-4216



OPEN 1-4pm | 1982 Sandlewood, White Lake | Custom home w/4303 total finished square footage. High end materials, fit, and finishes. \$362,500
Jean Wells 248-872-6110



By appointment only | Sharp Sterling Heights ranch - two full baths on main floor - first floor laundry room. Many updates including kitchen. \$167,900
Patrick Carolan 248-342-7653



By appointment only | Custom soft contemporary, located in a private wooded setting in West Bloomfield is the perfect place for serene living. \$875,000
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