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Canton makes state's safe-community list

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton ranks among Michigan's safest communities, even when compared to towns with a fraction of its population, a new study found. Canton placed 45th among Michigan's 50 safest communi-

ties and has the highest population on the list compiled by SafeWise, an organization that used FBI crime statistics and its own research. "I think it's always good recognition when you make someone's positive list," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

SafeWise reported Canton has 1.05 violent crimes per 1,000 residents and 14.05 property crimes. Mutchler attributed the low crime rate to a partnership between vigilant residents, proactive elected officials and hard-working police officers. SafeWise included commu-

nities with 5,000 or more residents. Raisin Township, with a population of 7,468 residents, ranked as Michigan's safest community. Canton had 91,173 residents based on the last U.S. Census — a number local officials say has grown — but SafeWise listed the population at 88,958.

The next most populated community on its list was Farmington Hills, with 81,040 people. The vast majority of communities on the list had far fewer residents. Canton's 45th ranking came after the township missed last year's Safe-

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Mike Ashman says he likely won't use the new Secretary of State service: "I don't even believe in email."



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Lauren Tucker says she might call ahead before her next Secretary of State visit.

Canton, Salem make 'Newsweek' top 500

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Canton and Salem high schools made *Newsweek* magazine's list of 500 top high schools in the country. The two high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park shared rave reviews with 21 other Michigan high schools, including nearby Novi High School and Northville High School. The International Academy in Bloomfield Hills ranked eighth in the national survey.

"The national recognition validates what we know about the success of our programs at the park," P-C Superintendent Michael Meissen said. "It is nice to be recognized. It is a credit to all of our students, the high quality and expertise of the faculty and staff, the district's leadership team and families."

In the 500-school list, Canton High School came in at No. 327 and Salem at 464. Novi ranked 223, while Northville placed 194. Meissen said he does not know why Plymouth High School, the third school at P-CEP, was not included in the *Newsweek* rankings.

The magazine ranks the high schools on a broad range of data to determine which do the best in preparing students for college. The data includes college readiness, graduation rates and what percentage are college-bound.

The rankings show Canton High School with a college readiness score of 78.6; graduation rate of 97.7 percent; and 97.2 percent of students were college-bound. At Salem, the college readiness score was 76.6; graduation rate at 94.5 percent; with 100 percent of students college-bound.

Also included is a rating by *Newsweek* of an individual school's effort to help low-income students score at or above average on state assessments. Canton High School received a gold star for its work in this category.

Newsweek offered a peek into each school's success. Canton High School shows a 85.3 percent student retention; an SAT/ACT composite score of 52.6; average AP score of 3.91; average SAT score of 1,812 and average ACT score of 22.5.

Salem's statistics show an 88.7 percent student retention; an SAT/ACT composite score of 53.5; average AP score of 4.0; the average SAT score was unavailable; and an average ACT score of 22.8.

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Why wait? Call, text to SOS

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Katrina Myles expected to wait in a long line when she went to the Secretary of State branch in Canton to get college identification cards for her two children.

Instead, she left right away after learning the office would text her when her place in line was getting close. She was able to drive home, have lunch and return with her children.

"They told me I would get a text in about 50 minutes," Myles said Wednesday afternoon. "I think this is a really good idea, especially if you live close by."

Had she known, she could have saved even more time by simply calling ahead, sending a text or going online to reserve a place in line — all because of MI-TIME Line, a new service available at the Canton-based Secretary of State office on Lilley south of Joy.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced Tuesday that offices in Canton and Clarkston have become the latest to roll out the new service, intended to let customers run errands and avoid waiting in long lines.

The service is already available at the Livonia Area Super! Center at 17176 Farmington Road in Livonia. Call 734-793-2922 or text "livoniasos" to 734-237-3950.

"MI-TIME Line has revolutionized the waiting experience for Secretary of State customers," Johnson said.

Lauren Tucker, waiting for her mother to conduct business inside the Canton branch, said the MI-TIME Line service is one she would consider next time. She hadn't heard of it.

"It sounds like a good idea because you don't have to sit there and wait," Tucker said.

The service is expected to expand to 18 offices by late September.

Walking into the Canton office, Mike Ashman said he isn't likely to use the MI-TIME Line service.

"I don't even believe in email," he said.

Ashman lives in Richmond but has a business in Canton. He said Secretary of State offices he once used in Richmond and Mount Clemens have closed.

Ashman was stopping by the Canton office Wednesday to get license plate tabs for his four motorcycles and his truck.

"They're normally pretty efficient here," he said.

In implementing the MI-TIME Line service, the Secretary of State's Office partnered with the U.S.-based QLess, whose line-management service is used by amusement parks, shopping malls, health-care and educational facilities to reduce wait times.

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Hitting the pavement: Moms worry about walks to school

By Joanne Maliszewski
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New to middle school this year, Ella Copley and Avery Flechtner will walk 1.3 miles from their Canton homes to Discovery, an image that concerns and frightens their parents.

"I don't know if as a grown girl I would be safe," said Ella's mom, Jenny.

Ella and Avery — who will attend Discovery Middle School following redistricting in the Plymouth-Canton district — are among a group who this year will walk to school.

Under state law, districts don't have to provide bus services. And under guidelines, the delineation of who walks and who rides a bus comes

down to one mile for elementary students and 1.5 miles for middle school and high school students.

"OK. I understand that money is tight," said Avery's mom, Amanda.

Avery and Ella, who live in Wilshire Estates, will walk down Morton Taylor, turn on Hanford and cross Sheldon Road to arrive at Discovery, 45083 Hanford Road.

What confuses Copley and Flechtman is why students who live east of Morton Taylor in the Carriage Hills subdivision will be bused. And the only answer they say they get is that it's based on the walk zone boundaries.

The two moms have ap-

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Amanda Flechtner and her daughter Avery, with Jenny Copley and her daughter Ella, walk the route to Discovery Middle School.



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Canton Newcomers kicks off new season

The Canton Newcomers & Neighbors is more important than ever as economic activity in the greater Canton area picks up with new business expansion and residential housing growth. More than 1,000 new homes are in the building or planning stages in the Canton and Plymouth area alone. Plus, more women in Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Superior Township, Belleville

and other surrounding cities and townships are reaching out to the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors for help connecting to the local community. "We will play a more vital role than ever in the lives of women and their families as we fulfill our purpose of bringing together neighbors in the community to meet, make new friends and take an active social, charitable, and civic

interest in our greater Canton community," said Linda Obrec, president of the organization. "Not only did we break the recent history record for membership, we hit all-time highs in donations we made to local charities, advertising revenue and sponsorship revenue last year." Membership in the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors grew by 30 percent over the past

program year. With 140 members, the organization is the largest volunteer women's social group in the Canton area. Membership includes women living in Canton or surrounding communities for any length of time. The organization meets most months of the year for a full membership event and offers more than 20 special interest groups, includ-

ing book club, cards, bunco, dominoes, trivia, walking and culinary-interest groups. Members choose to participate in as few or as many events as their interest and time allow. All area women are invited to check out the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors for free and attend the New Season Kickoff "It's so Easy" event, sponsored by Olga's Kitchen of Canton, at

7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, Canton. Space is limited; reserve a free spot with Kathy Cooney by calling 734-404-5998 or email kpc1202@yahoo.com. Women may join any time of the year for just \$25 for the whole program year that starts in September. For more information, go to CantonWomen.com.

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Wise list altogether. "I would think to be 45 is a good sign," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's hard to compare Canton to some other communities that are very small. It's just a

whole new ballgame. "We're always trying to get better," he added. "It's what our approach has always been. We're always shooting to be the best." SafeWise used FBI statistics and factored in community population to determine the odds of violent and property crimes being committed



Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler addresses a crowd of residents during one of his department's forums to strengthen community relations.

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for every 1,000 residents. Canton made the cut, while some communities of comparable size - Livonia, Westland, Dearborn - didn't. Plymouth ranked 24th on the list, just ahead of 25th-ranked Plymouth Township. SafeWise cited "positive relationships" between Canton police and the community for the

low crime rate and singled out programs such as Coffee with a Cop, informal gatherings intended to promote closer ties between police and residents. "It is an honor to be on this list with many smaller communities," Mutchler said, noting that the difference in population between Canton and most towns on the list "is an

important distinction." Canton has routinely placed on low-crime lists - which officials welcome, yet place in perspective. "We don't focus on the lists, as it were. We focus on safety in the community," Mutchler said. To see the list, go to <http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-michigan-2015/>.

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P-CCS joins other districts in state with privatization

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is among a majority of Michigan public districts that contract with private vendors for support services.

According to a survey conducted this past spring by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, 70.8 percent of school districts contract with vendors for three major support services: custodial, transportation and meals.

Conducted May 18 to Aug. 4 this year, the survey's results show the number of districts that contract is a 66.6-percent increase over the previous year.

Plymouth-Canton contracts for custodial and transportation services. Switching to a private vendor for bus services began in the 2012-13 school year, with a limited start some four years ago. The change in custodial services occurred in July 2014.

Contracting private vendors — commonly known as privatizing — can send shivers through communities and often receives a negative response from parents of kids in districts and certainly district employees who lose jobs from the switch. But using private vendors for support services has become a hard fact of life for public education.

"It has been a do more with less environment," Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Michael Meissen said. "Cost-cutting has been a longtime path."

The bottom line is that contracting support services cuts costs in the form of employee payroll and benefits, Meissen said.

According to P-CCS calculations, which includes comparing wages and fringe benefits versus contractual services costs, the savings from privatization is as follows:

» Transportation (privatized in 2011-12)

equals \$1,257,003 or a 17-percent savings

» Custodial (privatized in 2014-15) equals \$552,029 or a 6.5-percent savings

Schools are required to send between 28 and 33 percent of payroll to Lansing to cover the costs of retirement benefits. The bulk of these payments goes to paying down unfunded liabilities in the system. When a district contracts out employees, their retirement benefits tend to cost between 5 and 7 percent of payroll, resulting in substantial savings from contracting out, regardless of any other changes, according to the Mackinac Center.

As overall state support for public education in Michigan has declined, school boards across the state have had to dive into a cost-cutting culture. The Plymouth-



Meissen

Canton Board of Education is continuing its path to contain costs, improve financial solvency and increase academic performance.

Cutting costs in support services, such as transportation and custodial, allows those savings to be diverted to education, Meissen said: "What the board is trying to do is be strategic."

Budget balancing

In June, the Plymouth-Canton school board adopted a balanced \$150 million budget that included reductions to offset an initial almost \$6 million deficit. The budget is also based on less than expected increases in state foundation aid. This year, with an increase of \$36 per pupil, the state provides a little more than \$7,300 per student.

Using private vendors, Meissen said, isn't

a simple matter of just hiring a company. There's plenty of studying, accounting and setting parameters for good service. "The goal is to drive up the quality of services and decrease the costs," he said.

Last year, when the district used two vendors to provide bus services, plenty of problems and concerns arose. This year, the district is contracting solely with Durham School Services, which was one of the two used last year.

"It was a painful thing," Meissen said, referring to problems with service last year. "As a single-source provider, Durham will now handle the management, operation and drivers."

"This is the preferred model, based on experience," he added. "The expectations of our families is that we provide safe, reliable and depen-

dable transportation to and from school."

Nick Brandon, district community relations director, said he expects much improved bus service over last year. "This can work," he said.

The privatized bus service, however, includes fewer bus routes with fewer students, Meissen noted.

The district's custodial services are what the superintendent calls a hybrid model. The services are contracted and district plant engineers — school employees — play the lead role.

According to the Mackinac Center, this year 283 of Michigan's 542 school districts contracted for custodial services. That compares to only 34 in a 2003 survey.

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Livonia lawmaker introduces bills to ban, criminalize dismemberment abortion

State Rep. Laura Cox has introduced legislation that will ban and criminalize the practice of dismemberment abortion.

"This appalling practice has allowed doctors to dismember and kill human beings, and it cannot continue," said Cox, R-Livonia.

The two-bill package includes House Bills 4833 and 4834. HB 4833 defines and adds dismemberment abortion to

the Michigan penal code, making it a criminal offense to perform the procedure. HB 4834 adds dismemberment abortion to the Michigan code of criminal procedure adjacent to partial-birth abortion, creating a maximum two-year prison sentence for those who



Cox

perform the operation.

"Criminal offenses for killing a living fetus through torture should be implemented," Cox said.

"This gruesome procedure is unethical, immoral and will no longer be tolerated in Michigan."

HBs 4833 and 4834 have been referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice for further consideration.

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Salem graduate hits the road with Ride for Kids

By Emily Finn
 Correspondent

Josh Penn, a Plymouth resident and recent graduate of Salem high school, participated in a 40-mile police-escorted motorcycle ride to raise money for children with brain tumors.

While visiting his uncle, Penn met Joe Bentz and Bobby Newman, both motorcyclists and avid supporters of Ride for Kids, a pediatric brain tumor foundation that unites motorcycle riders and enthusiasts who want to make a difference in the lives of these young children.

After seeing "about 15 really cool bikes" lined up outside of the hotel his uncle was staying at, Penn, a motorcycle fan, decided to strike up a conversation with Newman and learned more about what the Ride for Kids foundation stood for.

After its founding in 1984, Ride for Kids has expanded to 37 locations across the country where they raise money for children suffering from brain tumors. According to the Cancer Council NSW, "Brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in young people and accounts for more than one-



Joshua Penn, a Salem grad, participated in Ride for Kids to raise money to help children with brain tumors.

JOSH PENN

third of cancer deaths in children aged under 10."

"It really opened my eyes," Penn said. "Each time that my neck hairs would go back down, Bobby would just tell me another story that would get

me going again. He started talking to me about a kid named Andrew. He's a miracle boy. At 2 years old, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor and the doctors said he had about 24 hours to live. I have

chills on my neck just thinking about it."

After learning that the Ride For Kids event was at Washtenaw Community College the day after he had met Newman, Penn couldn't pass up a chance

to support the foundation. He said the children the event was raising money for "were happy, but you could tell they all went through really tough times in their life. It took a toll on them."

"There were about 50 bikers behind us that had just showed up to ride with us and support us," Penn said. He said he was amazed by the support shown from local people that had never heard of the organization prior to the event. "Honestly, it changed me."

Bentz has a very special motorcycle that he rides during every Ride For Kids event. He has stickers on the front of his bike in memory of all the children he has ridden for who have passed away from brain tumors.

After the Ride For Kids event, Newman gave Penn the same bell that he gave to Andrew and other brain cancer survivors. "They put it on the right handle of their motorcycle," Penn said, "and he told me every time it's ringing, it's God looking out for you. I'm going to hold on to that forever."

To support the Ride For Kids foundation, go to <http://www.curethekids.org/events/ride-for-kids/>.

Teen Choice: Plymouth student honored for activism

Pomona College student Madison Vorva was honored Sunday night on the nationally televised *Teen Choice Awards* for her years of environmental activism to end the use of farmed palm oil.

Vorva of Plymouth, who is majoring in public policy with a concentration in environmental economics, was recognized on stage during singer Rachel Platten's performance of *Fight Song*.

Vorva was part of a group of young women honored for making a difference.

At age 11, after learning how the use of palm oil by U.S. bakers could contribute to defor-

estation and orangutan habitat destruction, Vorva (and fellow Girl Scout Rhiannon Tomtishen) launched a campaign to convince the Girl Scouts to commit to using deforestation-free palm oil in their cookies.

Eventually, she won what she considers a partial victory (<http://magazine.pomona.edu/2013/fall/scouts-honor/>), foreshadowing bigger changes in the baking business.

She received good news in her freshman year at Pomona, when Girl Scout cookie baker Kellogg announced a global commitment to use "fully traceable palm oil, produced in a manner that's environmental-

ly responsible, socially beneficial and economically viable."

Vorva has been designated a U.N. Forest Hero and, in 2014, she was an invited speaker at the United Nation's celebration of International Forests Day. She is also a national youth leader for Goodall's Roots & Shoots movement.

In 2014, Vorva was chosen from 5,000 applicants as the U.S. youth delegate to the United Nations' Education for Sustainable Development Conference in Japan, where she collaborated with 48 other countries' representatives to draft the youth statement and recommendations.

In January 2015, she was appointed to serve on State Farm's Youth Advisory Board, which grants \$5 million to youth-led service learning proposals across the country. Later in 2015, she went to Costa Rica to reconvene with Goodall and bring community mapping tools to a couple hundred high school students.

"I am passionate about helping other youth find their voices as advocates," Vorva said. "It has been my mission to help young people connect the local problems in their communities with the greater global environmental and social trends."



Madison Vorva launched a campaign to convince the Girl Scouts to commit to using deforestation-free palm oil in their cookies.

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proached the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education and followed up individually with each board member. "Their bid for transparency is one-sided," Flechtner said.

The moms also have had back-and-forth email conversations with Mike Peterson, district director of operations, in which they spill out their concerns for kids who will walk to Discovery.

Boundary changes

In those emails, Peterson assures Copley and Flechtner that the walking distances have not changed, though school boundaries have. The boundary changes, the closing of Central Middle School and the opening of Liberty Middle School in Canton, Peterson noted, have created change.

"Again, the distances have not changed, but the students involved in walking or busing may have changed, based on home location within the new boundaries," according to a letter from Peterson.

On recommendation of former school board Trustee Mark Horvath, the moms contacted Durham School Services, the contracted provider of bus services, for help. "All walk zones are automatically set per district boundaries, so unfortunately there is nothing we can do to change this," was the response they got.

School district officials, however, have helped pay for a crosswalk at Sheldon and will have a school crossing guard at the intersection of Sheldon and Hanford. Peterson has informed the moms that posting a crossing guard there is not standard practice, as guards typically only serve elementary school students.

"Hanford is a 25 mph residential street. There



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Parents are concerned with kids walking to Discovery along Morton Taylor, Hanford and Sheldon.

has never been crossing guards for the kids across the street from Discovery, but there are crosswalks both east and west of the school. Both crosswalks have signage," Peterson wrote to the moms. "We are adding a guard at Sheldon/Hanford because it is three-lane, 40 mph road (with traffic light, sidewalks and pedestrian signal)."

"Redistricting places some homes east of Sheldon in the walking area for Discovery MS. In the case of next year's sixth grade, this is a change from one school to another with parameters for secondary-aged children. These are not new parameters, just different families," Peterson told the *Observer*.

Sex offenders

Still, Flechtner and Copley remain concerned, particularly when they discovered that within one mile of Discovery live 16 Tier 2 and 3 sex offenders (considered more serious offenders), according to the Michigan State Police Sex Offenders Registry.

Plus the moms are also concerned that when their kids make the half-hour walk to school, there are no guarantees that homeowners on Hanford will have already shoveled the sidewalks, Flechtner said.

The moms are also wondering if a crosswalk could be placed at Discovery Middle School, as well as a fiber optic blink-

ing sign with lower speed limits during school hours. There is a similar blinking speed sign on Morton Taylor.

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said the school district has worked, and is working, with Wayne County, which controls Canton roadways. "We certainly could be a willing partner," Mutchler said.

Canton police, he said, will work with crossing guards and patrol school areas during the start and end of school days. "We do target the crosswalks," Mutchler said. "We will have officers out enforcing traffic laws. We will work together with the schools to provide a safe environment."

Mutchler asks parents to remind children not to talk to strangers and not to follow them or get into cars with them. "The kids should walk in groups, not alone," he said.

But Copley and Flechtner are worried. "When you get a group of chatting 11-year-olds, they're not going to notice everything," Copley said.

Meanwhile, the moms are hoping to connect with other concerned parents with a new email address, Wilshirewontwalk@yahoo.com. They also are creating fliers to pass out in their neighborhood and surrounding areas.

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FILE PHOTO
Patrons at Hermann's Olde Town Grille enjoy outdoor dining during a past Old Village Restaurant Crawl. This year's event will be 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday.

Old Village Restaurant Crawl scheduled for Monday

Fans of the restaurants in Plymouth's Old Village – and newcomers curious about the eclectic eatery collection there – will hit the streets Monday for the neighborhood's annual moveable feast.

The 16th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl, a networking and marketing event organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is 5:30-8:30

p.m. Monday.

This year's crawl features four neighborhood establishments: Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Station 885, Liberty Street Brewing Co. and Aqua, the former Grecian Cafe at Main and Starkweather, which reopened as a high-end, European-inspired restaurant last year.

Tickets are \$15 each for adults and \$5 each

for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased through 5 p.m. Monday at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Tickets are also available at the participating restaurants.

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Township donates unclaimed bikes

Plymouth Township is teaming up with the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps and a local sporting goods store to give bicycles, at no charge, to children in need.

The township has released a number of unclaimed and abandoned bicycles to the Plymouth Corps, which will distribute them to local children who are going without. Also, the Trading Post on Ann Arbor Road, which sells and repairs bicycles, is fixing unclaimed bikes that were deemed unsafe and they will be delivered to the Plymouth Corps as well.

"I am so pleased that Plymouth Township can partner with the Salvation Army. Their programming for local families in need is outstanding," township Supervisor Shannon Price said in a press release. "We worked with our police chief and (public works) department to ensure that the bikes are safe and that it was no longer necessary to keep them



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
Maj. Keith Bailey (left) of the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps and township Supervisor Shannon Price with some of the unclaimed bicycles the township donated to the Plymouth Corps, which will give them free to children in need.

in storage." The township Board of Trustees voted 5-0 Tuesday, with two members absent, to formalize the arrangement. The bikes had been in storage at the public works department. "The Salvation Army and Plymouth Township have had a great working

relationship and we are just grateful for this donation of bikes," said Maj. Bailey of the Plymouth Corps. "This is going to help a lot of kids." Families interested in obtaining a bike can call the Plymouth Corps at 734-453-5464.

Livonia DAV chapter expands services for women veterans

Disabled American Veterans Livonia Chapter 114 has announced the expansion of specialized military veterans benefits counseling for women veterans.

The DAV now has two female service officers (chapter service officer and department service officer) with private offices to counsel female veterans on potential benefit claims.

All consultations are held in strict confidentiality.

The announcement was made by Thomas A. Dempster, commander/state senior vice commander of Michigan DAV, who developed the initiative.

The chapter is open for veteran consultations from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments are

preferred by calling 734-522-9003 or 313-468-5558. However, walk-ins are always welcomed.

The office is at 30905 Plymouth Road (near the intersection of Plymouth and Merriman roads) in Livonia.

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CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children got to see farm animals up close during the summer party.

Library party celebrates summer program's end

Live music, a bounce house, hot dogs and Kona ice were just some of the fun things on hand Saturday, Aug. 15, for library patrons at the Canton Public Library's end-of-summer party.

Despite temperatures in the upper 80s, nearly 600 people turned out to enjoy the quartet Street Corner and mingle with the bleats and quacks of baby farm animals from Carousel Acres.

Magician Cameron Zvara entertained and patrons also enjoyed face painters from Astute Artistry, mascots from program partners Menchie's and Chuck E. Cheese, plus a guest appearance from Storm Troopers of the 501st Legion, Great Lakes Garrison of Vader's Fist, and photo booth with Ina Booth.

The party celebrated the conclusion of the popular summer library program, Connect Your Summer, and the achievement of participants.

The Martins of Canton were one of many local families in attendance. All summer, mom Elizabeth and dad Andy read to their children Samuel, 4, and Olivia, 2, attended programs and participated in activities to earn all 36 badges. They were the recipients of the Super Mega Ultra prize.

"We relocated to Canton in April from North Carolina and the reading program helped us to connect to our new community and explore what Canton had to offer," Elizabeth Martin said. "My children were thrilled to find they love their new library as much as they loved their old one and that reading and the activities were a wonderful way to spend the first summer in Canton."

Through reading, visiting the library for programs or activities and exploring electronic resources, patrons earned badges and chances for prizes ranging from lunch with the

library director to Detroit Zoo family passes to a party at Zap Zone. Coupons, passes and books were also handed out to enthusiastic patrons.

"We wanted to celebrate the success of our patrons in earning over 10,000 badges in our summer program this year," program librarian Nichole Welz said, "and this party is a great way to bring everyone together with fun for all ages."

The Connect Your Summer program was made possible through the support of the Friends of the Canton Public Library, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Menchie's, Super Bowl of Canton, Zap Zone, the Detroit Zoo, The Henry Ford, Holiday Market, Bagger Dave's, Jungle Java, Showroom of Elegance, Tony Sacco's, 7-Eleven on Michigan Avenue, Riverside Arena Roller Skating, Skatin' Station, Chuck E. Cheese's and Sky Zone Trampoline Park.



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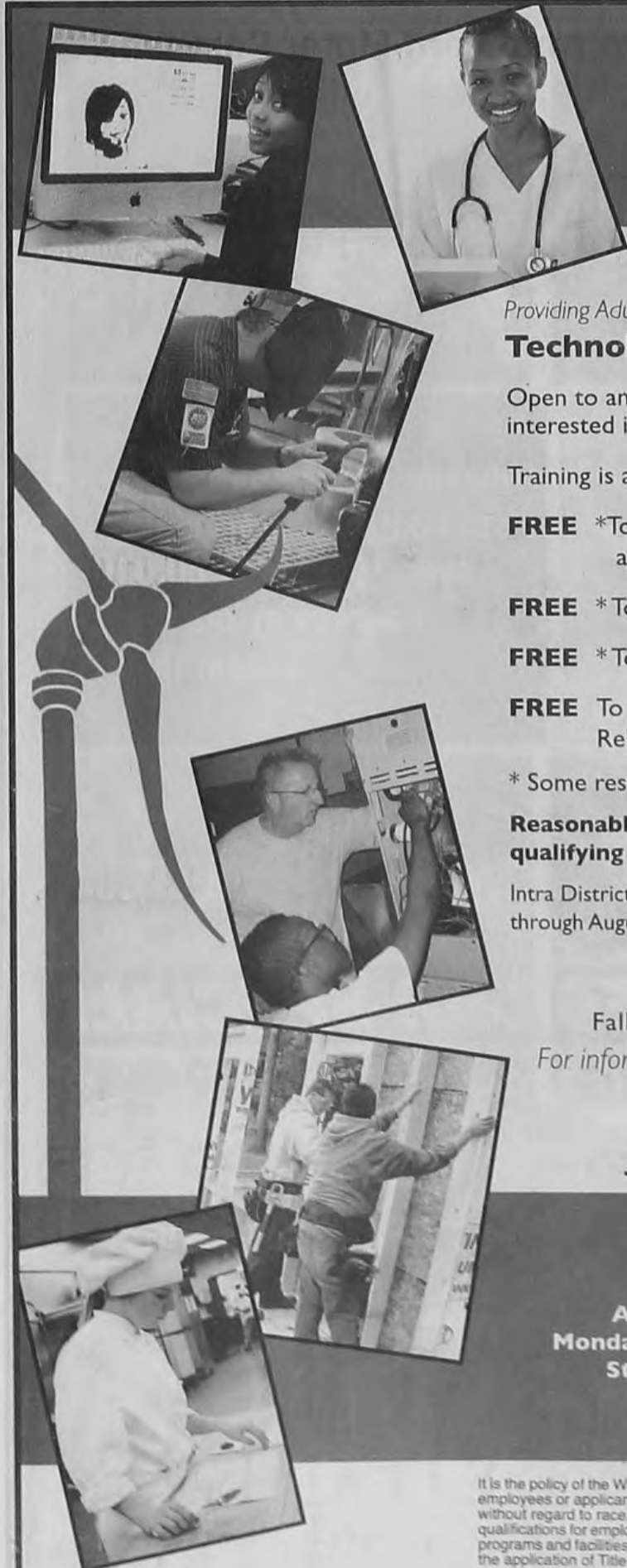
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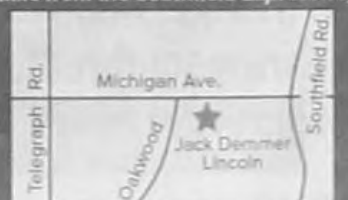
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Details: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Community Education Basketball League hosts registration for kids from third grade through high school
Contact: Email cebl@pccsk12.com

COFFEE WITH A COP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25
Location: Arby's, 44040 Ford Road, Canton
Details: The Canton Police Department has scheduled a Coffee with a Cop session, open to the public as a unique opportunity for community to ask questions and learn about police. Police are holding multiple sessions throughout the community this year.
Contact: Police department at 734-394-5401.

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26
Location: Summit on the Park recreation center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Canton Leisure Services will help families kick off fall and the back-to-school season by hosting an open house. Families will also find plenty of free fun at the open house, as Summit on the Park will celebrate Bartlett T. Beaver's second birthday with birthday games, treats and activities. The first 50 kids in attendance will get to decorate a birthday cupcake and make a free craft. Plus, the first 75 kids to attend will receive a back-to-school goodie bag.

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Time/Date: Apply now; orientation Oct. 13
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Time/Date: Sept. 11-13
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Time/Date: Sept. 11-13
Location: Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth
Details: Plymouth Fall Festival Craft marketplace is expanding this year, requiring more crafters.

Time/Date: Apply now; orientation Oct. 13
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton
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Contact: The application is available at <http://plymouth-fallfestival.com/craft-show/>. Contact Colleen at craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com

WILDCATS OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

Time/Date: Beginning with check-in at 8 a.m., followed by first wave of participants at 9:15 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12
Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton
Details: A fundraiser for the Wildcats, the Plymouth High School football team in conjunction with the VET — Veteran Education and Transitional — Program. The event offers mud, an obstacle course, climbing hills and bales of hay and sand

Cost: \$30 for adults; \$20 for ages 13-19, \$10 for ages 10-12 and kids 9 and younger are admitted free. Admission includes the course, a drawstring backpack, buff and finishers medal. Kids nine and younger will not receive a bag or medals.
Registration: Ongoing and may be completed online at www.TheVETProgram.org (under events). Participants may also register and pick up information packets from noon to

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Contact: Booster club member Todd McCall at 734-748-9649; sponsorships requested
SMOOTH JAZZ
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ The Elks is a monthly program open to the public. The Ramona Collins Quartet will perform this month.
Cost: \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780; www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzat-theelks@gmail.com

FALL OPEN HOUSE
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26
Location: Summit on the Park recreation center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.
Details: Canton Leisure Services will help families kick off fall and the back-to-school season; also find plenty of free fun at the open house, as Summit on the Park will celebrate Bartlett T. Beaver's second birthday with birthday games, treats and activities. The first 50 kids in attendance will get to decorate a birthday cupcake and make a free craft. Plus, the first 75 kids to attend will receive a back-to-school goodie bag.
Contact: 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

BIKES & CARS
Time/Date: 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Charity car and bike show to benefit the Plymouth Canton Stars Special Olympics.
Cost: To show off your car or bike, registration is \$15 in advance, mailed to 33575 Clinton, Wayne, MI 48184, or \$20 the day of the show. The show is free to all spectators.
Contact: Chairperson Debbie Cross at 734-732-9325 or email Bikesandcars4PCStars@yahoo.com.

RAKU WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19
Location: Village Potters Guild, 326 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Guild hosts its third Raku Workshop in which participants choose pottery and glaze them; experience is not necessary; demonstrations and sales also offered.
Cost: \$10 registration fee; pottery ranges \$10-30
Contact and register: The Guild at 734-207-8807

FALL TASTE FEST
Date/Time: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11
Location: Station 885, 885 Starkweather, in Plymouth's Old Village
Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are sponsoring the Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest. Great food will be offered by a host of Plymouth-Canton eateries. There is a live band and cash bar. food will be offered by Bahama Breeze, Cupcake Station, Extreme Pizza of Plymouth, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Leo's Coney Island of Plymouth & Canton, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Plymouth ROC, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Westland Famous Dave's, Vintners Canton Winery, Zoup Soup, Salad & Sandwiches.
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Legion lifer: Plymouth man signs up for 69th straight year

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer



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World War II veteran John Kennard looks at a photo of the USS Ranger, a ship he served on in San Diego during the war. The Northville native and current Plymouth Township resident has been a 69-year member of the American Legion.

Drafted from Daisy

"I wanted to drink a beer," the 89-year-old Kennard said with a

laugh, pointing out that Ann Arbor was "dry" at the time. "It was a wonderful place to belong to. You had access to the stadium and it was just a nice location."

Kennard, who lives in Plymouth Township with his wife of 15 years, Jean, was drafted into service out of Northville High School in 1944 after registering for the draft at the Daisy Air Rifle plant in Plymouth.

Kennard, who earned a varsity letter in baseball and also played some football at Northville High School, left for boot camp in Virginia, then went through electrician training in Maryland before being assigned to San Diego, Calif.

After spending his 26-month naval stint in San Diego, Kennard came back and graduated from Ann Arbor High School. In addition to Ann Arbor, he's belonged to American Legion posts in Grand Rapids (where he

was a sales manager for Hekman Biscuit), Saline (from where his second wife hailed) and Northville.

Post choices

He and Jean – whom he called "out of the blue" after not having talked to her in 50 years – eventually married. The couple have nine children between them. Kennard said he joined the

Northville post in 2002, rather than the Plymouth post because, with family having been here, he "felt more of a connection."

Mark Sutton of the Michigan American Legion said Kennard's length of continuous membership isn't unheard of, though it doesn't happen much.

Sutton said of the 80,000 Legionnaires in

Michigan, only 431 have been members for 65 years or longer (three people have been members for 74 years).

"It is rare," Sutton said of the long memberships. "I think they understand the value of the American Legion, what it stands for and what it does for veterans nationwide."

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

- Z 15-09** 662 Ann
Non-Use Variance Requested
Allow a Front Facing Garage on a lot less than 60 feet wide
Allow a Front Facing Garage that is less than 22 feet wide
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Matt Thurber
- Z 15-10** 1032 Beech
Non-Use Variance Requested
Allow a Front Facing Garage on a lot less than 60 feet wide
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Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Matt Thurber
- Z 15-12** 989 Ross
Non-Use Variance Requested
Allow a 6 1/2 Foot Fence in a Front Yard Setback (Replace existing fence)
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Katherine A. Siarto
- Z 15-13** 259 Elizabeth
Use Variance Requested
Allow Two-Family Residential Use in a R-1 Zoned Property.
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Kathy & John Cross
- Z 15-14** 151 Adams
Non-Use Variance Requested
Allow a Front Facing Garage on a lot less than 60 feet wide
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Applicant: David Hughes
- Z 15-15** 275 Adams
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Applicant: Matthew List

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
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By Terry Jacoby,
Contributing Writer

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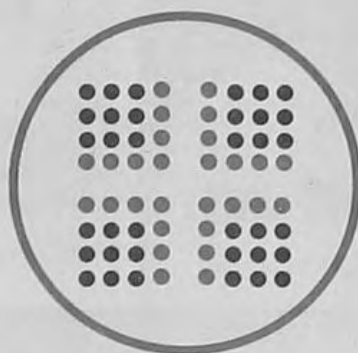
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Looking to snag a pass is Salem junior tight end Trevor Nowaske.

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UP TO SPEED

Senior-laden Rocks looking for a turnaround

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On the back of the T-shirts being worn during training camp by the Salem Rocks is the simple inscription "Do More."

"We talked when we went away to camp," seventh-year head coach Kurt Britnell said. "When you think you've done enough and you're satisfied, that's not enough. Do more. It's as simple as that."

Yet for Britnell, a more fitting slogan might be "Hang On."

Britnell's 2014 team finished 2-7, with a raft of turnovers a major factor in that record.

"The key for us, especially from an offensive perspective, is holding on to the ball," Britnell said. "We've



Dropping back to pass during a workout is Salem senior quarterback Alex Nicholson.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

been talking about the rock is your program.

"Last year, we had 24 turnovers. We had 12 interceptions and 12 fumbles and we had six more fumbles that we got back. So that's 30 times ... in nine games. You do the math there; you're not going to win many games."

For this year's squad to have any chance in the KLA Central Division, those numbers will need to be reduced.

"It's fundamentals," he said. "We've been harping on the details."

Early test

The coaches will get their first glimpse as to whether their words

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USA HOCKEY

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

USA Hockey welcome party gives fans a chance to see for themselves

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Yes, the Plymouth Whalers have left the building.

No worries, not with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program ready to skate into a fresh new era in the Beck Road arena.

Consider that hundreds of hockey fans of all sizes and ages turned out for Wednesday's open house and "pick a seat night" at the newly minted USA Hockey Arena.

"I think we had to be sold on it a little bit," said Dannette Nyquist of Canton, there with husband Steve. "We were hesitant, wondering, but it's the only game in town."

The Nyquists were Whalers season-ticket holders since 1999 and decided to jump in the USA Hockey waters virtually sight unseen. It helps that they'll sit in Section 103, six rows behind the home bench, where they sat for OHL contests.

"You become like a small family, almost," she said. "You know the people behind you, you talk about their families. It's good to know that they've all come back, too."

Easy call

Steve Nyquist called it a "no-brainer" to sign up for USA Hockey's mix of international, college and junior contests.

"I'm not driving to Flint," he said with a laugh, referring to where the Whalers relocated as the Firebirds.

The Peter Karmanos-owned franchise was sold following the 2014-15 season to a group that moved it to

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USA Hockey NTDP player Dylan St. Cyr meets and greets young fans on the ice.

RENA LAVERTY

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Wildcats boast 'big' potential

Led by 6-6 Jordan, Plymouth could have memorable season

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Any football team that has a mega-force on the line such as Plymouth does with senior Michael Jordan literally won't be pushed around too much.

Jordan is only one of the many stalwarts on the 2015 Wildcats, even with turnover in several key spots due to graduation.

So it isn't surprising that veteran Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk is confident his team will be one to be reckoned with throughout the regular season — hopefully

enough for another appearance in the state playoffs.

"We were younger last year," said Sawchuk, whose 2014 team went 7-3, including a Division 1 pre-district loss to Livonia Churchill. "We have a big junior class, a really talented junior class. And the senior class is talented, too."

"Really, what we need to work on is the perimeter. We're going to be pretty solid up front. We're very strong, quick, athletic up front."

Sawchuk and his coaching staff will find out in quick order what this year's team is made of, as it will open the

season with three tough road games. The first is 7 p.m. Thursday at Utica Eisenhower (followed by games at Pinckney and Wayne Memorial).

"We have a tough schedule, but you got to play good teams to get good," he said. "You can't win six games and play inferior teams and then think you're going to do something in the playoffs. It's just not realistic."

"I'm looking forward to having some fun. This is the best time of year. So far, the kids have been awesome char-

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With 6-6 senior lineman Michael Jordan leading the way, Plymouth senior back Chris Walls finds a seam.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

THERE FOR EACH OTHER

Salem player's personal loss brings squad together

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

One of the key ingredients to a winning football team is cohesiveness and willingness to go to bat for each other.

The 2015 Salem Rocks already know they are a unified unit, and it took a personal tragedy on the team to reinforce that point.

Sophomore lineman Alex Howie's mom, Cindy, passed away on Friday, Aug. 14 after a long bout with cancer.

Yet, the very next day, Alex Howie was padded up and ready to crack helmets in the annual Blue-White scrimmage, on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. He didn't have to be there, his coach emphasized.

"And he shows up Saturday, too, he showed up to play," Salem seventh-year head coach Kurt Britnell said. "I asked him 'What are you doing here?' He was like 'I needed to be with my teammates.' That's hard."

To show they were together facing adversity, the entire team had a moment of silence for Cindy Howie before the scrimmage. Also on hand was Alex' dad, Dennis Howie.

Britnell said Alex is the third Howie brother to play for Salem's varsity football year during the seven-year course of their mother's illness.

"This is the third Howie brother," Britnell noted. "I had Nick first, then Ben and now Alex and she battled that for seven-plus years."

According to Britnell, it meant a lot to the squad to see Alex at the scrimmage. The coach added that it might have

been therapeutic for the player, too.

"He probably needed it, he probably needed the contact to take some aggressions out," Britnell said. "Who knows the gamut of emotions he's going through."

"His dad was here, too. That was a tough one but it meant a lot to the team to see that."

To that end, the way Howie handled his personal loss by wanting to be there at the Blue-White scrimmage could enhance team camaraderie throughout the season.

"If there's an example that you need to bring a team together, obviously you don't want it to be that," Britnell emphasized. "But I hope it brings us a sense of closeness and reality."

"You know, this is only a game yet it just speaks volumes of what football is in terms of life lessons."

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Before last weekend's Blue-White scrimmage, Salem's varsity football team surrounded Alex Howie (No. 77) for a moment of silence. It was to honor his mom Cindy, who lost her long bout with cancer the previous day.

MICHAEL VASILNEK
One day after his mom passed away, Salem sophomore Alex Howie (No. 77) was competing during the Blue-White scrimmage.

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Flint.

Wednesday's open house included open skating with players, as well as free pizza, pop and hockey talk from fans, players and coaches alike — who are all impressed with the planned transformation of longtime Compuware Arena.

"A lot of people are happy; little kids are excited to come see us," said Dylan St. Cyr, a Northville native who will play goal for the NTDP U-17 team (there also will be a U-18 team). "They're holding posters, getting pumped about it, they want to eat with us."

"I think it's cool to get to know your fans. Then they come out and watch and say, 'Yeah, I skated with him.' That would be kind of cool."

St. Cyr and others said they expected it to take a while for the general public to get a better idea of what USA Hockey is all about. The NTDP was based out of the Ann Arbor Ice Cube last year.

"Being the first year, I think it's nice to see how it's going to develop," he said. "By the second year, I think it's all going to be settled in and ready to go."

"That will be pretty cool, too. We'll see. I think it's going to take a couple games to get the word out there."

Buzz-worthy

Greeting younger fans was the NTDP mascot, wearing a bald eagle costume and USA Hockey jersey. So far, the mascot does not have a moniker.

The buzz inside the building caught the attention of Danton Cole, a former NHL player who is head coach of the U-17 team.

"It is exciting and I think the neat thing is, for the first little while, every day when we walk in something else is being worked on, painted or changed," Cole said. "I think that lends to the atmosphere of excitement and getting us fired up for the season."

"It's going to be great being over here. The reception in the community has been outstanding, everyone has been tremendously supportive. They seem as ready to go as we are."

Cole said educating fans about what USA Hockey is bringing to Plymouth continues to be on the front burner.



RENA LAVERTY

One of many eye-popping placards on display in the concourse during Wednesday's open house at USA Hockey Arena.



RENA LAVERTY

This young fan enjoys a skate on the USA Hockey Arena ice with the as-of-yet unnamed NTDP mascot.

"As a new program coming in here, the Whalers were here a long time," Cole said. "Just to put a face on our product and the program that we have and the people we have working here, just talking to the fans, I think that's always important."

"Let them know how much

we care about what's going on here and how much we appreciate what they do for the team."

Fans are still trying to grasp that two distinct teams will be skating this season. Cole coaches the younger NTDP team, while Don Granato will



RENA LAVERTY

The open house at USA Hockey Arena was a blast for youngsters such as this one.

coach the U-18 squad.

"I think one of the biggest things is, we're a unique program in terms of we have two teams, not just one," Cole said. "We're birth year specific. ... A normal junior team will have kids that are 17 to 20 years old. All our guys are under 17 or under 18. So there's a little bit of that."

"The schedule we play, how we train and kind of how things work, those are the main questions. It's just a little different. But it's a tremendous program. We do great things and have great kids come through here."

USA Hockey alums include

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Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing at USA Hockey Arena (the same position she had for years with the OHL Plymouth Whalers), said orders for National Team Development Program season tickets keep rolling in.

"We sold several hundred season tickets just in the past week," Ronayne said. "We're making headway. ... I think it's going to catch on."

According to Ronayne, USA Hockey wanted to show appreciation for fans by hosting the open house.

"If you love a team, it isn't necessarily easy to make a jump," Ronayne stressed. "And we recognize that. So there's been a lot of communication, there's been a lot of education and a sincere desire by USA Hockey and by the staff to keep those people and to bring them here. That's why we did something like tonight."

Ronayne said the planned upgrades inside the arena, which were depicted at the open house on artist renderings, are drawing rave reviews.

"When you walk into this building, you're going to feel like you just walked into a national treasure," she added. "You're going to feel it's very special, it's very unique."

"And it's a distinct privilege to have this brand and this team coming to Plymouth."

For more about USA Hockey's NTDP and the arena, go to www.usantdp.com.

Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard, Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane and Dylan Larkin, starting his pro career in the Red Wings' system.

Meanwhile, the Nyquists already can't wait until the second week of October. By then, many of the changes featured on various posters at the open house should be completed.

The U-18 team will open the home schedule at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, against the Chicago Steel and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

"The second game of the season is Notre Dame," Steve Nyquist said. "They're a nationally ranked college team. That will be fun."

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Salem senior receiver Calin Crawford looms as an offensive threat.



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Busting down the field during the Blue-White scrimmage is Salem senior Freddie McGee (front).

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have been heeded when Salem visits Belleville at 7 p.m. Friday in a non-conference match-up.

"From everything we've heard (about Belleville), the new coach and all these transfers coming in, they're probably going to be very athletic," Britnell said. "But so are we. We just need to do our job, get through that first quarter ... and settle down."

Salem will follow that up with home games against KLAAs squads. Those contests are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, against Walled Lake Western and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, against South Lyon.

"We have 25 seniors, the biggest senior class we've had since we've been here," Britnell said. "And last year was rough for them. I think we were all depressed until the middle of February around here with what the expectations were last year."

"But they've worked their butts off. They really have and hopefully they get what they put in."

Whether the Rocks have a turnaround season remains to be seen. But they do boast an offense with the potential to

turn it on.

Probably leading the charge will be senior quarterback Alex Nicholson, a left-handed thrower entering his third year behind center.

"He just needs to play smart," Britnell said. "He needs to learn what the defense gives him versus always looking for the big play."

"I think he's learned from last year. There were things that happened last year that weren't all on him. But he's got a better understanding what's expected of him."

Britnell said junior Roger Ayers and senior Luis Carrion could see some snaps, especially if Nicholson struggles.

Abundant skill

The running game could give defensive coordinators nightmares, with seniors Deston Langford and Jacob Miller bringing an enviable blend of power and speed.

"(Langford) is a true running back," Britnell said. "He's thick and stocky, but he's got quick feet and some speed, too. He can catch it out of the backfield; he's got all the tools."

Miller is "a track stud, he's got great speed and his vision has improved a lot from last year. That could be a nice one-two punch."

Backing them up will be

juniors Jason Arnold and Ver-Shawn Patrick.

Salem's passing game will feature skilled seniors Calin Crawford, Shaw Lyall, Miller and Freddie McGee.

Nicholson also will have a chance to succeed at the short game, with senior Christian Pearson and junior Trevor Nowaske deployed as tight ends.

"Both of them have great hands, work the middle of the field, have good football knowledge," Britnell said. "We expect a lot out of those two."

The unit will rely on a strong offensive line, with senior DeAngelo Meredith and junior Terrance Sherrer at guard, junior David Mason III at center and sophomore Alex Howie and junior Vince VanderRoest at tackle.

Backing them up will be

seniors Shane Prevo and Eric Daniels.

"When they're all there and healthy, we look good," Britnell said. "It's been a pleasant surprise, because that was one of my biggest concerns coming in, what we were going to look like up front."

Staying fresh

Lining up on the defensive side of the ball will be Nicholson (end), Meredith (tackle), Howie (tackle) and Pearson (end), with several backups ready to be rotated in. The backups include juniors Davon Gunn, Jack Ngwe and Patrick, as well as Daniels and Mason.

"It will be rotational because a couple of (those) guys are going to be starting on the O-line," Britnell said.

Salem's linebacking corps

could punish opponents, with Arnold, Nowaske and sophomore Parker Selby.

In the mix for playing time will be Langford, Pearson and senior Demitruis Terpevich.

Holding down the fort in the secondary will be corners Miller and Crawford and safeties McGee and Lyall, all seniors.

Providing depth will be senior John Vary and juniors Sterling Gingles and Taj Traylor.

In addition to quarterback and defensive end, the versatile Nicholson will handle punting duties.

Britnell has senior Alex Warren-Green ready to kick field goals and extra points.

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acter-wise."

Talent in trenches

It doesn't hurt the Wildcats' chances to have offensive and defensive lines featuring the 6-6, 310-pound Jordan, who is a Division I prospect if there ever was one.

"He's big and he can move," Sawchuk said in an understatement. "He's a great kid."

But the Wildcats also will feature others in the trenches who can help make life easier for the offense, namely senior Elie Atallah (6-1, 240) and juniors Austin Scheffer (6-3, 270), Matt Wayne (5-10, 240), Joe Supernois (6-0, 265) and Ricky Burke (5-10, 265).

That group undoubtedly will provide time and space for running backs Cameron Stella, Darius Timmons and Isaac Emminger to zip through.

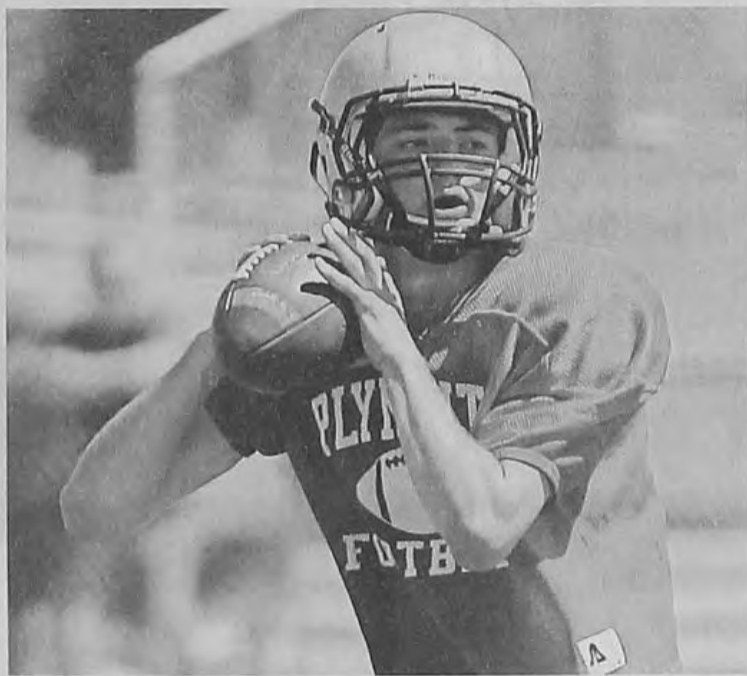
"With that line, we better be able to run it," Sawchuk said, smiling. "Grind it out on the ground and throw if we need to."

Sawchuk calls Stella, a 6-0 senior, his "Jim Thorpe, he can do anything. He can run, throw, catch, punt, kick."

Timmons, a 5-11, 200-pound junior, is more of a power back, while the potential for 5-8 junior Emminger is off the charts.

"Isaac's the scary one," Sawchuk said. "We can put him anywhere. We can put him at slot, we can use him at 'X' receiver, at running back. We can put him in and he can fly. That kid's just a stud."

With opening night looming,



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Junior quarterback hopeful Jonah Peterson looks to throw the football during practice.

Sawchuk is still deciding on his quarterback. In the mix are seniors Chris Walls and Matthew Barno and junior Jonah Peterson.

If Walls does not play QB, he will start at wide out to utilize his speed and size (6-0, 175).

"Chris is more of an athletic kid, Jonah is more of your prototype (drop-back) and Barno's a little combination of both," Sawchuk said. "He's just a little smaller (5-9)."

Targets for the quarterback will include 6-4 senior Victor Abraham, junior Chase Timko and senior Brennan Brooks (6-2). Walls also would be in the mix when not at quarterback.

That group is described as "very athletic, with a little bit

of size out there, too," Sawchuk said.

To secure points after touchdowns or kick field goals when needed will be junior Van Nguyen, Stella or junior Alan Farmer. All can punt, too.

"We'll be solid," Sawchuk said. "We might not be as powerful, but we'll be fundamentally sound there."

Up to speed

There are no concerns about the Jordan-led defensive line, but Sawchuk will wait and see about his linebackers.

"I lost all three starting backers from last year," he said. "But I do have Darius Timmons, who started three games at (middle linebacker)

for me last year when Shane (Prevo) was out. He's kind of ahead of the game."

Juniors Dorien Johnson, Trevor Costanzo, Spencer Zwarka and Nick Saker could chip in at linebacker.

The secondary is a skilled group, led by Abraham, Walls, Stella and senior Darwin Filey.

"And we have some kids that are going to be juniors that we need to step up, like Joey Ahearn, Chase Timko, (senior) Matt Barno and Isaac Emminger," Sawchuk said. "We have skill, we just have to coach them up."

"It might take us a few games, but hopefully the offense can put up some points for us. And we can get better

and learn through game speed."

Leaning back in the chair in his office, Sawchuk said he has the players to succeed. They merely have to be all in, which is the slogan on the back of team T-shirts this year.

"Every year, you say the same thing," he said. "If the kids buy in, they listen to coaching, they hold each other accountable, we can have some fun."

"I think they can do whatever they set their mind to. They got all the skills, they got all the tools."

Let the games begin.

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Junior running back and linebacker Dorien Johnson listens to instruction from Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

Work ethic big with Gardner

Veteran coach comes over from Rochester Adams to lead Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Irick Gardner has been around the volleyball block a few times, and now he brings his wealth of coaching experience to Canton.

Gardner, 44, a longtime coach at Bloomfield Hills Marian who won two Class A state championships in 2009 and 2010, takes over from Steve Johnson.

"This is a hard-working group," Gardner said. "The coach prior (Johnson) did a great job establishing a hard-work culture, discipline. It's an easier transition, it's not like you're going into a program where they're not used to working hard."

A highly respected club coach, Gardner also has spent time coaching teams at Southfield and Rochester Adams (where he coached the past two seasons).

He also sees parallels to the Mustangs teams he guided to the pinnacle, most recently in 2009.

"I think out of all the high school teams I've coached the only other type of team I can compare this team with is Marian," said Gardner, a Clawson resident. "They went to state finals four years in a row and won two out of four."

"... Does that mean they're going to go to finals? I didn't say that, competition's tough. But this team, there's a lot of potential. Some of these girls would have played on a couple of those state title teams. We have those kind of players."

Those Marian teams had success because of an abundance of talent, but those players also had to apply



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Canton's Alyssa Burke (No. 11), shown in 2014 action, is one of the Chiefs' key returnees.

themselves. It is what Gardner expects to happen at Canton. "My approach? True hard work. I try to bring a challenge, too often players are not challenged enough."

Solid nucleus

Gardner said he is still fine-tuning his lineup, something that Saturday's tournament would help him accomplish.

But so far, he is banking on top contributions from senior middle hitters Hannah Madis and Hannah Stefanek, senior outside hitter Emma Clark and senior defensive specialist/setter Alyssa Burke.

Also ready to make an impact are twins Gina Giacomini and Sabrina Giacomini and sophomore setter Emily Meredith.

Others who could make contributions include senior right-side hitter Victoria Porter and junior defensive specialist Holly Hodgson.

He also is looking forward to a very competitive KLASA South Division, with rivals such as Plymouth and Livonia Churchill.

"It's a tough division, but I've seen a lot of good teams and I think they (Chiefs) have what it takes to be a good team," Gardner noted.

"There's Plymouth, Churchill, Novi. ... but I'm not going to short-change our team."

"Those are good teams and we're going to be a good team. I respect them. We're going to get better and we're going to try to compete."

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FILE PHOTO
Vying for a 50/50 ball during a 2014 contest is Salem's Max Kummer (left).

BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW - PART 1

Salem attack to be led by vets

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton might have won the 2014 state championship in boys soccer.

But the Salem Rocks very well could be another headline-grabbing squad at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this fall.

With 13 returning players, including top offensive threats such as Max Kummer and Nick Massey, the Rocks have the makings of being a KLASA contender.

Veteran head coach Scott Duhl isn't taking anything for granted, however.

"With many returning players the Rocks have hopes of a great season," Duhl said. "But we know the other schools on campus have equal talent with similar season goals."

Salem was slated to get a read on the area competition at Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational at P-CEP.

"The champion will put themselves in the talks for the top team in the state right out of the gates," Duhl said.

A big reason why Duhl likes the potential of the 2015 Rocks is the fact players who accounted for nearly 90 percent of last season's scoring are back.

Senior co-captains Massey (13 goals) and Kummer (six goals, four assists) look to beef up those numbers and lead the attack again.

"Both players hope to again be all-conference players and more," Duhl noted.

Augmenting them will be another senior co-captain in

Luke Nolte as well as seniors Jay Lee (five goals), Robert Calendar, Jeremy Coleman and junior Jame Crosby, who "look to provide depth and scoring punch to a versatile attack."

In the midfield, Salem will feature Adam Hall, Ani Varsnani and two younger players in Christian Freitag and Mikey Schwartz.

"The strength of our team will be our ability to adapt to different playing styles," Duhl explained. "We have a good mixture of hard-nose athletic players as well as very technical intricate soccer minds."

Salem's backline will be stout and dependable, led by co-captain Hunter Gibbons.

"His determination and leadership will be very important for an offensively driven team," Duhl stated. "Hunter's ability to organize and hold players accountable will directly impact our win and loss column."

Gibbons will form a "good partnership" with Matt Cook, and other defenders of note include Austin Siterlet, Jai Singh and Adam Graunke.

Backing them up will be Jacob Wymer and Shane Rusinek.

In goal will be senior Karson Gregory and Andrew Kozan.

"Karson figures to be the leading candidate for the top spot," Duhl said. "Karson split time last year as a junior and has showed very well in preseason to this point."

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MEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

Ocelots hope to build off stellar 2014

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

It remains to be seen whether Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team will once again be a conference juggernaut.

But early rankings indicate the Ocelots should be in the conversation.

After going 17-3-1 in 2014, winning the Michigan Community College Athletic Association

and National Junior College Athletic Association Region XII tournament championships in the process, Schoolcraft enters the 2015 campaign ranked ninth in the NJCAA preseason poll.

Of course, longtime Ocelots head coach Rick Larson won't be focusing on polls and predictions when his team gets the season started this weekend. Schoolcraft was scheduled to

open up with a Saturday contest against visiting South Suburban College, from South Holland, Ill.

With Observerland products Aidan Shennan (Canton H.S./Plymouth) and Billy Werthman (Livonia Stevenson), the Ocelots will boast a local flavor.

Shennan is a freshman forward while Werthman enters his second season at Schoolcraft.

Other forwards are sophomores Leandro Dedndreaj (Albania), Victor Contreras (Venezuela) and Jeff Drzyzga.

In the mix at midfield will be sophomores Davide Di Poce, Cesar Magana, Jon Quintana and freshman Jacob Rosen.

In the back along with Werthman will be sophomores Joe Gerorgic, Leopoldo Arevalo and freshmen Ian Walker

and Kebba Sanneh (Southfield).

Schoolcraft goalkeeping duties will be shared by freshmen Cameron Gwinn, Jose Jimenez and sophomore Andres Hernandez (Venezuela), who was instrumental in last season's postseason charge by the Ocelots.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Big turnover presents challenge for Rice

By Marty Budner Staff Writer

When legendary football coach Al Fracassa retired following Brother Rice's undefeated state championship season in 2014, he left a cupboard full of talent for the new head coach.

Quarterback Alex Malzone, wide receiver Grant Perry and defensive end Jack Dunaway were among the elite seniors returning to the Warriors lineup last fall. They helped lead Brother Rice to another outstanding season.

The Warriors captured the Catholic League championship and won 11 straight games. Their season ended with a 26-21 loss to eventual state champion Warren DeLaSalle in a Division 2 regional game.

It snapped Rice's 33-game winning streak dating back to Sept. 28, 2012, and stopped short its quest for a fourth consecutive state championship.

David Sofran, Fracassa's longtime assistant and a former Rice player, was the beneficiary of that talent pool and had a lot to work with in his first year leading the program.

However, Malzone, Perry and Dunaway are playing college ball at the University of Michigan. Brother Rice heads into the 2015 season with a vastly inexperienced squad, with just two starters back on of-

fense and four on defense. Sofran knows this season is going to be a challenge. The Warriors simply aren't as deep or talented as they were last year.

Picked to place fourth

At the Catholic League Media Day, Rice was picked to finish fourth in the rugged five-team Central Division, which is considered one of the state's top football conferences.

St. Mary's, the defending Division 3 state champion, was picked to win the Central title. DeLaSalle was a close second and Catholic Central a distant third.

"It's one of those things where we lost some quality players and 30-some seniors," Sofran said. "This year, as the team comes back, there's 20 or 21 seniors, so we're going to be really young.

"It's not every day you have to replace Grant Perry and Alex Malzone. That's tough to do. I told our younger guys, it's not easy to replace Al Fracassa, either.

"But you just have to be yourself and do what you can do. We're not going to put them in positions to try and be those two players.

"Every year is critical. We're in that (Catholic) league and it's Brother Rice. People at Brother Rice want to see us be successful, and people outside of

Brother Rice don't want us to be successful, probably. But we'll take it one game at a time."

Big change at QB

The biggest change will be at quarterback. Luke Cappetto was Malzone's backup but rarely saw the field. Cappetto was slated to get the nod at QB this year, but he'll play a utility role at cornerback and wide receiver instead.

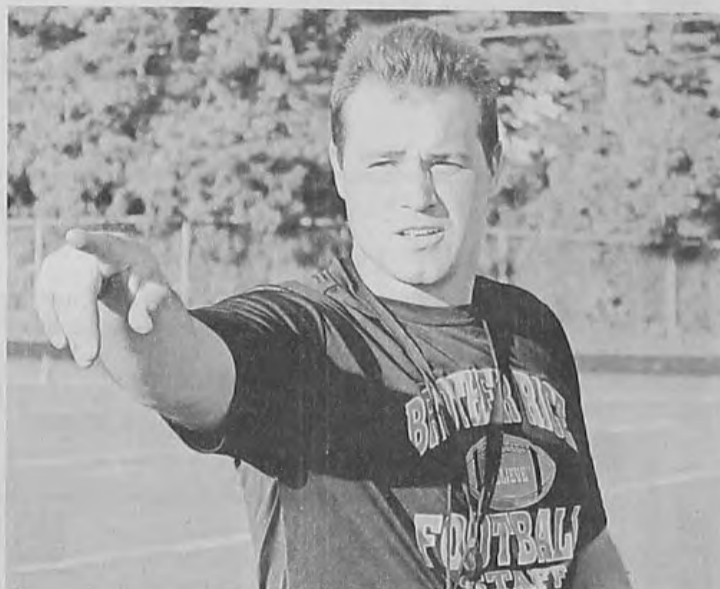
The signal-calling duties will fall upon 6-foot-3 junior Johnny Tracy, who helped lead the junior varsity to a 4-3 record. He will be backed up by sophomore Steven Krajewski.

"Johnny is a really smart, great kid and has really impressed me," Sofran said. "He's done really well. He has a great command of the offense and we'll find out pretty quickly.

"From the winter through the summer, you can see Johnny has emerged as kind of a leader. He has that charisma and it's a good thing to see that. He started as a sophomore and freshman (on JV), and I think now is his time. He's ready to go.

"He has great accuracy on his throws; he's very coachable and he's smart. He has leadership qualities, too, and that's important. He has the respect of the team."

Rice's strength will be its offensive and defensive lines.



Dave Sofran faces new challenges with a younger team in his second season as Brother Rice's head football coach.

Sofran said the defensive front seven – led by senior linebackers Jeff Timko, Riley Maher and Ryan McWood – will have to lead the team until its untested skill players gain some experience.

Unfamiliar role

With all the changes, the Warriors enter the season in the unusual role of underdogs. Without all the superstar, high-profile players, they will be the hunters this year.

"I think going into this year we have that question mark," Sofran said. "Can we be that Brother Rice team that is dominant? I told the kids, 'It's OK to

embrace the underdog role for once.'"

"We always seem to have this target on our back and have these expectations that if you're not top five in the state, then you're not a good team. We do have depth, good players, and it's not like we're a terrible team.

"We just don't have a bunch of superstars. We don't have a bunch of guys who have Division 1 accolades.

"I hope our players embrace that and go out and show what they can do. We don't have those guys, but we'll still compete. That's where the fun comes in."

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Meeting House milestone: First wedding at site lasts 50 years

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Everything old is new again.

Sheila (Lorenz) Osann and husband Fred Osann marked their 50th wedding anniversary with a celebration on Aug. 7 at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth. The couple wed there 50 years ago after Sheila's dad, the late Ralph Lorenz, decided to renovate the Meeting House.

"My husband and I got engaged at Thanksgiving time" after meeting at Michigan State University, she recalled of their Aug. 7, 1965, nuptials. The Lorenz family had owned the Mayflower Hotel, which her parents Ralph and Mabel, realized couldn't accommodate the family wedding.

Ralph Lorenz crossed the street to what was then the IOOF hall. "They decided they would renovate that to be a ballroom where wedding receptions would be held," Sheila Osann recalled. It was being used for storage in the mid-1960s and had earlier been a bowling alley, among other uses.

"You sort of remember certain things about that time," she said from the couple's Wilmington, N.C., home, where both spouses are retired. She remembers mom Mabel decorating with flowers for the wedding, and that it rained that day.

It was meaningful to the Osanns, their family and friends to reunite for the anniversary celebration. "It really was. I think it's something special," said Osann, who noted the many wedding receptions since then at the Mayflower Meeting House.

'Keeps you together'

"That's the hard work," she said of their longtime marriage. "It's the hard work and commitment that keeps you together for 50 years."

"It was a long time ago," she said, with a laugh, recalling their Plymouth wedding day. There were about 350 guests at the wedding, and around 80 family and friends at the Aug. 7 anniversary party.

John Russ of Arlington, Va., who was the best man, was at the recent party. "He caught the garter," Osann recalled.

Also present recently was Joan Green of Troy, who caught the bouquet in 1965.

Sheila's brothers were there Aug. 7, including Randy Lorenz, who was ring bearer at age 6, and Scott Lorenz, then 8, who



Fred and Sheila (Lorenz) Osann of Wilmington, N.C., cut the cake at their 50th wedding anniversary party at the Mayflower Meeting House, also the site of their wedding.

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Sheila (Lorenz) Osann and husband Fred on their wedding day in 1965 at the Mayflower Meeting House.

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runs a local public relations/marketing firm.

Fred's cousins, who had been ages 10-15 in 1965, also were there. "They were just young and they were running around," she recalled of the wedding day. Those cousins were sent to a room across the street at the Mayflower Hotel.

'You knew everybody'

"It was in a time when Plymouth was very small," Osann recalled. "You knew everybody. When there was a wedding, everybody was invited."

She brought 45 years of family Christmas card photos from their North Carolina home to display

at the party, along with mementos like the ring bearer's pillow and the wedding album. Sheila has a secret recipe for barbecue sauce she gives as Christmas gifts to family and friends. The children have the recipe and made pint jars of it and gave it to everyone as a favor.

"It was a little different. When we got mar-

ried 50 years ago, parents planned the wedding. This time, my children planned it. I got to just show up," she said.

The Aug. 7 party, planning for which started last Christmas, marks the fourth generation for the family's involvement in business with the Meeting House. Ralph began the business which then included the hotel,

followed by sons Scott and Randy.

The family inherited the Lorenz Square property, and ran it for awhile although distances where they lived were challenging. It was sold, with Randy and wife Mary then running the Meeting House for years.

The Meeting House is now managed by Sheila's son and daughter-in-law, Tracy and Todd Osann, with two of their nieces and a nephew, high schoolers, starting work there in entry-level jobs.

Sheila and Fred Osann lived in Grosse Pointe Park and Rochester Hills before their move south around eight years ago. He worked for Chrysler 30 years and she was a teacher, worked for the Engineering Society of Detroit, and had an environmental public relations firm. All also worked in the family business.

Brother Scott Lorenz of Plymouth said, "It was kind of fun to see some of the people from their wedding. I actually recognized several people. It's always nice to get family together. When you start thinking about it, that's a long time," he added of the marriage.

The Osann couple's children are Wendy and Steve Lawrence (Kyle, Emma), Todd and Tracy Osann, and Randy and Mindy Osann (Nick and Savina). All live in Plymouth.

Starving artist? You get brunch with this drawing class

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You've admired the murals at Villa Amantea Restaurant in Garden City, now learn a thing or two about drawing from the woman who created them.

Ten years ago, Charlotte Moore-Viculin painted the landscapes, along with the figure of Villa Amantea owner Domenic Porco, in four panels that simulate windows along the restaurant wall. She'll be back in the restaurant to teach a two-part portrait class, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12. She'll switch the topic to landscapes and the location to Hines Park, for another two-part course that will run noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 19 and Oct. 3.

"She thought it would be a wonderful idea to do



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Charlotte Moore-Viculin, standing next to one of the murals she painted, will teach a drawing class beginning Aug. 29, at Villa Amantea Restaurant, in Garden City.

it, so I said, 'OK, let's do it.' We're friends ... and she is very active in the arts. I've always been a lover of art," said Sam Porco, Domenic's son and co-manager.

He'll cook up breakfast and lunch items for the portrait sessions and will supply a box lunch,

featuring chicken, for the landscape classes.

"It's a fun thing we're going to do. We'll have the food first and then the drawing," said Moore-Viculin, who ran an art studio in Plymouth for several years. "These people are going to have a good time. And who knows, if they like it so much and want to continue on, we'll continue on."

The portrait class will include instruction in front and profile views, focusing on the face only. Students in the landscape sessions will draw with colored pencils that can be used like paint if water is added. Moore-Viculin said the courses are open to artists of all skill levels.

"I'd say if you have an interest, that's the important thing," she said.

Each two-session course costs \$68. The

materials fee ranges from \$18.25-\$33.50. Students signed up for both courses pay lower fees for the landscape class.

Register by calling Moore-Viculin at 734-459-1112.

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REFLEX SYMPATHETIC NEURODYSTROPHY

It is a condition in which a hand or foot becomes red, warm, swollen and painful when touched or moved. The condition comes on suddenly and reaches its peak in pain and swelling within a week. Why it occurs or what brings it on is unknown, though diabetics are at more risk for Sympathetic Neurodystrophy than people without that condition.

The name Reflex Sympathetic Neurodystrophy sounds grand, but it doesn't mean very much. The term came from scientific papers published in 1907-1908 in which the authors hypothesized that over stimulation by a cause as yet unclear, causes neurons in the spinal cord to overreact. The effect of this hyperactivity on spinal cord neurons that controlled small blood vessels was to constrict small arterial blood vessels. What followed at sites where these blood vessels circulated was swelling and pain that gave the condition its features.

Diagnosis is difficult because the sudden onset of hand or ankle swelling can occur following an injury such as a fall or blow, from gout, from infection or even from the spread of a lung or prostate tumor. If the patient is a diabetic, the possibility of infection is high. Eliminating these other causes is important but takes time. If Reflex Sympathetic Neurodystrophy is the diagnosis then the patient needs prednisone 40 milligrams or more for a month, along with physical therapy, heat and massage. In most instances therapy reverses the condition, but not always. If treatment fails, the patient is left with a deformed hand or ankle.

The condition does not re-occur, but again physicians are unable to explain why that is the case.

Stand up while you work to enhance your health

It's natural to sit down when working in an office. But numerous studies show that sitting for up to eight hours a day may lead to serious health problems, such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

Many Americans spend anywhere from eight to 13 hours a day sitting down. In fact, 80 percent of Americans

have jobs that are sedentary or require only light physical activity, according to the journal of "PLOS One."

Priority Health shares these tips to increase physical activity at work:

» Invest in a sit-to-stand desk. An adjustable desk allows you to stand while working, which helps to increase blood flow through the

body. The American Medical Association recommends more employers and employees invest in a sit-to-stand desk to avoid the potential risks of prolonged sitting. The desks typically cost between \$500 and \$1,500.

» Break free from email. Instead of sending colleagues an email, deliver the message in person. The walk can

help burn a few calories and potentially strengthen bonds with co-workers.

» Hold walk-and-talk meetings. Workers can give their metabolism a boost by going on a walk with their colleagues or boss to exchange ideas or next steps about a project.

» Walk during business calls. Try this technique if the call will not

require the reference of any important documents during the conversation. It can help increase energy and improve blood flow.

» Move trash cans and printers away from the desk. This is another way to get a worker up and out of the seat and will increase step count.

» Bring a dog to work, if allowed. Dogs

need to be walked. Having one around forces a worker to do the same. Check the company's policy to see if pets are allowed at work.

Experts recommend that individuals stand up at work for at least two hours during the work day. If that's not an option, make sure to take other necessary steps to get blood flowing throughout the day.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Aging parents

St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Livonia will partner with local organizations to offer advice on caring for aging parents, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22-Oct. 13, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program will include information on dementia, keeping parents at home until you can't, handling emotions and finances, and getting the estate in order. To register, call 734-738-6300 or visit <http://bit.ly/ILjrF6Y>.

Back to school

Salah Alenzi, M.D., will talk about good hygiene, head lice, strep throat, flu and other topics during a free program sponsored by Garden City Hospital, 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Westland Shopping Center, East Court, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Includes lunch for parent and kids. Register at 734-458-4259.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in Fisher Center Auditorium, at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter the code,

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Diabetes PATH

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will present a free six-week workshop for adults with diabetes called Diabetes PATH (Personal Approach Toward Health), sponsored by the Redford Township District Library, 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28, at Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia. The workshop will teach participants to handle with the challenges of diabetes, manage symptoms and communicate more effectively with physicians and family members. Participants will develop weekly action plans, share experiences and help others solve problems encountered during their self-management program. Register at 734-655-8955.

Diabetes prevention

Learn about healthy eating, overcoming stress, physical activity and more through the National Diabetes Prevention Program, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 14 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital-Livonia, located at Five Mile and Levan. The 16-week class

is for persons who are overweight and at high risk for developing diabetes or overweight and diagnosed with pre-diabetes. A lifestyle coach will facilitate the sessions. Register at 734-655-8947 or stmarymercy.org.

Hearing loss

The Hearing Loss Association of America will look at hearing via bone conduction, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 9, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, contact Tony at 734-664-3297, afe-rack@comcast.net

Hemophilia walk

Walkin' on the Wild Side, a fundraiser for the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, is Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Detroit Zoo, located at Woodward Ave. and 10 Mile in Royal Oak. Check-in starts at 7:45 p.m. and the walk will begin at 8:45 a.m. \$20 per person includes the walk, admission to the Detroit Zoo, a T-shirt, food and more. Email WalkEast@hfmichigan.org for more information. Sign up at hfmichigan.org.

Lymphedema

Learn about lymphedema, the chronic swelling of an extremity after breast surgery, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 27, at Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. Register at oakwood.org or email luann.barbee@beaumont.org.

PAD

In recognition of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will present a free cardiovascular presentation with a heart healthy dinner, 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. PAD is one of the least recognized artery problems, but there are ways to identify, treat and prevent it. Delair Gardi, MD, FACC, FSCAI, Interventional Cardiology and Endovascular Cardiology, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will talk about its symptoms, effects and the latest treatment options. Register by calling Laura Smith at 734-655-2987.

Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will talk about pelvic health, including bladder dysfunction and pelvic prolapse, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941



Paul Makela, M.D.

Eight Mile, Northville. Includes refreshments and giveaways. Register by calling 734-655-1980.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, 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.

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.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. 734-458-4330.

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You arrive at work, ready for a productive day. You start with a quick check of the top news, followed by a skim of your Facebook page. Next, you open your email inbox and sort/reply/delete. Then a co-worker stops by and you chat about last night's TV shows. Before you know it, the clock says 9:30 a.m. and you have yet to touch a single item on your to-do list.

With so many opportunities for distraction, it's understandable why workdays aren't always as productive as they should be. So, how do you make sure you're getting the most out of each day in the office? Here are some tips:

Set goals first

Many workers get into the office and before doing any work, they check their email. It seems like a logical first step, but it's one that could end up causing you to waste precious time better spent mapping out your day.

Chris Bryant, creative director and principal of Empire Studios, a full-service video production company based in New York, suggests that before even opening your email, you set goals and tackle any pressing items. "By checking email first thing, it's extremely easy — and all too common — to get distracted with things that will 'only take a minute,' and the next time you look at the clock it's time to break for lunch. Get the critical things done first."



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Unplug from distractions

You may be completely focused on a project, that is, until you hear the tantalizing "ding" of an email arriving in your inbox or see the flash of an instant message. Suddenly, your productivity is derailed. That's why Ron Bockstahler, CEO of office suites provider Amata Office Solutions, says the best thing to do is unplug from distractions. "Working on a tight deadline? Turn off your phone, set up an out-of-office reply and turn your Web browser to offline mode," he says. "If you absolutely have to look something up, go directly to a search engine or site you've already book-

marked, locate the information you need and log back off."

Be respectful of your own time

"If you are constantly being interrupted by issues not related to work, asked to do someone else's job or have interruptions from co-workers that are non-essential — in other words, they could have sent you an email requesting you take action and waited for the response rather than interrupting your flow to say, 'Hey, we need to order new pens in the near future' — then it's imperative to speak up and show others how to treat you," says Alison Kero, professional orga-

nizer, productivity expert and owner of ACK Organizing. "Otherwise you've just spent your day making everyone else look effective and productive while completely overextending and exhausting yourself."

Have an end-of-day ritual

When the workday is finally over, it's tempting to want to leave the office as soon as possible and not worry about tomorrow until, well, tomorrow. Yet, you could be setting yourself up for another day of unproductivity if you don't at least think about what you have on your plate. "At the end of the day, I feel it's really important to quickly scan over what my schedule looks like the following day so I can mentally prepare," Kero says. "I also feel it's really important to clear out the clutter in my office or on my desk ... so when I walk in my office space in the morning, I do not feel overwhelmed before I've even begun my day."

Take breaks

One last piece of advice: Take periodic breaks throughout the day. While this might seem counterintuitive, getting away from your desk for a short time can help you re-energize and refocus, so when you do get back to work, you are ready to be productive.

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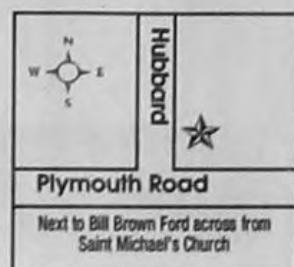
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