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## Summit has new date, venue in hopes of attracting younger veterans

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

If you've attended previous veterans summits — hosted by the Canton Community Foundation — get ready for the sixth annual event as it is designed to better meet the needs of younger vets who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We are really hoping to draw the younger men and women," said Beth Meade, foundation managing director,

donor relations.

To do that, the popular summit, which is totally designed to help veterans, has been moved from its former September date to Saturday, Oct. 3, and will be at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The free event also will feature a craft beer and barbecue lunch. Each registered attendee will receive two free tickets for the craft beer and then can follow up at a cash

bar. "We'll have two breweries there and for lunch we'll will have sliders, coneys and brats," Meade said.

On a serious note, the summit, which has annually provided practical information to help veterans with benefits and other needs, will follow suit this year. The set-up, however, will be somewhat different.

This year, information will

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FILE PHOTO  
Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone speaks with a summit guest at last year's event.



Jordan Taylor, 22, is the new Canton Historical Museum director.

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## At 22, she's the new face of Canton Historical Museum

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Jordan Taylor's interest in history began when she was a young child, watching classic movies like *The Women*, *Mildred Pierce* and *Meet Me in St. Louis* with her mother.

Taylor looked beyond the

plots on Turner Classic Movies to observe the period costumes the characters wore and the way they decorated their homes.

"That's still my favorite channel," she said.

Taylor, only 22 years old, is now putting her own historical ideas on display as the new director of the Can-

ton Historical Museum, a former one-room schoolhouse built in 1884 on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill.

She's the youngest person ever to have the job, a strictly volunteer, unpaid position.

"She's pretty special. I can't really think of anyone who would bring to the job what she can," said Liz Carl-

son, the previous museum director who groomed Taylor for the post. "I expect she can go beyond what I did. It can't just be us old retired folks anymore. It's got to be young people just starting out in the field."

Taylor grew up in Canton

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## Plymouth Salem's first principal dies at 84

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

Educator and coach Billy Brown, who lived the transition of the old Plymouth High into Central Middle School and the building of what is Salem High School, has died at age 84.

"He's that last link to the old Plymouth High School," said Carole Kody, executive director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation.

Brown, a well-regarded teacher, coach and principal in the Plymouth-Canton districts, died Sept. 10. He was a Fenton resident. His family has asked for contributions — in lieu of flowers — be made to the Plymouth-Canton EEF, 454 Harvey, Plymouth.

The beloved educator received his bachelor and master degrees from Eastern Michigan University and he was also an educator at Comstock Park High School near Grand Rapids.

As the population in the Plymouth area continued to grow, the original Plymouth High on Church Street was turned into Central Middle School in the 1960s. A new school was built and called Plymouth Salem High School — the beginning of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Brown was Plymouth



Mr. Brown

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## New ad rep Ron Katz excited to help Canton businesses grow

The *Canton Observer* welcomes Ron Katz as its new multi-media marketing consultant.

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Katz

covering Ypsilanti and Belleville, working there five years,

their business," said Katz, who was formerly the O&E consultant for Wayne-Westland and Garden City.

Katz started his career at the *Ypsilanti Press* before moving to the *Observer & Eccentric*, where he worked nine years in the West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills communities.

"I then spent five years in magazine sales between Gannett's Signature Media and my own publication, *Flair Magazine*. Before returning to the *Observer & Eccentric*, I spent the last five and a half years at

*The Oakland Press*," Katz said.

Katz is committed to helping local businesses grow utilizing a robust portfolio of print and digital products. The O&E offers an impressive suite of products and services ranging from search advertising, website development and email marketing to social media management (Facebook, Twitter and more), search

engine optimization and reputation management.

"We believe in selling solutions so that our local businesses thrive in the competitive southeast Michigan market," said Jani Hayden, director of sales for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Livingston Daily*. "In addition, as part of the

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This man is suspected of a retail fraud in Canton.

## KATZ

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new Gannett company, the O&E has the resources to build custom advertising strategies to help our clients achieve their business goals."

Hayden, who joined Gannett earlier this year, spent 21 years with hibu (formerly Yellowbook), where she was the regional director of business development in Michigan and

northern Indiana.

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Katz may be reached at 866-887-2737, by cell at 313-378-6273 and by email at rkatz@michigan.com.

## TAYLOR

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and knows of its history, its settlers, what they wore and how they lived. She has a passion for history – mostly from a social perspective, rather than topics such as wars – and she wants to preserve it, share it.

Taylor's first exhibit as museum director involved a display showing undergarments, vanity sets and other items Canton residents wore and used as the 1900s arrived. Next up is "Toys! Batteries Not Included," a historical perspective of toys that runs through Nov. 21.

"She's doing a great job," said Bill Tesen, president of the Canton Historical Society. "She has the education and the background. We were looking for someone who could grow with us – and Jordan fit the bill."

Taylor, one of three daughters born to Rhonda and Jim Taylor of Canton, graduated from Westland John Glenn High School in 2010 and earned her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, with a minor in women's and gender studies. She then received a graduate certificate in cultural mu-



Jordan Taylor stands amidst what was her first museum exhibit featuring the undergarments and other items once used by Canton residents.

seum studies from Eastern Michigan University.

She works part time as a historical presenter for The Henry Ford-Greenfield Village, where she dresses in period clothing and educates visitors at the village. She also works part time as program specialist for the Monroe County Historical Museum.

Despite her busy schedule, she began volunteering as a Canton historian in 2012, transcribing historical documents and helping to create a Victorian-era, beaded room divider for the historical Bartlett-Travis House in Preservation Park. She is among several young volunteers taking an

interest in Canton's history.

Somehow, Taylor finds time for a social life that includes boyfriend Joseph McCulloch, who is, perhaps not surprisingly, a history teacher.

Taylor admires Canton's place in history. She mentions its role with auto magnate Henry Ford, who created a factory for wounded veterans in Cherry Hill Village – a site envisioned by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities as an upcoming arts and entertainment center.

More recently, she has marveled over Canton's evolution from a rural community into a bustling township with an increasingly diverse

population.

Taylor isn't certain where her career path will take her, though working as a museum curator "would be great."

Regardless, she expects to remain involved in Canton, her hometown, the place where her love of old movies and her community's history led her to the historical museum's door.

"This is my history," she said.

For more, go to [www.cantonhistorical.org](http://www.cantonhistorical.org) or call 734-397-0088.

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## VETERANS

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be distributed by way of panel discussions. "There will be plenty of time for Q&As," Meade said.

On tap this year are panel discussions regarding the following:

» Veterans Health Care Options Panel: With retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and a number of other experts.

» Community Engagement Panel: Features Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Team Red White Blue

with Kim Wanous; Michigan Fitness Foundation with J.J. Tighe and a VA Hospital volunteer coordinator.

» Advancement in Civilian Job Force Panel: Features the Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs with Dichondra Johnson; Quicken Loans, Rob Ellis; Roush, David Dunckel; and Arrow Strategies, Jeff Styers.

» Advancement in Civilian Education Panel: Features Phil Larsen of the University of Michigan; Association Of Women Veterans, Abigail Hartge; Michigan De-

partment of Military & Veterans Affairs, Dichondra Johnson.

» Service Connected Disabilities Panel: Attorney Kristina Derro and Gary Putinsky with Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Veterans will also have time to talk one on one with Veteran Service officers during the summit.

While this year's new date and venue and other changes are designed to encourage younger veterans to attend, the information will also be useful to World War II and Vietnam veterans,

Meade said.

The summit, which is co-sponsored by the DeWitt C. Holbrook Charitable Trust, is also open to veteran-owned businesses and businesses that support veterans. The foundation is also seeking additional sponsors. If interested, contact Meade at 734-495-2100.

Because space is limited to 270 people in the VisTaTech auditorium, registration is required by going to the foundation's website at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).



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# Canton Bark in the Park: Sign up for annual event Sept. 19

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Anyone with a dog knows that the big C isn't just a human illness that brings pain, heartache and sometimes, death.

That's why on Sept. 19, dogs and their owners, as well as human cancer patients and survivors, will be honored at the annual Bark in the Park, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and a sister event to the popular Relay for Life.

"We will honor them both," said Megan Schaper, American Cancer Society community manager for Relay for Life. "While dogs also get cancer, they provide

cancer patients with support and can be seen as caregivers."

According to the National Canine Cancer Foundation, cancer is common in dogs at roughly the same rate as in humans. The incidence increases with age and accounts for almost half of the deaths in pets 10 years and older. Cats, however, get fewer cancers.

So far, eight teams are signed up for the event that begins with registration at 10 a.m., followed by an opening ceremony and survivor's walk at 11 a.m. Bark for Life will run until 2 p.m. in Heritage Park in Canton.

The event will also

feature a ceremony at mid-day and an ending ceremony just before 2 p.m.

"It is a fun day in the park. There will be music, dog games — non-competitive — and prizes," Schaper said.

While not as big as the annual Relay for Life in Heritage Park, Bark in the Park is, nonetheless, important to patients, survivors and for raising money for continued cancer research. As of Friday, Sept. 11, the teams had already raised more than \$4,000.

Teams typically garner monetary pledges — just like Relay for Life — or individuals may make donations.

The following teams

so far will be on hand: BFL Committee, May the Bark Be With You, Best Furry Friends, Paws for a Cause, English Springer Rescue America, Town Place Suites Troopers, In Memory of Moose and Wagging for Wayne

And it is not too late for additional teams for the Saturday event. There is no need to register in advance. The entry fee is \$20 per pet with \$5 for each additional pet. You may sign up or donate as an individual or to support a particular team by visiting: <http://main.acsevents.org/>

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FILE PHOTO

At last year's Bark in the Park, Canton resident Kelsey Anderson waits patiently while her pup, Diesel, takes a break

## Canton woman teams for Walk of Remembrance

A Canton woman and her sister are getting their team together for the Angela Hospice eighth annual Walk of Remembrance at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Madonna University in Livonia.

Sisters Deniece Crawford of Canton and Tina Kuznicki of Dearborn and their teammates will participate in the walk for the third consecutive year. This year, there will be 28 walkers for team Captain Bob, named after their dad and his love of boats. Bob was under Angela Hospice's care in 2014. The previous two years, the team name was Ladybug Betty, in honor of their mom Betty, who entered Angela Hospice care in late 2012. Betty, who had dementia, was in the Angela Hospice Care Center for about a week.

"It was just like a home away from home,"



KEITH KOLODSICK

Deniece Crawford of Canton (far left) and her family have participated in the Walk of Remembrance every year since 2013. This year, they are expecting 28 walkers.

Crawford said about Betty's experience in the Angela Hospice Care Center.

After her stay in the Care Center, Betty received hospice care in her own home until dying in February 2013.

Walkers will be able to celebrate the lives of loved ones they've lost

while walking 2.3 miles through the picturesque grounds

of the Felician Sisters. While some walk alone, others form teams to honor their loved ones and raise funds for Angela Hospice programs.

Crawford said that Bob and Betty were always the center of

their family and, with the families of their five children growing, getting together isn't always easy. But everyone makes an effort to come to the Walk of Remembrance.

"I think this is kind of like the glue that keeps our family together," she said.

While Crawford's favorite part is everyone coming together, Kuz-

nicki is partial to the rock painting.

"My favorite part is the rock painting, because everyone gets to express themselves," Kuznicki said.

After the family friendly walk, guests are invited to share refreshments and paint colorful rocks in memory of loved ones. They can place those rocks in the Angela Hospice memorial garden or take them home as a keepsake.

"It is clearly a powerful expression of heart for those who attend," said Bob Alexander, director of development for Angela Hospice. "Since it began eight years ago, the Walk of Remembrance has been a precious touch-point for families and friends who walk, remember and honor those they have lost over the years."

This year, Angela Hospice hopes to exceed past attendance and host more than 1,000 supporters.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's grief support services, which are available free of charge to anyone in the area who has experienced a loss. Angela Hospice grief support services are funded through charitable donations and proceeds from annual fundraisers and include general and special topic grief support groups; individual and family counseling; and holiday workshops for children, teens and adults.

Registration is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children ages 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under. Day-of registration begins at 9 a.m.

To register or get more information about the event, contact Events Coordinator Helen Balmforth at 734-953-6045 or [hbalmforth@angela-hospice.us](mailto:hbalmforth@angela-hospice.us) or go to [AskForAngela.com](http://AskForAngela.com).

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## Foreseeing shortfall, Schoolcraft seeks tax increase

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College has weathered the Great Recession and falling property values that have cost it about \$29 million over the last seven years, according to officials at the community college in Livonia.

But now, in the midst of an economic recovery, Schoolcraft is asking voters for its first millage increase in nearly 30 years, a 0.6-mill tax that would raise an estimated \$8 million next year. The tax would have a 10-year sunset.

The increase, 60 cents for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, would cost \$30 a year for the owners of a home

with a taxable value of \$50,000. That same home would have a market value of at least \$100,000.

It's a "pro-active" step, officials say.

"We're not here telling you we need this millage because things are horrible and terrible," James Fausone, secretary of Schoolcraft's Board of Trustees, said Thursday at the Plymouth District Library.

Rather, Fausone said, Schoolcraft officials foresee a revenue shortfall in their five-year projection and want to continue having the resources to fund what they call the best community college around.

"We think we do it more effectively and efficiently than our com-

petition," said Fausone, who cited a 61-percent "success rate" at Schoolcraft, meaning

that 61 percent of its students either complete their degrees or transfer to a four-year college or university.

That compares to a 44-percent rate at Oakland Community College, 40 percent at Washtenaw Community College and 39 percent at Wayne County Community College, according to figures provided by Schoolcraft.

Fausone spoke to a half-dozen people at the library during a Thurs-



Fausone

day evening presentation, one of several the college is making in communities in its district. The Schoolcraft district includes the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district and four other area public school districts.

### More investment

If voters approve the tax in November, Fausone said, the college would invest the money in high-demand science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs – often referred to as STEM – in expanding partnerships with other colleges and universities, in capital and technology improvements and in a new financial aid structure intended to reduce student debt.

If the tax fails, Fausone said, improvements would be deferred, budget reductions would be likely, vacant positions would go unfilled and Schoolcraft would not be able to keep current in fast-growing fields.

Schoolcraft, with about 12,000 students, has an annual budget of nearly \$76 million. Tuition is \$96 a credit hour for students in its district, \$139 a credit hour for Michigan residents outside the district and \$205 a credit hour for out-of-state and international students.

Fausone said Schoolcraft has taken steps to cut expenses, including a four-year wage freeze, employee buyouts and leaving some positions

unfilled and energy savings that have saved nearly \$5 million over seven years. But according to information Fausone used in his presentation, state aid has declined from about one-third of Schoolcraft's budget in 1987 to just 17 percent in 2014, while the college collected \$6.3 million less in property taxes in 2013 than it did in 2008.

Its last tax request, for a 0.5-mill property tax, was approved in 1986. Schoolcraft currently levies a total of just under 1.8 mills.

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## Madonna adds two health sciences majors

Baby boomers are aging, people are staying active later in life and health care continues to evolve. In response, Madonna University in Livonia now offers two new health sciences majors to give students the skills needed for jobs changes in the health care system.

Students will be able to pursue a health sciences degree in one of two tracks: population health care management or health care informatics and quality systems management. Both tracks are delivered through Madonna's College of Nursing and Health, with the informatics track offered in partnership with the School of Business.

Mary Mitsch, Ph.D., R.N., professor of nursing and health, said the program takes an in-



Members of the Health Sciences Advisory Council to Madonna University, during their first meeting to discuss internships and careers related to the curriculum.

terdisciplinary approach to provide a wide range of knowledge, including: psychology, aging studies, humanities, science and hospice, with special emphasis on cultural humility and social justice, (for the more vulnerable population) which ties in with Madonna's Franciscan mis-

sion. "There is a tremendous need for advocacy as people transition and navigate the health care system," she said.

Students studying population health care management will likely help patients manage their care, coordinate care transitions, promote good health habits,

and educate patients in self-care. Possible jobs for a graduate include wellness coaches and consultants, community health liaisons, and care coordination specialists.

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## P-C students named National Merit semifinalists

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**Homeschool:** Deanna L. Endlein

**Plymouth High School:** Swetha Duraiswamy, Madeleine Y. Hoke, David Z. Li, Jordan S. Lu, Sruthi Sundar

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# Red Cross seeks to increase blood donations

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to help their communities prepare for emergencies by giving blood during National Preparedness Month this September. Becoming a regular blood donor is one way to help ensure communities are prepared for any emergency, including those where blood transfusions are needed. The Red Cross also encourages the public to get prepared by making a disaster plan for their homes or work places. A sufficient blood supply is central to ensuring hospitals are prepared to meet patient needs in times of disaster, including the very personal ones that can happen any day. Because blood takes about 48 hours to be tested, processed and made available for pa-



tients, it's the blood already on the shelves that can help save the day when emergencies occur. This month also marks the sixth year that the Red Cross and Sport Clips Haircuts have teamed up to help increase blood donations. Through the "Saving Lives Never Looked So Good" campaign, Sport Clips is thanking those who come to give blood in September with

a coupon for a free haircut at participating Sport Clips locations. The coupon is valid through Nov. 8 and will be sent to donors via email a few days after their donation. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for patients needing transfusions. The Red Cross needs blood donors of all types – especially those with types AB, O-negative, B-negative and A-negative – to give blood regularly. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). For information on planning for emergencies and preparedness training,

go to [redcross.org/prepare](http://redcross.org/prepare). The following donation sites are available:

**Canton**

- » 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Sept. 29, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive
- » 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 30, Friendship Church Canton, 1240 N. Beck Road
- » 1:30-7:15 p.m. Sept. 28, Geneva United Presbyterian, 5835 Sheldon Road

**Garden City**

- » 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 24, American Legion Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt Road

**Livonia**

- » 2-7:45 p.m. Sept. 17, Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road
- » 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sept. 20, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail
- » 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Sept. 20, St. Aidan Catholic Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road

- » 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sept. 23-24, Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan Road

**Northville**

- » 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sept. 20, First United Methodist Northville Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
- » 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 27, Our Lady of Victory Social Hall, 133 Orchard Drive

**Plymouth**

- » 1:30-7:15 p.m. Sept. 28, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road

**Redford**

- » 1-6:45 p.m. Sept. 21, VFW Post Hubert Fortiers O'Grady, 27345 Schoolcraft
- » 2-7:45 p.m. Sept. 29, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 27101 West Chicago

## BROWN

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Salem's first principal. Today, P-CEP houses Canton High School, Salem High School and Plymouth High School. "It's fabulous that for someone who dedicated his whole life to education and the students of the community that contributions are coming to the foundation. That's very meaningful for us," Kody said. Brown's family will meet with friends at noon Tuesday, Sept. 15, for a Celebration of Life service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Brown is survived by Mary, his wife of 65 years, his children, Sue (Kevin) Kish and Konnie Brown; grandson Jamie Linden; and sisters Beverly (Jack) Gaffer and Konnie (Dennis) Evans.

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## Ready for a paddle



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Megan Brace (left) and Caroline Simko prepare to paddle away Aug. 27 in a kayak during a visit to Kensington Metropark's Kent Lake. The friends were exploring the lake on that day with four other friends from the Plymouth area.

## Plymouth museum hosts antique appraisals

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host an antique appraisal clinic with auctioneer Doug Dalton from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art and small objects. No jewelry, coins or stamps. Appraisals are by appointment only; time slots are still available.

Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item. There is a maxi-

mum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot.

Call now for an appointment at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or sign up at [http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic\\_ET712.html?Sort-Box=201509](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic_ET712.html?Sort-Box=201509).

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## Colbeck sponsors bills to restore some tax credits

Senate Bills 461-464, introduced by state Sens. Patrick Colbeck, Tonya Schuitmaker and Goeff Hansen, would restore credits for charitable donations to libraries, colleges and universities, food banks and homeless shelters. Credits also would be reinstated for adoption expenses and automobile donations.

The proposed legislation would restore tax credits that were eliminated in 2011.

"Families and individuals know the most appropriate way to spend their money; they do not need the government's oversight," said Colbeck, R-Canton. "By restoring these deductions, we are putting more hard-earned money back into the hands of taxpayers and providing them with an incentive to reach out and help their neighbors



Colbeck

in the manner in which they see fit."

Schuitmaker agreed. "These charitable programs have a positive effect on our citi-

zens and our society," said Schuitmaker, R-Lawton. "When these credits were eliminated, it negatively impacted many of these groups. Giving taxpayers an incentive to donate to these programs will go a long way toward protecting our most vulnerable citizens."

The charitable tax credits were eliminated in 2011 as part of a comprehensive tax reform that sought to reduce taxes and treat taxpayers equally.

"Parents who have the means to provide loving and permanent families for children through adoption may not be able to afford to adopt," said Hansen, R-Hart. "Restoring the adoption credit will benefit parents and children by making adoption a more viable option again."

SB 461, introduced by Colbeck, would allow taxpayers to receive a credit for donations made to various programs in public art, libraries, radio, institutions of higher learning and museums. SB 462, sponsored by Schuitmaker, would allow a taxpayer to receive a credit for donations made to food banks and kitchens, homeless shelters, and community foundations.

SB's 463 and 464, introduced by Hansen, would allow a taxpayer to receive a credit to offset qualified expenses for adoptions and a credit for automobile donations to qualified charitable organizations, respectively.

The bills have been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance for further consideration.

## Celebrate World Peace Day in Plymouth

The community is invited Sunday, Sept. 20, to celebrate World Peace Day 2015 in Plymouth.

Hosted by Interfaith Community Outreach, attendees will share in a Prayer for Peace, 1-2 p.m. in Kellogg Park. Attendees are then invited to continue the celebration with a "Learn and Celebrate Faith, 2-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street.

On of the event's features is a chance to taste foods from around the world.

For more information, contact the Interfaith Community Outreach at 734-502-2508.



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# Mom 'never going to give up' after teen's brain injury

Laura Colvin  
Staff Writer

Rebecca Bond carries a thick stack of photos everywhere she goes.

Inside a clear plastic case in her purse, the photos paint a picture of her youngest son's childhood and early teen years: a sweet toddler offering a kiss to his mom, a proud Boy Scout, a kid who loved his skateboard and his big brother.

Bond, who grew up in Plymouth, graduated in 1980 from Plymouth Canton High School and now lives in White Lake, isn't just a doting mom who wants to show off her boy.

She carries the pictures for a reason.

"It's important the people who take care of my son realize he's a person," she said. "He doesn't have a voice; when a person can't communicate, the doctors and nurses and therapists just come in and do what they have to do. They don't really talk to the person or realize they were normal before this."

This week, as his peers embark on their sophomore year at Lakeland High School, Dillon Bond remains paralyzed, unable to speak and completely dependent on his caregivers some 20 months after he was hit by a car, resulting in a serious brain injury.

But his mother remains steadfast in her resolve. Dillon has come a long way since the accident and she is determined to make sure he progress continues.

Her greatest hope?

"That he'll fully recover," Bond said. "Even though part of me thinks he won't fully recover, I hate to hang out with thoughts like that. If I buy into that, I'm accepting mediocre. 'Hopefully he will talk, hopefully he will walk again. Hopefully he will be able to go to school and achieve his dream of becoming a video game creator.'"

On Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Dillon's 16th birthday – Buffalo Wild Wings at 5223 Highland Road in Waterford will donate 20 percent of any lunch, dinner or takeout bill, when a flier is presented, to Dillon's Special Needs Fund for medical treatment. Fliers can be found at



Rebecca Bond cradles her 15-year-old son Dillon's head at the DMC Rehabilitation Center in Novi. Dillon suffered a serious brain injury in 2013.

The Pray for Storms Facebook page.

## The accident

It was dark outside Dec. 13, 2013, when Dillon and two friends ventured across M-59 near Alpine Valley.

The other boys made it safely, but Dillon, 14 at the time, an eighth-grader at White Lake Middle School, hesitated in the center lane.

The driver who hit him reportedly told police he never saw Dillon. The incident was ruled an accident and the man was not charged.

But it was never made clear to Bond why her son was crossing the busy road in the first place.

Dillon was a rule follower, she said, and typically not a kid who put himself in the path of danger. He was supposed to be playing video games at a friend's home, under the supervision of the friend's parent.

A few hours after she dropped her son off, Bond was on the phone with White Lake police.

"It was the sickest feeling in the world," she said. "They told me, 'Mrs. Bond, you need to get the hospital, your son is still breathing.' When I got there, they wouldn't let me see him for another hour because they were trying to put him together."

When she did finally see Dillon, the news wasn't good.

"The doctor said, 'His pupils are fixated, I don't think he's going to make it,'" she said. "I remember just falling on the floor after that."

## Childhood

Dillon, his mom said, was "funny and full of life" as a child. He was a little on the shy side, but always smiling and laughing.

His fifth-grade teacher remembers Dillon as an inquisitive student who was interested in technology and LEGO at Oxbow Elementary; a kid who was "always trying to find new ways to do things and always thinking outside the box."

"Sometimes he would stay in the classroom at lunch to talk with (teachers)," said Chris McAuliffe, then a classroom teacher at Oxbow and today the school's principal. "Those were always mature conversations, almost like a group of adults having a discussion about something. Then 10 minutes later, you'd see him running around outside and he was a kid again. He was a very unique individual."

These days, three close friends come over each Sunday, put a controller in Dillon's hand and for a couple of hours, play his favorite game: Call of Duty. "They've been very support-

ive," Bond said. "Those are the only voices he hears that are his own age and it's really important he hears their voices. Everyone else is 'old.'"

## Slow progress

Remarkably, Dillon had no broken bones or organ damage from his accident, but spent the first few weeks of his year-long hospital stay in an induced coma as doctors waited for the swelling in his brain to subside.

Prayers and support poured in from the Huron Valley Schools and White Lake Middle School, as well as from family, friends and hundreds of strangers. All the while, Bond's fiancé and her mother and her other children were close, as well.

"I don't want to say I'm a religious person, but I have a great faith," Bond said. "You can't go through tragedy like this without faith, because you won't survive."

This is something she knows for sure. Seven years before Dillon's accident, Bond – who also has three older children in addition to Dillon – lost her husband in a car accident.

For Dillon, hope began to flicker on Christmas Eve, 11 days after the accident, as doctors slowly backed him out of the coma, removed the staples from his head, the bolt from his brain.

Gradually and unsteadily, he came around.

## Going home

After he was finally released from the hospital, Dillon spent another six months in a neurological rehabilitation facility; Bond's White Lake home needed expensive modifications to accommodate her son's needs and she was locked in battle as the insurance company and the Michigan Catastrophic Association vacillated over an agreement.

"You have to fight for everything you need beyond what's medically necessary," she said. "What I've learned is this is not just about what's medically necessary. It's about what's reasonably necessary. Dillon had a normal life before his accident. We had a normal life. Why shouldn't he – or anyone else who's had a catastrophic injury – be entitled to have... some of the things he had be-

fore?"

Last month, Dillon finally went home.

For now, he and the two around-the-clock caretakers he requires are set up in the dining room, while the family is living around the situation.

## Therapy

In any given week, numerous appointments include a combination of medical professionals ranging from neurologist and neurosurgeon to nutritionist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, pediatric surgeon and physical medicine doctor.

"He can hold his head up for up to an hour now," Bond said. "It's not always consistent, but up until about seven months ago, he couldn't do it at all."

He's also starting to track with his eyes and respond to verbal cues, as well as physical and emotional stimulus.

"It's as if he's locked in," she said. "He'll look at you intently, like, 'I want to tell you something and I can't tell you what I want to say.' He can't communicate, so we're trying to find ways for him to let us know he's in there. We've got to find a way."

She believes Dillon's own stem cells could hold the key.

The stem cell field, while promising, is still in its infancy and the topic is controversial.

Meanwhile, clinical trials are currently under way in several U.S. states and, while not FDA approved, treatment is available.

Bond said she's done the research, seen results others have achieved and talked to doctors in the field. She knows stem cell treatment may not bring Dillon back to his former self or even close.

But then again, she says, it might.

She's hopeful and that's what keeps her going.

"As long as there's life, there's hope," Bond said. "I'm never going to give up hope."

One treatment runs \$25,000. So far, supporters have donated about \$8,500 to help fund stem cell treatment for Dillon Bond at <http://www.go.fundme.com/mnmfx4>.

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Brian Spitzbergen, Growth Works Inc., Community Intervention & Treatment Program director, will discuss "Opiate and Prescription Misuse – How prescription abuse can lead to heroin abuse."

Spitzbergen's presentation will include information on current trends in prescription misuse, the effects and consequences of use specific to opiates and prescription drugs, treatment options and where to turn for help in southeast Michigan.

The free program is brought to the community through the combined efforts of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and Growth Works, Inc.

For more information, call Karen Bonanno at 734-338-9580 or email [kbonanno@livonia.saveouryouth.org](mailto:kbonanno@livonia.saveouryouth.org).

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## Pick up a brush: Learn watercolors in Canton

Aspiring artists or those simply looking to learn a new skill painting with watercolors are encouraged to take part in Canton Leisure Services' A Watercolor Evening at the Summit on the Park. Paint the night away during this weekly, instructive watercolor class featuring a local watercolor expert and instructor.

Learn a fresh technique during this class

that will bring out the artist in every student. Landscape and still-life painting demonstrations will be given by the instructor, as well as a discussion of important watercolor practices. Using a basic palette and a traditional approach to this often challenging medium, this class will offer participants the ability to create special pieces showing a reflection of their interpretation of still life.

A Watercolor Evening is an extension of the popular Monday afternoon watercolor classes. "These classes will be the same format of the popular Monday afternoon watercolor classes currently available, but this particular class is open to all levels," said Amy Teller, Club 55+ senior special events coordinator. "We wanted to provide a class in the eve-

ning to accommodate interested students who may not be available to join us during the day."

This series of 10 watercolor classes will be held 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday from Sept. 22 through Nov. 24 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Enrollment is open to all adults 18 and above and appropriate for beginners to advanced artists.

Registration fees are \$65 for Summit members, \$72 for Canton residents and \$85 for non-residents. A suggested materials list is available at the Summit Front Desk, in addition to a \$10 supply fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

For additional information or to register for A Watercolor Evening series of classes, go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org), or call 734-394-5485.

## Drop off old, unused meds Sept. 26 at Canton police

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, the Canton Police Department will take part in a national collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Agency to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from homes in our community. This national take-back initiative will provide a unified opportunity for the public to turn in expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications to law enforcement for destruction.

Unused or expired prescription medications may be placed in a drop box in the lobby of the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center. Drop-offs are free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Restrictions include pills only — liquids and needles will not be accepted. Prescription drugs can only be ac-

cepted by the department during the established program hours.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Unused medicines in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For questions, contact Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at 734-394-5194 or the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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# Holocaust Center exhibit highlights synagogues in Germany

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus has unveiled its latest exhibit, "Synagogues in Germany: A Virtual Reconstruction." The exhibit will feature elaborate computer-aided-design reconstructions of eight synagogues destroyed during Kristallnacht, or "Night of Broken Glass," in November 1938. The exhibit will run through Dec. 27.

This virtual tour was created by students at the Darmstadt University of Technology in Germany, led by professors Marc Grellert and the late Manfred Koob. The inspiration for the exhibit was a 1994 arson attack on a synagogue in Lübeck, Germany, that motivated a number of Darmstadt students to address and explore an important chapter in the history of German architecture – synagogues.

In beautiful color restorations, based upon eyewitness interviews and blueprints on file in German city archives, the exhibit details the diversity, splendor and significance of synagogues in the country's urban architectural history from the early 19th century



This synagogue in Frankfurt is part of the "Synagogues in Germany: A Virtual Reconstruction" exhibit.

until 1938.

"Our students at Darmstadt University of Technology dedicated themselves to recreating this part of German culture nearly wiped out in one night," Grellert said. "Our mission was to make this visible once again, using the latest technology to show the beauty and importance synagogues played in Germany."

The exhibit is divided into three spatial units. First, visi-

tors will view German laws of the 1930s quoted in their original wording, depriving Jews of their rights. These laws were a precursor to the planned attack on synagogues and places of prayer in November 1938.

The second section shows the extent of the destruction, including photos of destroyed synagogues and their cities of origin.

The third section demonstrates the process and final



This Hamburg synagogue is one of eight featured in the "Synagogues in Germany: A Virtual Reconstruction" exhibit.

outcome of the virtual reconstruction of eight selected synagogues, using CAD and three-dimensional concepts. Included is the elaborate simulation of synagogues, some dating back to the 1860s, from a number of German cities, including Cologne, Hanover and Plauen. These buildings are presented in varying stages of reconstruction and augmented by video, slide projections and computer printouts. Visitors

can explore the fronts and interiors of the buildings via virtual computer screen tours. The variable perspectives allow the study of the architectural arrangement of space, combined with actual artifacts preserved from the destruction.

"This stunning exhibit brings back to life a significant part of German culture that was destroyed in one night," said Stephen Goldman, executive director, Holocaust Memorial Center. "Architecture is a direct reflection of society and culture. It is breathtaking to see these beautiful synagogues restored in such detail and we are pleased that our visitors can 'tour' this lost history."

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus is located at 28123 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The exhibit can be visited from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday (last admission at 3:30 p.m.) and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday (last admission at 1:30 p.m.). The museum is closed Saturday.

For more information, go to [holocaustcenter.org](http://holocaustcenter.org).

## Kroger holds open interviews for veterans

The Kroger Co. of Michigan will conduct open interviews Tuesday, Sept. 15, for veterans and their family members at all 128 Michigan Kroger stores.

Kroger invites veterans and their family members to fill out an online application at [jobs.Kroger.com](http://jobs.Kroger.com) by Sept. 13 and then go to any local store from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15. No appointment is necessary.

The online Kroger application requires about 30 minutes to complete and requests an email address, employment history and education details. Applicants must also input the hashtag #HonoringOurHeroes in the "Search by keyword" field at the top to be eligible for an in-store interview.

According to Jayne Homco, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan, Kroger will fill an estimated 1,400 positions in stores located throughout southeast Michigan. Nation-

wide, The Kroger Co. plans to fill an estimated 20,000 positions within its supermarket divisions.

"The Kroger Co. of Michigan is deeply committed to Michigan veterans and their families and we continue to honor our heroes by offering them career opportunities," Homco said. "Kroger is a place where veterans can start with a job and remain for a career. About 70 percent of Kroger's store managers began with part-time positions."

On a national basis, Kroger hired more than 6,000 veterans in 2014 and more than 29,000 veterans since 2009 as part of its commitment to "Honoring Our Heroes," a multi-faceted program developed to show the company's gratitude to the nation's active duty troops and more than 23 million veterans.

Kroger was also proud to help the "100,000 Jobs Mis-

sion" surpass its goal in January 2014, which was seven years early. The "100,000 Jobs Mission" is a coalition of more than 130 companies working toward a common goal of hiring more than 100,000 transitioning service members and military veterans by 2020.

"Veterans can be proud to work for Kroger because of our robust involvement in Michigan's local communities," said Tim Nelson, veteran and vice president, the Kroger Co. of Michigan. Through the Honoring Our Heroes program, Kroger stores nationwide have raised more than \$11.9 million since 2010 to help support USO programs. This represents the largest cumulative gift presented to the USO in its nearly 75-year history.

For more information about Kroger hiring opportunities for veterans, go to [jobs.Kroger.com](http://jobs.Kroger.com).

## Volunteers needed to help in Rouge annual fall bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects Oct. 17 at the annual Fall Bug Hunt.

Interested volunteers must pre-register by Oct. 2. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at Schoolcraft College in the VisTaTech Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four to eight people that each travel to two sites to look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader.

The number and types of bugs found are used to assess each site and data are submitted to the state and Rouge communities.

The Fall Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998



Stoneflies are among the insects being researched during the Rouge's Fall Bug Hunt.

to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

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## Guidelines for taking over family member's legal, financial, medical care

**Q: Dear Rick: My mother is a widow in her early 80s. Since my father died five years ago, she has handled all her affairs, including her investments. Over the last number of months, my mom has slowed down and I have convinced her that I should take care of managing her legal and financial affairs. What advice can you give me?**

**A:** The first thing you should do is to obtain a medical power of attorney for your mom and a durable power of attorney. These are two separate powers of attorney that together will give you the legal rights to handle your mother's financial and legal affairs and, at the same time, be



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

involved in her medical care.

In handling your mother's affairs, there are some things that I would recommend to make your life easier. The first is to find out if she has any current estate planning documents, such as a will, a trust or even other powers of attorney. If she has these documents, you need to make sure they are current and reflect your mother's desires.

It is also important to collect her medical information — such as who are her doctors, list of

her prescriptions. At the same time, make sure you understand what her insurance coverages are and determine if any changes are needed.

Taking over a loved one's affairs is not easy. However, what can make the task less daunting is to make sure you get off on the right foot by obtaining the necessary legal documents and other information which will make your job much easier.

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

## Three Cities Art Club issues call for artists

Three Cities Art Club is seeking artists participating in its fifth annual Festival of the Arts, Friday and Sunday, Oct. 23-25, at Westland Shopping Center Mall.

The non-juried show requirements include an annual membership fee of \$25, an entry fee of \$25 for up to three pieces plus \$5 for each additional entry, \$5 for bin work, box of note cards, table display of up to three by four feet.

Participants also must be at least 18 years old and work at least one four-hour shift during the show but more shifts, if possible, with special consideration for those with health restrictions. Go to [threecitiesartclub.org](http://threecitiesartclub.org) to download the specific requirements, a membership form and entry form.

Hundreds of visitors attend the festival to enjoy the art, take a free class and to take in the sights and sounds of a variety of musical acts



Artist Nancy Poat of Plymouth poses with her painting chosen by guest judge Mayor William Wild at the 2014 show, garnering Poat the "Wild About Art" \$100 cash prize.

on the Rotary Club of Michigan stage. Guest judges select their favorite piece of art with prizes awarded to the artists at 1 p.m. Oct. 24. Visitors also vote for their favorites for a chance to win prizes, too.

Three Cities Art Club was founded in Plymouth almost 60 years ago — the cities don't matter, as residency is

not a restriction.

The Festival of the Arts is free and runs 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 23-24 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 25. For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939.

To learn more about the art club, go to [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

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# Inspire Theatre ready to show off its new venue

**Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

The curtain went up Friday on Larry Shue's *The Foreigner* and began a new journey for Inspire Theatre.

On opening night, it welcomed theater-goers into its new home on Warren Road in Westland, only a few hundred yards from where it gave its very first performance.

The theater troupe is renting the former WLND cable television studios for \$1 a year with a hope it will be in a position to buy the building from the city of Westland at the end of the five-year agreement.

"We started out as gypsies," said founder and director Len Fisher of Wayne. "Our very first performance was at the Warren Road Light and Life Church next door; we did *Godspell*. We've also rented space in Grace Moravian Church and did shows in the warehouse district."

The theater group agreed to do maintenance and repairs as part of the lease. According to Fisher, the building needed a lot of repairs and every room was filled with old equipment. With the help of Vic Barra, who "took us under his wing," the rooms have been cleaned out. Now signs hang beside doors, indicating them as the men's dressing room, a make-up room and work room. The front counter has been transformed into a combination will-call ticket counter and concession stand.

Volunteers worked to get the building ready for the grand opening prior to the first



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Demolition expert Froggy LeSeuer (Joe Nowaske of Westland) reaches for the detonator that will blow up the Volkswagen van of Brother David Lee (Grant Marmaduke of Northville). Fishing lodge owner Betty Meeks (Judy Cook of Livonia) can't believe the mayhem.

show, turning two cable studios into a theater with seating for 100. Painters were in to spruce up the building and tile was put down to cover the area where a wall once stood.

"We turned the old stage into risers for the audience and kept the stage floor level," Fisher said. "We've been building the risers and the set at the same time."

### Core group

A core group of about 30 people help and/or perform in the productions. For *The Foreigner*, Lisa Brawley of Livonia is the assistant director and stage manager, while Nancy

Rocker of Garden City is the producer.

"Nancy has been able to take care of a lot of stuff," Fisher said. "There's been a lot going on with moving in, getting settled and getting going again. I look to her for a lot of wisdom. Lisa brings a viewpoint I don't have. She brings an idea and we try it."

Brawley and her husband Richard Holland, who as a foreigner — he's from Canada — plays the foreigner in the production, hooked up with Fisher when Fisher did Neil Simon's *Rumors* several years ago. They, in turn, snagged Fisher to be in a show they

were producing.

Fisher also appeared in a show with Joe Nowaske at Nowaske's church. The Westland resident plays demolition expert Froggy LeSeuer in *The Foreigner*. And Judy Cook of Livonia hooked up with the troupe after coming to see one of their productions. She's playing fishing lodge owner Betty Meeks with a broken arm.

"I stepped back on the edge of a riser and fell," she said.

Grant Marmaduke of Northville is making his first appearance with Inspire Theatre and has been cast as Brother David Lee.

### 'THE FOREIGNER'

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

**Location:** Inspire Theatre, 33455 Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Written by Larry Shue and the winner of two OBIE Awards, *The Foreigner* is set at fishing lodge in rural Georgia. A British demolitions expert who trains at a nearby army base brings a friend, Charlie, a pathologically shy man. Before departing, Froggie tells all there that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Once alone, the fun begins as Charlie overhears more than he should.

**Tickets:** \$13 online at inspiretheatre.com and \$15 at the door.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-751-7057.

"Around January or February, I went for an audition for *The Addams Family* and I met Lisa," said Marmaduke, a senior at Northville High School. "She liked how I read. Around the first week in August, she called and said she had an opportunity for me, could I come and try out. As it was, all I had to do was show up and I got the part."

"He read well," Brawley said.

### Many roles

John Donnelly of Redford has been with Inspire Theatre almost from the beginning. In his nine years, he's appeared in 23 shows and played multiple characters, especially when Fisher staged *It's a Wonderful Life* as a radio show.

"John is responsible for a lot of what you see around here," Fisher said. "Over the weekend it was an empty room, but it's come together with the walls and the stairwell. It's amazing to see a set come together."

Later this month, the Inspire Theatre School of Arts will resume offering acting classes for young people. But for now, Fisher and his fellow thespians are focusing on the excitement of having a new more permanent venue.

"I've learned that if you're not having fun, you're not doing it right," Fisher said. "We try to have enough fun that the audience keeps coming back."

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## Garden City man pleads no contest in Westland cellphone photo case

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A Garden City man has been sentenced to one year probation after pleading no contest to a charge of video voyeurism stemming from an incident in which a cellphone was reportedly used to take a photo under a woman's skirt.

As part of his plea, a felony

charge of using a computer to commit a crime was dismissed against Arthur McCauley, 44. He entered the no contest plea to a misdemeanor charge of capturing/distributing the image of an unclothed person,



McCauley

which includes someone in their underwear.

The charges against McCauley were that he used his cellphone to take a photo looking up a woman's skirt while she was waiting with her children at Mickey's Dairy Twist, 32785 Cherry Hill, in Westland.

Westland Police identified a suspect after receiving tips following the release of still

photos and video surveillance footage of the incident.

The suspect made his way toward the woman, police said, placed his cellphone camera under the victim's skirt and took a picture. The suspect was caught in the act by the victim's brother, who was also waiting in line, according to police.

The brother demanded the

cellphone from the suspect, but he refused and walked away from the location on foot, police said.

As part of his probation, McCauley is required to continue getting counseling, along with having no contact with the victim or Mickey's Dairy Twist.

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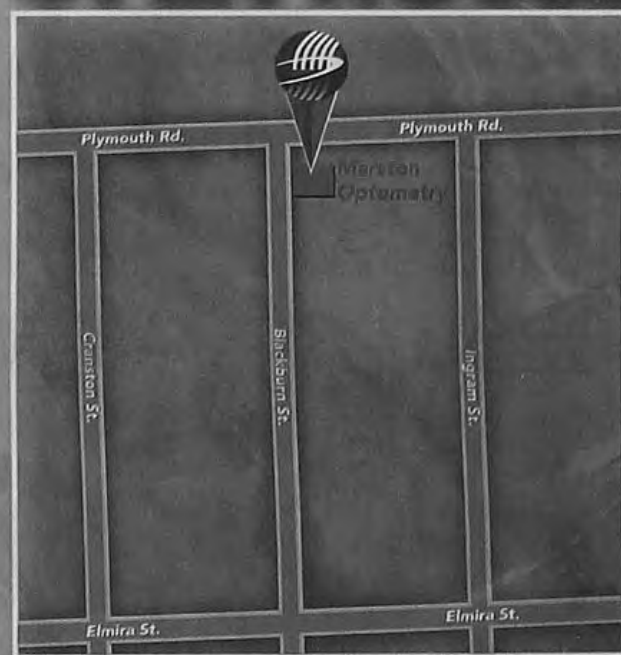
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# Angels Above to hold Homecoming Dress Drive

**Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

The homecoming season is on the horizon and girls in need of dresses can find them at a Homecoming Dress Drive being sponsored by Angels Above Baby Gowns with Paul Visingardi of Vizzy's Pizza.

Visingardi is providing the space at the Law Office Complex at 3023 Wayne Road, east of Glenwood, in Wayne for the dress drive. It will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Sept. 19.

More than 20 long and short dresses will be available to anyone in need, free of charge. AABG is asking for a \$10 donation to cover the cleaning cost incurred in

preparing for the event. This donation will go to the nonprofit group to defray the costs involved in creating angel gowns for families experiencing infant loss.

"We're trying to do this before homecoming," Dawn Lafferty said. "We have some gowns that are new with tags, some slightly used that may have been worn once. The dresses are for anybody; there's no income guideline."

Lafferty collects unwanted wedding gowns that disassembled and turned into burial gowns. Prom dresses are used to make outfits for boys. Those dresses that can't be used, are given away.

This is the second dress give away AABG

has held this year. It was able to give out 50 gowns at one held in April at the Wayne Masonic Lodge, but with many gowns left, a second was set up. And if Lafferty can find a location, there will be one held Downriver this fall.

Because several collections planned this month, Lafferty will not be collecting wedding gowns at the dress drive. Although if someone shows up with one, she won't say no.

"We're at the TEARS Rock and Walk event Sunday collecting dresses and on Monday we'll be at Allegiance Health in Jackson delivering baby gowns and picking up dresses," Lafferty said.

The Michigan Chapter

of the TEARS Foundation provides financial assistance to help families pay for their baby's funeral expenses. The Rock and Walk, which was held Saturday at Plymouth Christian Academy, lets families and friends walk in memory of a child while raising funds for the chapter.

Angels Above Baby Gowns also will featured Wednesday on the WJBK-TV (Channel 2) segment Amy's Angels.

For more information about the dress drive, contact Lafferty at 734 421-2322 or by email at angelsabovebabygown-smi@gmail.com.

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FILE PHOTO

Dawn Lafferty has more than 200 dresses that will be given away Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Homecoming Dress Drive in Wayne.

## Nonprofit Angels, Saints & Stuff opens in Livonia

Cathy Dillon, owner of Angels, Saints & Stuff, is pairing her passion for art and her philanthropic nature to create a store that will both service and give back to the community.

Angels, Saints & Stuff, a nonprofit high-end art and consignment décor store at 19223 Merriman in Livonia, celebrated its grand opening Friday, Sept. 11.

"We will offer a nice variety of religious jewelry, statues, furniture and both retail and consigned art," Dillon said.

Customers can either consign or donate their upscale religious and secular jewelry, art and home décor. The store will also sell jewelry by local artist and owner of beatus baca, Linda Weber.

"(Weber) makes silver jewelry, necklaces, bracelets, rosaries," Dillon said.

On The Rise Bakery Café, a program of the



Customers can either consign or donate their upscale religious and secular jewelry, art and home décor.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, will sell baked goods at the store.

"They'll sell bread, cookies, cakes and pies," Dillon said. "The bakery helps people who have completed a substance abuse program and are ready to change their lives."

The space, which

boasts 2,300 square feet, will also be a venue for book clubs and Bible study.

"I also plan to offer classes demonstrating a variety of artistic techniques like mosaic tile art, drawing, knitting," she said.

Dillon, daughter of the late and prominent John



The store at 19223 Merriman in Livonia celebrated its grand opening Friday, Sept. 11.

and Jean E. Dinan, is treasurer of the John D. & Jean E. Dinan Foundation.

"In the last 10 years, the foundation has given away well over a million dollars," Dillon said. "My sister Denise (Dinan) and I chose over two dozen organizations to give to. Proceeds from the store

will go to a lot of different places like Detroit Cristo Rey High School, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries and Vista Maria, a foster care provider for girls."

Dillon, daughter-in-law of the late Judge John M. Dillon of Redford, has been married for 26 years to Dr. John

Dillon. The couple has four children.

Dillon is elated to begin this noble venture.

"My dad would be so pleased that we can be good stewards of his foundation," she said. "It's one more source of income for the foundation."

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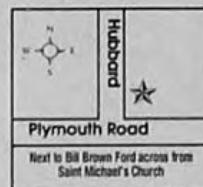
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CANTON 27, FRANKLIN 17



Canton's Colin Troup (No. 12) is tackled by Franklin's Kemaury Heard after intercepting a pass Friday night. At right for the Chiefs is Lou Baechler (No. 38), who recovered a fumble earlier in the game.

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PREP FOOTBALL

## Opportunistic Rocks rally by South Lyon, 17-8

Howie pick keys Salem surge in second half

Tom Morelli  
Correspondent

It's one of the oldest cliches in football – win the turnover battle. Depending on which side of the equation a team is on, turnovers alone are capable of deciding the winner and loser, especially if it's a hotly contested match-up.

That proved to be the case in Friday's KLAA Central Division football opener between South Lyon and Salem at Plymouth High School.

The host Rocks held the edge in total offensive yards, 121-116, but more importantly, won on the scoreboard as well, 17-8.

With very little to separate the two, it came down to a couple of freak occurrences in the third quarter to turn things around for Salem.

The Rocks (2-1, 1-0), down by an 8-0 margin at the half, received a much-needed momentum boost on the defensive side just two plays in as sophomore defensive lineman Alex Howie intercepted a pass in the flats and returned it 20 yards for the score.

"That's special for him, because his mom passed away in August right before camp," Salem coach Kurt Britnell said. "Great play for him and a great young man and that was the

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Nicholas Pagano of South Lyon can't escape the grasp of Salem's Jacob Miller.

## COMING UP CLUTCH

Canton wards off Franklin with timely big plays on offense and defense

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When prepping his Canton Chiefs for Friday's KLAA South Division football matchup against Livonia Franklin, coach Tim Baechler had a feeling it wasn't going to be easy.

The tall task at hand was to put the defensive clamps on Patriots quarterback Denzel Adams, who has displayed big-game capabilities both through the air and on the ground in the season's early weeks.

After the Chiefs escaped with a 27-17 victory on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Baechler seemed almost relieved that his team got the 'W' to improve to 3-0 and 1-0 in the KLAA South.

"This team (the Patriots) was aver-



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High-stepping his way toward a 37-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter Friday is Canton's Markus Sanders.

aging 37 points a game coming in and I knew this was not the old Franklin, this was a different Franklin," Baechler said. "They've got a new offensive scheme and that quarterback is slippery and fast and strong. He's good."

Adams was as good as advertised, scoring on a 65-yard gallop down the left sideline during the first half late in the first quarter to put the Patriots in front 10-7.

He ran 22 times for 185 yards and threw for another 100.

### Finding a seam

But Canton also has a player who fits that description in 5-7 junior running back Markus Sanders, who scored three touchdowns and gained 177 yards in 21 carries.

"He's a slippery little guy, he runs hard," Baechler said. "But our offensive line works so hard and we just did enough to get her done."

Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Canton spikers enjoy quick turnaround

Chiefs bounce back from loss with 3-0 victory over Plymouth

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

In less than a 24-hour span, Canton figured out a few things on the volleyball court and spun those improvements into Wednesday's 3-0 victory over host Plymouth.

Canton had lost in three games Tuesday night against Salem, in a performance that first-year head coach Irick Gardner had some concerns about.

The next evening, however, it was a 26-24, 26-24, 25-19 turnaround.

"We'll win the first 12 to 15 points, but we've struggled

with the last seven to 10 points," Gardner said. "And today, the biggest thing was we were able to finish. And we had some tight situations where it was 22-22 and we fought through it, found a way."

"The other thing was we passed better. Yesterday (against Salem) we didn't pass very well, so you take bad passing with bad mental focus you get a disaster, which is what we got yesterday."

The Chiefs, now 7-3 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South Division, were spearheaded by the passing of junior setter



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Canton's Gina Giacomini and libero Emily Meredith (No. 18) go for the ball against Plymouth. At left is Emma Clark (No. 4).

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Timmons scores 4 TDs to pace Plymouth

## Wildcats rout Wayne Memorial, 35-13

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

It was the Darius Timmons show Friday night for Plymouth as the Wildcats rolled to a 35-13 victory over host Wayne Memorial.

Timmons scored his team's first four touchdowns, including three in the first quarter to spark the Wildcats to a 21-7 advantage after one frame.

Also scoring for Plymouth (2-1 overall, 1-0 in the KLAA South) was Isaac Emminger.

The Wildcats opened the scoring when Timmons, who garnered 245 yards in 31 rushing attempts, bulled his way into the end zone from the 2-yard line with 5:18 to go in the first.

Less than three minutes later, the scoring formula worked again for Plymouth as Timmons scored on a 25-yard run. Alan Farmer's second of five extra points made it a 14-0 contest.

The Zebras (0-3, 0-1 in the KLAA South) responded in the quarter's final minute when Jarvis Martin scored from 11

yards out.

But Timmons and the Wildcats weren't done, scoring on a 14-yard carry with two seconds remaining in the opening stanza.

Martin (14-84) brought the Zebras closer when he registered a 10-yard TD run, but Timmons scored again before halftime on an 18-yard run.

Closing out the scoring in the third quarter was Emminger, on a 2-yard carry.

The final score wasn't indicative of how much Plymouth dominated the action.

Plymouth had 60 offensive plays and gained 369 yards, while the Zebras managed just 78 yards in 34 plays.

Most of the Wildcats' damage came via the running game, amassing 313 yards in 52 carries.

In addition to Timmons, Plymouth received 61 yards in 13 carries by Emminger and 18 yards in four rushes by quarterback Jonah Peterson.

The Wildcats only needed to throw the ball on occasion, with Peterson completing five of eight attempts for 56 yards.

Grabbing two catches each were Victor Abraham and Christian Walls, for 33 and 20 yards, respectively.



Plymouth's Victor Abraham, shown making a catch in the season opener against Utica Eisenhower, made two grabs Friday. Most of his team's damage was done via the ground game.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

## CHIEFS

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said the Patriots' defensive game plan was to slow Sanders down, and for some of the evening they succeeded.

"But you give him that one little seam and they always take advantage of it," said Kelbert, whose team dropped to 1-2.

Sanders was the answer man for the Chiefs on more than one occasion Friday.

After Jake Giacobbi connected on a 35-yard field goal with 7:05 left in the first quarter to open the scoring, the Chiefs replied with a 62-yard scoring march punctuated by Sanders' 26-yard TD run through the middle.

Franklin also showed they could bounce back, when on the first snap of the ensuing offensive series, Adams broke one for 65 yards — missing several tackles along the way.

"He is a tough kid, very tough," said Kelbert about Adams. "Our whole group they battle, non-stop."

"I'm very proud of their efforts, we have a very tough, physical team this year."

### Turning the tide

Yet the Chiefs demonstrated a knack for coming up with clutch plays on both sides of the ball, and one of the biggest was a fumble recovery by sophomore linebacker Lou Baechler during the second frame.

Franklin had stopped the Chiefs' offense and still had a 3-point lead, but Baechler pounced on an Adams fumble near the Pats' 30.

"We just had the mindset that everybody does their 1/11th every play," Lou Baechler said. "Nobody does more than they're expected to do."

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With a short field, the Chiefs needed just five plays to finish the job with Sanders spinning off tackles for a 10-yard scoring run with seven minutes to go in the half.

That made it a 14-10 Canton advantage entering the intermission.

Just as important for the Chiefs was an interception in the third quarter by senior linebacker Jalen Cochran.

On a third down and long from near midfield, Adams was forced out of the pocket, trying to find an open receiver.

He finally launched a pass over the middle — right into Cochran's hands.

Canton once again took advantage, going on a 55-yard scoring drive to go up 20-10. Finishing off the drive with a 4-yard TD run was junior quarterback Joel Foster.

"We were so afraid to play him (Cochran)," Baechler said. "He's had little injuries he's been overcoming for the last six weeks ... but (everything) came up okay and he played a whale of a game."

Another stalwart for the Patriots was junior running back Jacob Clark (82 yards in nine rushes), who at times was nearly impossible to bring down.

"They plugged up the middle on us today, so we had to go and attack the edges a little bit," Kelbert said. "Clark did a really nice job."

### Coming up 'huge'

Clark broke off a 28-yard run to key the Patriots on what was their final scoring march of the game. Adams then found Giacobbi open on a 2-yard pass with 10:15 left, slicing the Chiefs lead to 20-17.



Franklin's Chris Nehasil (No. 40) tries to bring down Canton running back Julian Thornton (No. 20) At left for the Chiefs is Jakob Wickens (No. 44).

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But Canton responded two minutes later when Sanders scored on a 37-yard run.

Sanders zipped through the line and then veered from left-to-right into the end zone, no defender in sight for the last 20 yards. Ben Tubaro's third extra point finished the scoring.

Franklin had designs on rallying, however, taking the ball down inside Canton's 35. Unfortunately for the Pats,

any such hopes fizzled when Adams' pass was intercepted at the Canton 13 by sophomore Colin Troup.

Baechler said Troup's defensive play was "huge" for the Chiefs.

"That's who they are, they are a very good football team," Kelbert said. "We had to come out and play our best game and not mistakes, we made a couple mistakes. The interceptions, the

fumble, just lost our focus a little bit at times."

Meanwhile, coach Baechler had props for his son.

"Lou Baechler played a fantastic game too, in the middle, reading, making all the calls and checks," he said. "And he had some big plays besides the fumble recovery in key situations."

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## ROCKS

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thing that got momentum shifted."

With less than five minutes remaining in the quarter, Salem found the end zone once again, this time though its offense.

On the first snap from scrimmage, running back Deston Langford (14 carries for 113 yards) took the hand-off from Alex Nicholson and kicked it into another gear en route to an 82-yard score.

Langford however wasn't finished, as he reached pay dirt once more on the ensuing two-point conversion to give the Rocks a 14-8 advantage.

The Lions' woes trickled into the fourth quarter, as their first two drives ended via turnovers.

Salem defensive back Shane Lyall intercepted a deep heave, followed by junior Jason Arnold's fumble recovery minutes later in South Lyon territory.

Beginning their drive just outside of the red zone, the Rocks were able to capitalize off the mistake and put the game out of reach, thanks to a 30-yard field goal by senior Alex Warren-Green with a minute left in regulation.

"I think it started when we



Salem's Deston Langford (left) busts into the end zone during Friday's game against South Lyon. Providing blocking help is Trevor Nowaske (right).

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threw the interception to their big lineman," said South Lyon assistant coach Jeff Henson, who was filling in for head coach Mark Thomas (no explanation was given for his absence). "Momentum is a funny thing and they took all the mo-

mentum from that point and we never recovered. We're a young team and we need to work on battling through those things and persevering. We didn't do a good job on that."

The Lions (2-1, 0-1) netted their only score of the game

late in the opening quarter off a 30-yard run up the middle by senior Trevor Tank (12 carries, 63 yards), who showed off some flashy footwork by juking his way past defenders.

Rather than go for the conventional point after, South

Lyon used a bit of trickery as junior Mike Maher took a direct snap out of the backfield and scrambled out of the pocket before finding running back Jeff Gill in the back of the end zone.

"I take a lot of positives on defense and thought we played well, minus that one play, really," Henson said. "They weren't able to move the ball on us at all, so that's what I take away from tonight. We have to get some people healthy and get that going back in the right direction."

Also, backup quarterback Colton Plummer got his first start, going 4-of-14 passing for 31 yards and two interceptions.

In addition to leading all Lions' rushers, Tank also was the team's top tackler with seven. Gill added five stops along with a sack and fumble recovery.

For Salem, linebackers Parker Selby and Trevor Nowaske tallied five tackles apiece, while Arnold had two sacks.

"We have to keep building and getting better," Britnell said. "How do we handle success? That's the big thing because we haven't had a lot of it the past couple years. We have to stay focused on one game at a time."



PREP GIRLS SWIMMING

# Salem tankers cruise to big win over Churchill

Rocks capture first place in every event

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Salem parlayed fast times across the board Wednesday into a 155-31 victory over Livonia Churchill in a KLAA cross-over varsity girls swimming and diving meet.

The host Rocks took first in every event, with Patricia Freitag, Katie Xu, Linda Zhang and Lisa Zhang each capturing two individual races.

"We did a good job," noted veteran Salem coach Chuck Olson.

Freitag prevailed in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 free-style with times of 26.71 and 57.09, respectively. In the latter event, the Rocks finished 1-2-3, with Freitag followed by Sarah Griffiths (58.97) and Cassidy Sargent (1:02.46).

Also enjoying multiple success against the Chargers was Xu, who won in the 200 free-style (2:05.76, besting teammate Molly Rowe's 2:11.63) and 500 freestyle (5:37.43).

Continuing to excel were the Zhang twins.

Linda Zhang was the top performer in the 100 butterfly (59.35) and 100 backstroke (1:01.21).

Also winning two events was Lisa Zhang, topping the field in the 200 IM (2:14.33) and 100



Freitag

Rowe



Lisa Zhang

Linda Zhang

backstroke (1:09.78).

Salem's Camille Burt garnered the top spot in 1-meter diving with a tally of 201.15 points. That outdistanced the runner-up, teammate Jordyn Williams (150.53).

The Rocks took care of the clean sweep with victories in all three relays.

In the meet-opening 200 medley relay, Salem's quartet of Freitag, Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang and Meghan Maikowski won in 1:55.87.

Salem's Jenna Chen, Maikowski, Sarah Griffiths and Sargent placed first in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:53.07.

Another Salem 200 free relay team, featuring Jennifer Seyfried, Meghan Hammill, Samara Sarmiento and Lauren Branford, grabbed second place (1:57.49).

Closing out the lopsided victory for the Rocks was the first-place 400 free relay team of Xu, Sarmiento, Lily Griffiths and Rowe (4:10.01).

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**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Patricia Freitag, Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Meghan Maikowski), 1:55.87; 2. Salem (Kate Cousino, Miranda Li, Annie Patterson, Cassidy Sargent), 2:06.12; 3. Salem (Heather Stollkes, Kayleigh Williams, Victoria Vary, Jennifer Seyfried), 2:21.09; 4. Churchill (Kaitlyn Casey, Emma Norwood, Kylee Anderson, Maddy Hagood), 2:23.73.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Katie Xu (S), 2:05.76; 2. Molly Rowe (S), 2:11.63; 3. Grace Harding (S), 2:19.83; 4. Joelle Gahrebb (LC), 2:28.93.

**200 IM:** 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 2:14.23; D1; 2. Jenna Chen (S), 2:28.01; 3. Jessica Zhang (S), 2:32.80; 4. Rachel Divinigracia (LC), 2:45.41.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Freitag (S), 26.71; 2. Maikowski (S), 27.64; 3. Li (S), 27.81; 4. Maddy Hagood (LC), 27.85.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Camille Burt (S), 201.15 points; 2. Jordyn Williams (S), 150.53; 3. Natalie Yurgil (LC), 139.43; 4. Jennifer Moss (S), 122.55.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Linda Zhang (S), 59.35; D1; 2. Chen (S), 1:08.33; 3. Patterson (S), 1:10.44; 4. Casey (S), 1:18.57.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Freitag (S), 57.09; 2. Sarah Griffiths (S), 58.97; 3. Sargent (S), 1:02.46; 4. Gahrebb (LC), 1:04.68.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Xu (S), 5:37.43; 2. Lily Griffiths (S), 6:00.23; 3. Hagood (LC), 6:00.63; 4. Jessica Zhang (S), 6:01.44.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Chen, Maikowski, S. Griffiths, Sargent), 1:53.07; 2. Salem (Seyfried, Meghan Hammill, Samara Sarmiento, Lauren Branford), 1:57.49; 3. Churchill (Grace Tolen, Kylee Anderson, Rachel Divinigracia, Gahrebb), 2:02.35; 4. Salem (Meghan Miles, Michaela Landman, Josie Blaszkowski, Claire Smith), 2:14.28.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Linda Zhang (S), 1:01.21; 2. Rowe (S), 1:05.79; 3. Cousino (S), 1:12.76; 4. Julia Lewis (LC), 1:20.27.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Lisa Zhang (S), 1:09.78; D1; 2. Harding (S), 1:16.80; 3. Li (S), 1:17.28; 4. Megan Kessen (S), 1:24.88; 5. Daria Donelson (LC), 1:28.70.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Xu, Sarmiento, L. Griffiths, Rowe), 4:10.01; 2. Salem (Li, Zhang, S. Griffiths, Hammill, Elisabeth Repp), 4:19.95; 3. Churchill (Tolen, Gahrebb, Hagood, Divinigracia), 4:28.16; 4. Salem (Seyfried, Miles, Diya Banerjee, Vary), 4:33.66.

**Salem's dual meet record:** 1-0 overall.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

# Rocks, Chiefs win big

Salem wins 8-0 romp over South Lyon; Canton posts mercy win over Wayne, 9-0

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

A good game was had by all Wednesday night as Salem's varsity boys soccer team rolled to a 8-0 romp over South Lyon.

The host Rocks improved to 5-1-1 overall and 2-0-0 in the KLAA Central Division as a result.

"All around it was a tremendous team effort," noted Rocks head coach Scott Duhl.

Sparking the victory with two goals each were Jay Lee and Max Kummer, with Nick Massey also coming up big (one goal, three assists).

Other Salem goal scorers included Hunter Gibbons, Christian Freitag and Robert Calendar — each registering their first goals of the season.

Salem now will compete in the Warren DeLaSalle Tournament with games 11 a.m. against University of Detroit Jesuit and 1 p.m. against Clarkston. The final game will be determined later in the day.

Then, the Rocks will square off against Plymouth 7 p.m. Monday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in a cross-over tilt.

## Canton romps

The defending Division 1 state champion Canton Chiefs continued rolling over KLAA opponents on Thursday, with a 9-0 victory over Wayne Memorial.



Nick Massey had a big game for Salem against South Lyon.

Canton needed only one half to take care of the Zebras, because the contest was called due to the mercy rule at the break.

Scoring two goals each were Hunter Olson and Luke Kurili, while Sam Deloy (one goal, two assists) and Jimmy Walkinshaw (one goal, one assist) also had multi-point games for the Chiefs.

Other goals were registered by Matt Eastman, Alex Yokely and Pri Patel while Joey Chung, Matt Tenglin and Beau Hoffman collected one assist each.

## Plymouth rallies

After falling behind 2-0 Friday, host Plymouth scored four times in the second half to earn a 4-2 victory over Livonia Churchill. The comeback featured goals by Bennett Brooks, Jayden Huxtable, Nicholas Yoshiaka and Mike Blake.

# VOLLEYBALL

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Sabrina Giacomini, who had 23 assists.

## Finding hot hitter

Many of those sets were hammered for points by senior outside hitter Emma Clark, who led the Chiefs with 18 kills.

Chipping in with 11 kills was Sabrina's twin sister, junior outside hitter Gina Giacomini.

"She's learning when to set the hot hitter, and early in the season, she would mix it up just to mix it up," said Gardner, about Sabrina Giacomini. "Now, she's learning 'OK, I need to set this player in this situation.'"

"With that, they're starting to develop some great chemistry, even with our middles."

Plymouth head coach Dave Nichols lamented inconsistent play from his team, now 2-3 overall, as well as a penchant for making costly miscues when games are in crunch time.

"We didn't play the big points very well," Nichols said. "The first two sets we lost 26-24, and not only did we not find a way to finish in those sets, but we came up with bad mistakes."

"So it's very frustrating to work hard to put yourself in that position and then not have the mental toughness to finish the set."

Nichols pointed to serve-receive as one area that needs improvement.

"If we can't involve our middle attack to take some of the pressure off of our outside hitters, we become very one-dimensional," emphasized Nichols, in his first season at the Plymouth helm. "We're relying too much on swinging out of the back row, swinging on high balls because we're not in system enough."

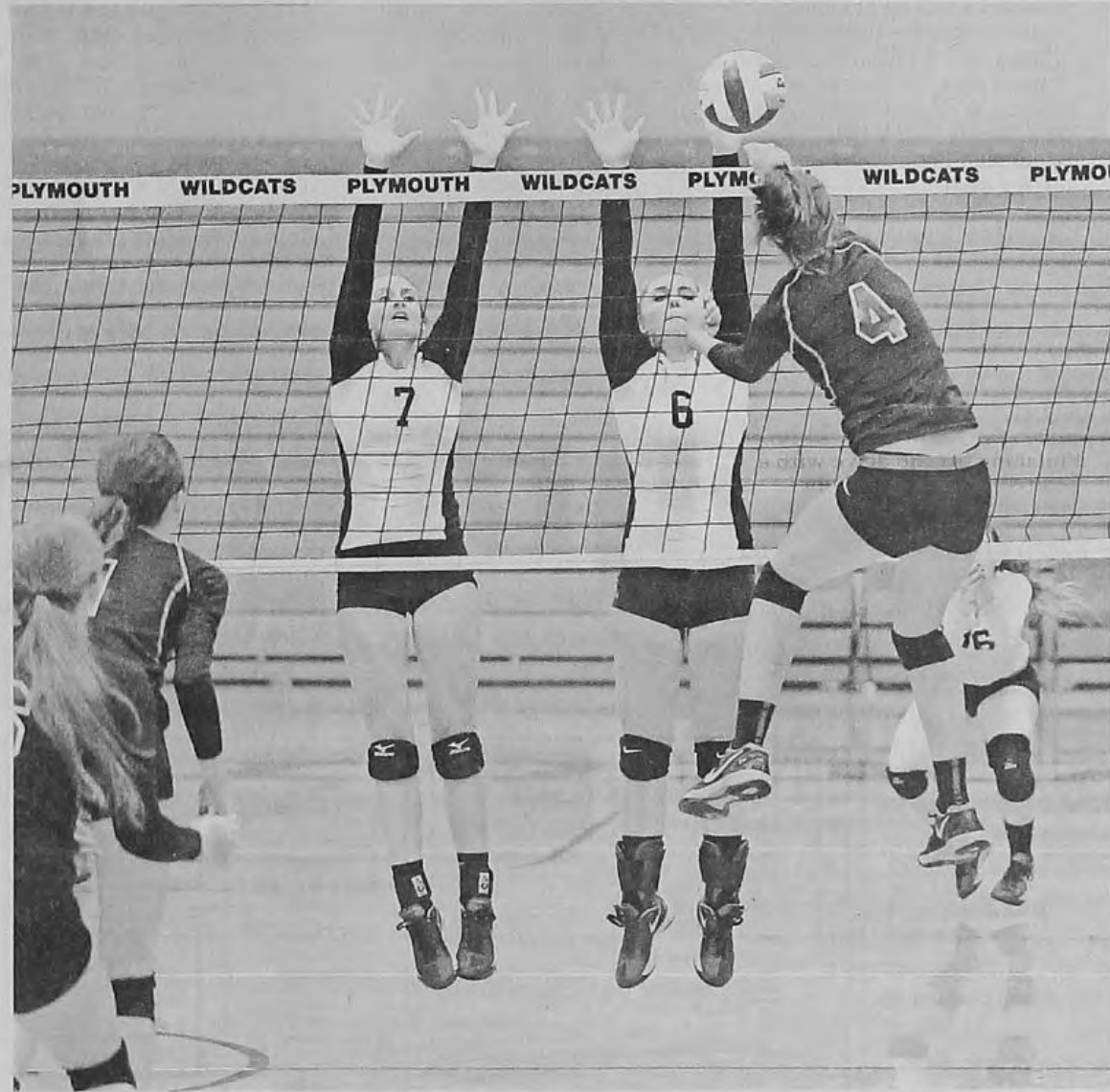
"We really got to fix our serve-receive, that's our biggest issue right now. On top of that, if our serve-receive improves we've got to create more offense. We're not putting enough balls away."

There were pockets of excellence, including scrappy efforts from Wildcats' senior libero Charley Irvin and a solid performance up front by junior outside hitter Jordan Schamp (who led Plymouth with 15 kills).

## Gaining experience

Meanwhile, Gardner said his team is relatively inexperienced given the fact there are 16 juniors and seniors on the roster and only two sophomores (right-side hitter Kassie Tanana, libero Emily Meredith).

"We have 18 players, but in reality we have only Emma (Clark) and Hannah Madis who played a considerable amount



Jumping to block a spike attempt by Canton's Emma Clark (No. 4) are Plymouth's Keara Warner (No. 7) and Jordan Kuchka (No. 6).



Plymouth's Jordyn Kuchka bumps the ball during Wednesday's contest.

last year," Gardner said. "They were on varsity and actually played. Whereas the other girls were on varsity and didn't play much or never even played varsity."

"So really, it's a very young team. It's an old team in terms of grade, but in terms of experience, physically we look

## KEY POINTS

Following is a look at some of the crucial stretches of Wednesday's KLAA South Division girls volleyball match between Canton and Plymouth. The game originally was slated for Thursday, but was moved up a day due to open house at Plymouth High School.

**GAME 1 (Canton 26, Plymouth 24):** Gina Giacomini served up three points, with two finished at the net on kills by Emma Clark, to put Canton up 16-10. Plymouth evened the game at 18-18 following three service points by Jordan Schamp, and the game went back and forth until an ace by Emily Meredith closed out a 26-24 victory.

**GAME 2 (Canton 26, Plymouth 24):** The host Wildcats had the better of things most of the set, going up 11-7 following two service points by Camerin Smith.

Plymouth still led 14-13 following a Canton serve that missed the end line, but the Wildcats gave the point right back on a service error.

Canton took the lead 17-14 following three service points by Sabrina Giacomini, but Plymouth's Schamp delivered a defensive sideout point.

The Wildcats took a brief 18-17 edge, thanks to a three-point service run by Schamp. However, the Chiefs went back in front 21-19 when Hannah Madis tallied two aces among three service points.

Plymouth drew even at 22-22, 23-23 and 24-24, but the Chiefs clinched on a Giacomini-to-Clark combo play.

**GAME 3 (Canton 25, Plymouth 19):** Canton led wire-to-wire in the third set, to seal Plymouth's fate. The Chiefs built an early 6-3 lead and padded it to 11-6 when Sabrina Giacomini set up Madis for the slam. Serving the point was Hannah Stefanek.

Meredith enjoyed a three-point service run to make it 17-9 and Canton never wavered the rest of the way.

Plymouth made an attempt to rally when Brianni Risi served up two points, including an ace, to cut the deficit to 22-19. But a net serve gave the ball back to Canton and the Chiefs closed it out on Gabby den Boer's ace.

good, we do some things well, but the game situation is where we need to mature."

To that end, there are six seniors on the 2015 varsity not named by Gardner. Those include defensive specialists

Hailey Hodgson, Kari Klavon, Alyssa Burke, Liz Perry, Victoria Porter and middle hitter Hannah Stefanek.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

# PCA spikers stay on hot streak

Eagles need five sets, but topple Oakland Christian

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy continues its hot streak at the beginning of the girls volleyball season.

The Eagles got past MIAC rival Oakland Christian in five games Thursday night.

After PCA lost the opening set by a 25-27 margin, the squad bounced back with a 25-21 win in Game 2.

PCA then lost 23-25 to fall behind 2-1 in games entering Game 4, but the Eagles took over with wins of 25-9 and 15-12 to capture the match.

Coach DJ Kellogg said there were many contributors, led by outside hitter Grace Kellogg, who tallied 23 kills along with two blocks and three digs.

Also in double figures on the attack was outside hitter Olivia Mady (11 kills, four aces, two blocks, three digs).

Other key players for PCA included right-side hitter Robin Albert (five kills, 14 digs), setter Jessica Paulson (44 assists, six digs), middle blocker Aliyah Pries (six kills, four blocks), libero Diyna Roi (14 digs) and middle blocker Paige Perkey (one kill, one block and one dig).

## Salem bested

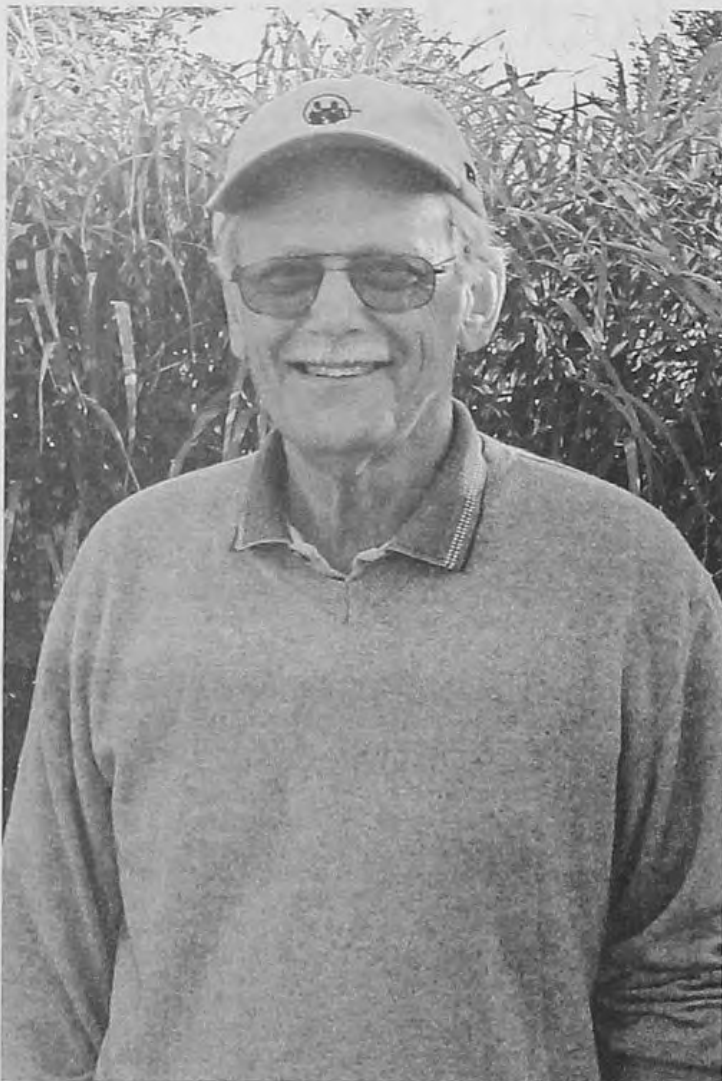
After an impressive victory over Canton on Tuesday, the Salem Rocks dropped a 3-1 match to Novi on Thursday.

Sara Soltis had 23 assists and 10 digs for the Rocks, while Drew Smiley (17 digs) and Tess Ganich (nine kills, 12 digs) also played well in the KLAA Central Division contest.

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## Senior Publinx winner



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Plymouth's Tom Ahern won his flight at the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association State Seniors Open Championship held Aug. 28-30 at Shanty Creek Resort and Club in Bellaire. Ahern finished first in the Legend/Grand Master Championship Flight with a three-day score of 210. This 54-hole, stroke play tournament produced 24 winners out of a handicapped field of 74 players (50 years and older).

### Plymouth netters

Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team remained undefeated in KLAA play with Wednesday's 8-1 win over Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats swept singles matches in straight sets and nearly did the same in doubles play, only falling in a close three-set match at 2 doubles.

Plymouth was slated to face Canton on Friday, but the KLAA South Division match was postponed due to rain. It will be made up 4 p.m. Monday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

### Rec-king It anyone?

In mid-June we introduced a series about adult recreation, "Rec-king It," designed to spotlight older people and what they do to remain healthy and active.

But throughout the summer, there only were a few nibbles of interest — resulting in features about rec golf and adult fastpitch baseball.

It still is a concept we think has potential, so if you have a potential story to tell, and if you are age 21 or older, please email sports editor Tim Smith at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com). When emailing, please include a thumbnail overview about the person and the rec activity or sport to be featured. Include a phone number for any follow-up contact.

The hope is to run "Rec-king It" features periodically in the Plymouth and Canton Observers, as well as home-

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### Titans on the tube

A pair of University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball players from the *Observer & Eccentric* coverage area figures to get a little air time this winter.

The Titans are scheduled to appear on the Horizon League's ESPN Package three times during the 2015-16 season, which will give Paris Bass (Birmingham Seaholm) and Carlton Brundidge (Southfield) the opportunity to showcase their talents.

The first televised game will be a home battle against Central Florida, set for 1 p.m. Dec. 19. The game will air on ESPN 3 with WebStream serving as the producers.

Detroit's home game

against UIC is on Jan. 8 and will be seen 7 p.m. on ESPN 2 or 9 p.m. on ESPNU. The same scenario is also set for Feb. 26 when the Metro Series battle against arch rival Oakland University will be shown nationally.

New season tickets for basketball are currently on sale for \$99. Season ticket renewal information can be obtained by calling the Titan Ticket Office at 313-993-1700.

### The Lung Run

A trio of high school cross country runners have organized The Lung Run 2015 — a 5K run/walk benefiting the American Cancer Society.

The Lung Run is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and will begin at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

The course will travel throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. The fee is \$25.

Tess Collins, Stephanie Sills and Mary Kate Mullen organized the run to support Stephanie's mother, Beth, who has been fighting lung cancer. They are halfway to their goal of raising \$5,000.

"It was a mutual effort between the three of us to get it going," Collins said. "We wanted to help Stephanie's mom and decided to have this run to help with cancer research."

For more information, to register or to donate, visit [main.acsevents.org/goto/lun-run](http://main.acsevents.org/goto/lun-run).

## PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA SUMMER CAMPS

Fall is upon us and so are a number of camps and clinics offered by the Plymouth YMCA, for youngsters of all ages.

Following is a breakdown of what's on tap:

» **YMCA Girls Volleyball League** registration is open for girls ages 8-12. The league focuses on fundamentals as

well as learning new skills. Practices will be held one night during the week with games on Fridays. Fall session begins Sept. 16. Games are played at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. The Y rate is \$96 while non-members can sign up for \$120.

» **YMCA Co-ed Soccer** leagues are forming for ages

3-10. Youngsters learn fundamentals in a fun environment. Fall sessions begin Sept. 16 for preschool soccer and Sept. 19 for ages 6-10. Games are played at Hulsing Elementary. The Y rate is \$75 or \$100 for non-members.

» **YMCA Co-ed Preschool Flag Football** clinic is offered for ages 3-5 to learn the basics

of football through non-contact. Former college football players teach the clinic and equipment is provided. The clinic begins Sept. 17 four four weeks at Hulsing Elementary. The Y rate is \$28 or \$35 for non-members.

» **YMCA Co-ed Baseball Clinic** is offered for youngsters ages 6-10 and will focus

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# Farmington company makes vinegars you can mix, drink

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Jess McClary of Farmington calls herself a "Shrubist Extraordinaire." After the 9 p.m. Sept. 25 season premiere of the ABC television show, *Shark Tank*, millions of Americans will know why.

McClary, CEO of McClary Bros., maker of "Old Timey Drinking Vinegar," a handcrafted mixer for cocktails and soda — also known as a "shrub" — auditioned for the reality show in April and was invited to pitch a business proposition in June to the "Sharks," a panel of business tycoons who star in the Emmy Award-winning series.

They make deals with some of the entrepreneurs who appear on the show and invest in their products. McClary's session included Mark Cuban, Kevin O'Leary, Lori Greiner, Robert Herjavec and a guest Shark, actor Ashton Kutcher. They all got a chance to taste her product and two of the Sharks can be seen on a show teaser clinking their cocktail glasses.

McClary can't talk about the outcome of her experience, which was recorded for this month's broadcast, but says the pitch session was price-less.

"Overall it was just altogether an awesome experience to go through the whole process. I was telling people afterward I feel like I climbed Mount Everest. There is nothing I can't accomplish now."

## From oven to shrub

If the television appearance felt like a mountain climb, just starting the business may have seemed more like negotiating a maze. The couple first started a baking business in 2012 before switching to drinking vinegars in spring 2013.

McClary, 32, and her husband, Josh, moved from just outside Chicago, Ill., to Farmington after their twin sons, Ben and Jack, 5, were born. Josh worked as a sales rep for a publishing company, McClary studied culinary arts at Oakland Community College and the twin toddlers, although unaware of their impending fame, were about to have a company named in their honor.

When Josh suggested they sell baked goods at Farmington's farmers market, the McClary Bros. Bake-house, named after the twin brothers, was born.

By spring 2013, McClary was selling her signature scones and fruit buckles at Oakland County Farmers Market in Waterford.

"I'd get up in the middle of the night and bake it and my husband would take it to market. I was making 15-16 dozen scones every Saturday. I did a lot of buckles with fresh rhubarb, blueberries, strawberries, peaches. I felt like I was taking all this great stuff and just covering it in butter, flour and sugar."

## Crazy idea

She started researching alternatives for using fresh produce, focusing on old-fashioned preservation techniques. She came across information on drinking vinegars, which trace their roots to the colonial era. Shrubs lost favor as a drink mixer after the invention of refrigeration, but have made a comeback as craft cocktails have become popular.

"I liked that the ingredients were very simple and there weren't weird preservatives," McClary said. "Every-



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JESS MCCLARY

body thought I was crazy. But I used the things I had learned in culinary school on how to bring out flavors."

Her most popular flavor is beet and carrot. Fans mix it with alcohol or sparkling soda, sprinkle it on salad, mix it into sauces or use it as a marinade. Some, like her son, Ben, like to sip it straight.

"Public taste buds are shifting toward a more tart flavor. Fermented food, pickles, sauerkraut, kombucha, are all becoming more popular and they all have a tart profile," McClary said. "It fits into that space very well."

## Growing business

Josh quit his job in fall 2013 to concentrate on sales, reaching out to retailers, bars and restaurants. The Stand Bistro in Birmingham, for example, makes a "Shrub Hub" cocktail that includes McClary Bros. Pineapple Fennel Shrub.

At first, the company processed the

vinegars, which are made with organic apple cider vinegar, organic cane sugar, produce, herbs and spices, at a Ferndale bakery.

"My staff and I would work nights. Between the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014 we processed by hand 14,000 pounds of beets. Just beets. And that is just one ingredient in one flavor," McClary said. "It wasn't possible for us to grow beyond that in the way we were doing it."

Last year, the company began working with Forgotten Harvest on production, training a team to make and bottle the drinking vinegars. Forgotten Harvest subsequently formed Hopeful Harvest, a for-profit subsidiary of the nonprofit organization, to assist food entrepreneurs with processing, packing, and storage.

## Locally grown

McClary sources the majority of fruits, vegetables and herbs from



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
McClary Bros. CEO Jess McClary shows a 275-gallon container of apple cider at Forgotten Harvest, where her products are manufactured and bottled.

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Yes, Michigan does produce cranberries — and some are in this bottle of McClary Bros. Old Timey Drinking Vinegars, a Farmington-based company.

farmers in southeast Michigan. Her product flavors are seasonal, depending on what has been harvested. She plans to expand the flavor variety when the company opens a second manufacturing site in New Orleans, La.

"There are a number of flavors we want to play around with. They have different citrus fruits, different herbs and plants that may be edible but not always considered food plants that I'm doing test batches of."

She'll continue to use mostly Michigan produce for the locally produced vinegars, and Louisiana-grown fruits and vegetables for the products made in New Orleans.

"Now as our business is growing, we're expanding in many ways. I graduated from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business program in January," McClary said. "Before that it was just throw ideas at the wall and see if they stick. Now that I've been through the program, everything is much more strategic."

She said Busch's Fresh Food Markets and Whole Foods sell her drinking vinegars. They'll also be available later this year at Meijer.

"We had a 150 percent revenue growth this year. I'm not even factoring in that we're about to be on *Shark Tank*. There is no metric I can use for that."

Visit the company's website at [mcclarybros.com](http://mcclarybros.com).

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# Westland comic stages stand-up comedy benefit for animals

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Staff Writer

Get ready to laugh, while helping the Michigan Humane Society at the same time.

Westland comedian Keith Lenart, along with Redford's Bill Bushart and Nate Armbruster of Livonia, will take the stage at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Joey's Comedy Shop to benefit homeless animals. Joey's is located at 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

"I've been a comedian for almost 20 years. I've traveled across the country and I've done some things overseas for the troops," said Lenart, who previously owned a Downriver record store.

"It's been on my mind for some years to do a benefit show. My girlfriend works in the office of the Michigan Humane Society, so I said, I'll just do it this year and see how it goes."

Lenart has adopted from the organization in the past. MHS operates shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills. He said the benefit, which will give all net proceeds to MHS, aims to "raise money for the dogs and cats that really need the help."

"What a fun way to raise money. I love animals, of course. I have two cats now."

Lenart performed



Westland comedian Keith Lenart has a little fun with his photo. Lenart performs a benefit Wednesday, Sept. 16, for the Michigan Humane Society.

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## Arthritis Today

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## JOINT INJECTIONS

How often a person can have a joint injected rests on the answer to the question: will the procedure give benefit.

A related question is: how many joints can a physician inject at any one time? The answer to that inquiry is not as straightforward.

For example, consider a patient with multiple joint problems that include two swollen, painful knees and a frozen right shoulder. The patient's problem is that the combination of these impairments makes it impossible to continue self care.

One option for the physician is to take fluid from the knees, inject steroid and see if these procedures suffice to allow self care. But what if the patient is elderly, has macular degeneration and can come to the office only if someone can drive the patient for the appointment. In that circumstance the physician may decide it is in the patient's best interest to inject all three joints.

Nothing in the medical literature sets a number such as one, two, three or even four as the limit on joint injections at any one time. The total amount of cortisone the patient receives in multiple injection is less than the course of steroids an asthmatic receives for a flare of that condition. As for the risk of infection, appropriate technique is the best way to ward off that complication.

However, steroids makes diabetes worse. Therefore, if the patient needing injection is a diabetic, and particularly if the patient is experiencing difficulty in controlling blood sugar, then even two injections may be more than the patient should receive at any one time.

In short, how many injections a patient can receive depends on the patient's condition as much as on their arthritic diagnosis.



# General Electric to make a 'new' old-style washer

It has taken 20 years for General Electric to pay attention to this newspaper column or let's say I would like to think so. I have no doubt that it simply is tired of listening to the millions of consumer complaints from people who don't like the way its clothes washers perform, and it's spending \$100 million to redesign its clothes washer.

Julie Muennich, director of marketing, stated that the traditional top-load washer remains the most popular style of washer in the U.S. today. This makes the U.S. an outlier in the world of home appliances, as it's one of the only countries where top-load washers with agitators are still on sale, let alone beloved



**Joe Gagnon**  
APPLIANCE  
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by consumers. This guy, your Appliance Doctor, says "It's about time. I have been bad-mouthing front load washers since they became a big hit some 20 years ago. I have read and heard thousands of complaints from homeowners regarding their front loaders and today's websites are a small example of customer dissatisfaction."

American consumers are skeptical of the washer made today which has no agitator and I should know, I tested one not so long ago and I was not

pleased with its performance. Several weeks ago, I wrote about hearing a rumor that G.E. was going to go back to the old-style washer and yet even today I will not tell homeowners to run out and buy a new G.E. top loader. First, they are not yet on the market and are expected to arrive on dealer floors sometime this October. I have made arrangements to test this new machine and find out exactly how it is made and will it do the job. You can expect my complete evaluation in this column.

## Like a tank

Going backwards in time, I remember the General Electric washer very well as I re-

paired hundreds of them. People still complain and miss their mini-basket that used to fit over the top of the agitator. You could wash your gentle items and do just a very small load and save on water consumption. They miss the suds-saver model as well. You could re-use a whole tub of water to wash a dirty load after doing a previous load of slightly sweat-stained clothes. It's too bad the Energy Department didn't incorporate this idea into its crazy money-saving guidelines. The old G.E. washer was built like a tank and there are still many in homes across America that are 25-30 years old. How many times have I said that if I could build a washer made the way

that they once were, I could become a rich man? Let's see what happens to the G.E. stock come this October.

Speaking of clothes washers, it has been reported to me that Speed Queen in Ripon, Wis., is having trouble keeping up with demand for its top-load washers. Doesn't this statement make us all feel good? We hear it all the time, buy American, buy American! I say that Americans want quality back into their products, more so now than ever before. Just look at what Speed Queen has done with its products by maintaining a quality level that is second to none.

Now comes another rumor heard lately.

Maytag is going to purchase all new dies and tooling to produce its washer of old. I know that Whirlpool owns Maytag today, but if I was its CEO I would make this happen tomorrow. In the old days, if you had a Maytag washer in the laundry room, visitors recognized you had the best. That "ol' lonely" commercial came on to your TV set and you had to feel sorry for Jesse because he didn't have enough work to do. The picture of quality was there and maybe Maytag can bring back that impression. Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twm1.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twm1.rr.com).

## COMEDY

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improv comedy for several years and was involved in theater at Henry Ford Community College "back in the day," before working his way from open mic nights to touring internationally. He has worked at comedy clubs from California to the Bahamas and has appeared on *Last Comic Standing*, the Las Vegas Comedy Festival, *So You Think You're Funny*, in addition to feature films, such as *American Wedding* and *Vamps*.

"I was always making people laugh for free. I thought, it would be nice to get paid for it."

He describes his comedy performance as "clean with some adult humor."

In addition to performing and touring, Bushart also teaches

stand-up comedy classes at Joey's, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and Laff Tracks Comedy Club in Novi.

Armbruster has performed at such festivals as Gilda's Laugh Fest and The World Series of Comedy. He talks to friends and comedians about the craziest things they've done on his podcast, *One Crazy Story*.

Lenart will emcee the show and hopes to add a few more comedians to the lineup.

"We'll have a cavalcade of comedy for a cause. I'm hoping to make this an annual event."

In addition to the performances, gift baskets and other gift items will be raffled.

Admission is \$15 at the door.

For more information, call Joey's at 734-261-0555 or visit [joeyscomedystop.com](http://joeyscomedystop.com).

## Choosing a book



Gabrielle Prater, 3, picks out a few books July 30 at the Novi Public Library.

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## REUNIONS

### BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1965

50-year class reunion is set for 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, at Auburn Hills Marriott at Centerpoint, Auburn Hills. The main event will include a roving dinner, music and dancing, and

fun. The Friday mixer starts at 5 p.m. and some of the junior high and elementary alumni will meet for lunch on Saturday. Cost is \$100. Check the [www.seaholmclassof65.com](http://www.seaholmclassof65.com) website for more information.

### DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1965

Reunion is planned for Sept. 25-26. Call Nancy Gervais Olzewski at 248-701-9374.

### DEARBORN LOWREY

#### CLASS OF 1965

50th class reunion is set for Sept. 26. For more information, email [kmharleyriders@wowway.com](mailto:kmharleyriders@wowway.com) or call 313-414-8980.

### DETROIT CODY

#### CLASS OF 1965

50-year reunion is scheduled for Sept. 19. January and June 1965 classmates can email [codyclassof1965@yahoo.com](mailto:codyclassof1965@yahoo.com) or call Christine Snopkoski Nashlen at 734-561-3501 for more information.

### DETROIT COOLEY

#### CLASS OF 1965

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email [reunioncooley65@aol.com](mailto:reunioncooley65@aol.com) or call 734-397-3308.

### FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1954

61st reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Stitt American Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or 313-399-7718 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at [patc629@aol.com](mailto:patc629@aol.com).

### GARDEN CITY WEST

#### CLASS OF 1975

40th reunion Saturday, Oct. 3. Event includes tour of the high school, 5-7 p.m., and gathering, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt. The cost is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple in advance; \$15 per person, \$20 per couple at the door. Visit the Garden City West Class of 1975 40th Reunion on Facebook or email [cynthiahinckley@att.net](mailto:cynthiahinckley@att.net).

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

#### CLASS OF 1965

50th class reunion is Oct. 10 at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Members of the first graduating class in 1964 also may attend the event. Interested alumni and teachers from 1964-65 may write to Pat Yankovich Wagner, 2616 Courgette Way, Henderson, NV 89044 or email [patwhitman@aol.com](mailto:patwhitman@aol.com).

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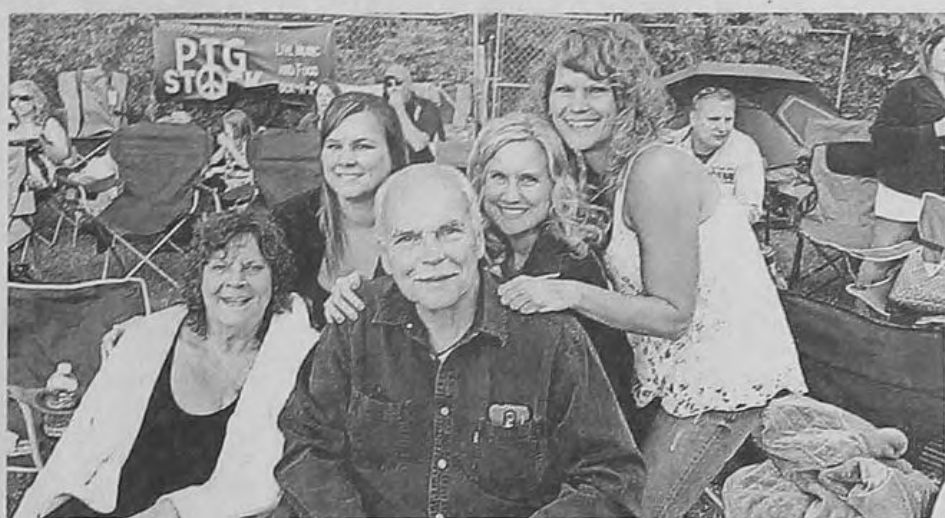
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## ANNIVERSARY



Terri and Ed Nowak of Garden City, with their daughters.

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Ed and Terri (Weise) Nowak of Garden City marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4. They were married in 1965 in Livonia.

Ed retired from Ford Motor Co. Terri is a homemaker.

The couple raised three daughters in Garden City. Their children Tracy Nowak, Toni Nowak and Tedra (Erin) Boedigheimer and five grandchildren, Amanda and Christopher Wasczenski, Shane Nowak, and Paige and Chase Boedigheimer, all joined them on a family vacation in Cape Coral, Fla., last month to celebrate their anniversary.



The Nowaks on their wedding day.

## ANNIVERSARY

## CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

Robert Joseph and Irene Helen (Chora) Siedlik of Livonia marked their 65th wedding anniversary June 17. The couple married in 1950.

The couple started kindergarten together and knew each other through their school years. They started dating after Robert was discharged from the U.S. Army.

The couple has three children, Mark (Sherry) Siedlik of Canton, Denise (Jeff) Berthiaume of Canton, and David (Cathy) Siedlik of Livonia. They have four grandchildren, Lauren (Eric) Bryan, Matthew,



Robert and Irene Siedlik of Livonia

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Rachel, and Caroline Siedlik. They also have one great-grandchild, Easton Bryan.



They celebrated with their family at a dinner at Moro's restaurant in Allen Park.

## BIRTH

## NOLA ROSS ALEXANIAN

Nola Ross Alexanian was born June 23, 2015, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 17.5 inches.

Nola joins her parents, Jessica and Alex Alexanian, and her sisters, Maven and Zoe, at home in Farmington.

Grandparents are Debbie and Larry McDonald of West Bloomfield and Jack and Diane Alexanian of Bloomfield Hills.



Nola Ross Alexanian

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER ALPHA COURSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 15, or noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, beginning Sept. 17

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

**Details:** During the 11-week Alpha Course, sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, participants explore the purpose of life and the existence of God in a relaxed setting that encourages discussion. Includes a meal, short talk and discussion. The Alpha Course is free to guests, with the exception of active members of another Catholic church. In addition to Our Lady of Good Counsel, the series also is offered 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 16 at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth and on different days at private homes. Register at PlymouthAlpha.com

**Contact:** 734-453-0326

## BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea and milk.

\$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 2-10

**Contact:** 734-425-4421

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Sept. 25 and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 26

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit [www.goodmourning-ministry.net](http://www.goodmourning-ministry.net) for registration details. Advance registration by Sept. 21 is \$15, after is \$20

**Contact:** 734-453-0326

## LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25

**Location:** Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** \$5 if paid by Sept. 23 and \$6 at the door

**Contact:** pastor Steve at 248-890-5718; [cwm@crossroadsnow.org](mailto:cwm@crossroadsnow.org)

## MOVIE

**Time/Date:** Doors open 7 p.m., movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18

**Location:** Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Free Showing of *Do You Believe?* The film tells the story of a dozen different persons, all who long for something more

**Contact:** 734-458-7301

## RALPH/HOMECOMING

**Time/Date:** After 10 a.m. service, Sunday, Sept. 20

**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Games, crafts, prizes, and fun for all ages. Bring a favorite dish to share

**Contact:** 734-421-8628

## SCIENCE AND FAITH

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 19

**Location:** Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 N. 10 Mile, Novi

**Details:** Deborah Haarsma, Ph.D., president of BioLogos and former professor and chair of the Calvin College Department of Physics and Astronomy, and several panelists, will discuss science and faith. Registration fee includes lunch and is \$12 for ages 10 and over; \$6 for ages 9 and under. Register online at [www.faithcommunity-novi.org/seminar15.html](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org/seminar15.html)

**Contact:** 248-349-2345

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BROWN, BILLY J.

Age 84 of Fenton, September 10, 2015. He received his Bachelors, and Masters Degrees from Eastern Michigan University. Retired Teacher, Coach, and Principal at Comstock High School, Plymouth High School, and Plymouth-Salem High School. Beloved husband of Mary, his wife of 65 years. Loving father of Sue (Kevin) Kish, and Connie Brown. Proud "Pompa" of Jamie Linden. Dear brother of Beverly (Jack) Gaffer, and Connie (Dennis) Evans. The family will gather with friends Tuesday 12 Noon until the 1 p.m. "Celebration of Life" Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Education Excellence Foundation, 454 Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170. To share a memory please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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DUKE HALLAGAN, VIRGINIA LEE

Born April 24, 1930. Passed away August 9, 2015 at the age of 85. Lee raised three children with her husband Norm Duke in Birmingham, MI. She became a personal shopper at Hudson's, then followed her passion and opened a high end clothing store (Brava) in downtown Birmingham with her daughter. They operated their store for many years with automotive, celebrity and sports clientele. Lee suffered through breast cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and spinal stenosis. She reunited with and married an old friend, Richard Hallagan and enjoyed a great marriage for 26 years. The past few years with dementia had taken a toll on her. Upon her daughter's diagnosis with cancer, Lee and her daughter moved from Michigan to California for medical care and support. Lee loved her Catholic faith, reading books, playing cards, Michele's dachshund dogs, and her State of Michigan. Lee is survived by her son Darryl Duke (Marlene); son Dorian Duke (Debbie); granddaughter, Colleen (Antwain); grandsons, Kelly (Cheryl), Justin (Angie), Brandon (Allison), Chris and Aaron; step-daughter, Marianne; step-sons, Tim (Robin), Ron (Patsy), Bill, and Dan (Diane); and many great-grandchildren. Lee is preceded in death by her mother, Theresa Taylor; husband Norm Duke; husband Richard Hallagan; and daughter, Michele. A celebration of life for Lee, and her daughter



Michele Duke (who passed away February 16, 2015) will be held September 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Followed by a gathering at Lukich Restaurant, 3900 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI. Please contact us if you plan on attending: Darryl and Marlene Duke, [dukesdmb@yahoo.com](mailto:dukesdmb@yahoo.com) or Dori and Debbie Duke, [dorianduke@aol.com](mailto:dorianduke@aol.com). In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the following, ASPCA, Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society.

## MARKHAM, DOUGLAS D.

Age 77, passed away Monday evening, September 7, 2015 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana. He was born February 11, 1938 in Ypsilanti, Michigan the son of Christopher Markham and Ruth (Forche) Ryan. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1956. Douglas graduated from Eastern Michigan University with his Bachelor's Degree in Teaching and from University of Illinois with his Master's Degree in Teaching. Douglas was a German Teacher at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, MI for 30 years until his retirement. After retirement, he moved to Muncie and worked as a substitute teacher in the Muncie Community Schools. He was a member of the teacher's association; loved to golf and read and was pleased to be able to donate 1,000 books to Ball State University. Douglas also enjoyed fishing, was an avid bowler and was very proud of his grandchildren. Surviving are three children, Katja Bittermann of Muncie, IN, David Markham of Pennsylvania and Connie Ambacher of California; eight grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katie and Theresa Bittermann, Amanda Streitenburger; Billy Ambacher; Brandy Rodriguez; Christopher Markham and David Markham; two great-grandchildren, MacKenzie and Jayce Ambacher; his ex-wife, Hildagard Griffith of Pennsylvania; two sisters, Judy Beckett of Atlanta, MI and Mary Thorndike of Ft. Myers, FL; and one brother, Mike Ryan of Ann Arbor, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Kevin Markham; his son-in-law and best friend, Duke Bittermann; one sister Kathy Sinnett and one brother, Tom Markham. There will be no services and cremation will take place. His ashes will be sent to California. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Children's Reading Foundation, 515 W. Entiat Ave. Kennewick, WA 99336. The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, 415 E. Washington Street, Muncie, IN, 47305 is in charge of arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.meeksmortuary.com](http://www.meeksmortuary.com).

May  
you find  
comfort  
in family  
& friends

## CERVENAK, JUANITA GAIL (nee SINIFT) (HICKLING)

Age 78. Passed away peacefully July 24, 2015. She is survived by her two children, many loving relatives and great friends. Juanita attended Eastern Michigan University (at the time Michigan Normal College) where she earned a teaching certificate and a M.A. in English. Juanita loved teaching children. She created the unique Sunflower Nursery school and ran it from her home in Royal Oak for over 25 years. She enjoyed organic gardening and various forms of art with her many friends. A memorial service will be held on September 26, 2015 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Service will begin at 12 p.m. and lunch will be provided at 1 p.m.

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## OVERMYER, LT. RICHARD "DICK" DONALD

August 10, 1929 to September 4, 2015. Survived by his wife Dolores of 64 years, children Janice McPhail, Nancy Gadille (husband Steve), Greg Overmyer (partner Susie). Grandchildren Alex and Kelly Wisniewski, Jimmy and Jamie Lynn Stinson, Hannah, Sarah and Meghan Overmyer. Great-grandchild Jessie Lynn Carlson. Richard retired as Lt. from the City of Southfield Police Department. He spent most of those years as head of the Youth Bureau. Memorial Service is still in the planning stage.



## ROBERTS, ANITA R.

September 9, 2015. Age 76 of Wayne. Beloved wife of Bob. Dear mother of Carolyn (Leonard) Lerchenfeldt, and the late James and David. Grandmother of Julie (Scott) Vratny and David. Great-grandmother to Kevin Karsnick, and Tyler and Xavier Vratny. Funeral services from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Monday 1 p.m. Visitation from the funeral home, Sunday 1-9 p.m. Burial to take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Please view memorial and send tributes at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).



## RYDELL, SUSAN HURLEY (CARLISLE)

74, of Lapeer died Monday, September 7, 2015. She was born September 3, 1941 to John M. and Gladys (O'Neil) Carlisle. Susan married David A. Rydell on April 7, 1962 in Detroit, MI. She worked for the City of Southfield in the City Clerk's Department for many years, eventually becoming Southfield City Clerk. After retirement she and David moved to Lapeer. She was an avid reader her entire life and active in the Catholic Church. She took great joy in genealogy and spending time with family members and friends. Susan is survived by her husband of 53 years, David Rydell; three children, Michael Rydell of Lapeer, Timothy Rydell of Los Gatos, CA, and Jennifer Rydell of Chattanooga, TN; six grandchildren; and a cherished sister Jennifer Copes of Riverview, MI. She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers John Carlisle and William Carlisle. Services were held on Friday, September 11, at Immaculate Conception Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Arrangements were entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors - Lapeer, MI. To place on-line condolences please visit [www.lynchfamilyfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.lynchfamilyfuneraldirectors.com).



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## Think 'confidence, care, comfort' when picking a doctor

**Y**ou all know your health is important. You make a point to eat right, exercise and try to get the recommended amount of sleep. However, one partner in staying healthy is often forgotten: a primary care provider.

Having a primary care provider is very important — even if you are young, active and healthy. Developing a relationship with a primary care provider gives you someone to watch over your health. Over time, the primary care provider learns about your health history, habits and personality, making it possible to spot changes or trends that may indicate a problem.

Having an established relationship like this makes it easier for you if you get sick. When a provider knows your history, he or she may be able to help



**Adrienne Aschmetat**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

you over the phone or through a message sent through a patient portal because he or she knows what is normal for you and how to resolve it more quickly than going to an urgent care center.

Who you chose as a primary care provider depends on a number of factors. Your family medical history, health concerns, age and gender can all be factors in the decision on which kind of primary care provider is right for you.

» Pediatric physicians care for patients from birth to age 18.

» Family medicine physi-

cians provide medical care for all members of a family. They may also offer obstetric services and perform minor surgeries.

» Internal medicine physicians specialize in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease in adults.

» Internal/pediatric physicians are dual trained in both specialties and will care for patients through their whole life cycle.

» Obstetric/gynecologic physicians may be a primary care provider for women, particularly during their child-bearing years.

### Choosing a provider

Finding the right partner for your health care needs can be tough. Your primary care provider should meet your expectations in accordance

with the three Cs: confidence, comfort and caring.

### » Confidence

If you are not confident in your provider or the care plan, you are less likely to follow it. Remember, a relationship with a primary care provider should be synergistic and built on trust.

### » Comfort

Health care topics are not always the easiest or most comfortable to talk about because of their private nature. Bodily functions and intimate health are not things you normally talk about freely with others but you should be comfortable doing so with your primary care provider. If you do not feel comfortable discussing or asking questions about all of your health concerns, you will not be able to fix the problem.

### » Caring

A primary care provider who cares about your opinion is the best health care partner to have. It is important to find a provider who you believe listens to you and takes your concerns seriously. When you leave your appointment, you should feel empowered with a plan that is tailored to your needs.

**Adrienne Aschmetat, D.O.**, is a pediatric and internal medicine physician at St. Mary Mercy Primary Care-Central who specializes in both adult and pediatric primary care as well as osteopathic manual manipulation for pediatrics and adults. She received her medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia's physician referral line is 888-464-WELL. Or visit [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org).

## 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/1LjrF6Y>.

### 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 [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) and enter the code, PROVSFLD or call Abigail at 248-849-3067.

» 1-6 p.m. Sept. 21, at Monahan Banquet Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Gourmet desserts will be available at the blood drive and those who try to donate will get a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to Meijer. For appoint-

ments, call 734-591-3237.

### Bullying

Phil O'Dwyer, clinical director of the Center for Counseling at Garden City Hospital, will tell parents how to reduce their child's risk of being bullied, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Westland Shopping Center, East Court, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call 734-458-4259.

### Celiac support

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Lori Shepard will talk about "Gluten Free the Scrumptious Way." A gluten-free food demonstration will be included. [tccsg.net](http://tccsg.net)

### 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 Li-

brary, 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. 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. Register at 734-655-8947 or [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org).

### Peripheral arterial disease

In recognition of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy

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### Prostate symposium

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine, will present the fifth annual Prostate Cancer Symposium, Latest Treatment Advancements: What you learn here could save your life, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. The symposium will focus on the latest research and treat-

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### Walk/Run for Cancer

St. Mary Mercy Livonia presents its ninth annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, beginning on the hospital grounds, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy, including transportation services for cancer patients and services provided in the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Registration is \$30. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. B-tag chip timing is used to ensure accuracy. Register at [stmarymercy.org/embrace5k](http://stmarymercy.org/embrace5k).

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# What to consider when relocating for a job

BY SUSAN RICKER  
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Relocating for a job may sound exciting. Yet when you start thinking about the logistics, it can suddenly become a much more stressful and complex scenario.

Jodi Chavez, senior vice president at recruitment and staffing firm Accounting Principals, who has more than 14 years of experience in the recruiting industry, provides insight on everything you need to consider when relocating, and how to work with your new employer to make the moving experience as smooth as possible.

### Inquire about costs, perks

Job seekers need to think about the financial impact of relocation when negotiating logistics. "The cost of living in a new city could be significantly higher than your old city, and while this should be compensated for in your salary, it is important to check," Chavez says.

Other financial benefits that you should investigate include compensation for moving expenses, as well as incentives you may receive for signing on as a new employee. Chavez encourages job seekers to ask for certain expenses to be covered. "A candidate should ask the company, and be prepared to negotiate, for a relocation plan," she says. "Be prepared with costs of the move, like movers, storage, (and) temporary housing, and use it to make your case for relocation assistance."



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She adds, "To get the right talent, companies may offer a few perks to get you in the door, including assistance in selling or buying your home, paying for house-hunting trips, transporting your cars and in some cases, helping your spouse with job leads in the new city."

In those situations, though, Chavez notes that it's important to ask the company about their relocation reimbursement policy. "Typically if relocation is paid for, or financially assisted by the company, they require you stay a minimum amount of time, otherwise you may be responsible for paying back relocation reimbursement. You'll find most are one to two years."

### Long term vs. short term

Moving for a new job is no small commitment, so it's important to know what expectations the company has for you, as well as what kind of career security you can expect. To this point, Chavez says, "Even with unemployment on the decline, job security is unfortunately never a guarantee."

Do your research on the company to ensure you feel comfortable with where it is headed. If job security is a major concern, it would be worth negotiating a minimum stay with the company to be included in your contract along with the terms of a termination or layoff, such as severance pay."

You may want to be candid about how long you expect to stay in this location, if stability or moving plans are a stipulation for your family's well-being. "Unless it is otherwise stated in your contract, there are no guarantees that you won't be relocated again," Chavez says. "If being relocated again is a concern, this is something that should be negotiated into the contract the same way the salary would be negotiated."

### When relocation is common

Certain positions are more prone to relocation, Chavez notes. "Depending on their success in one market, sales professionals may be asked to relocate to other markets to train other employees and boost sales." And many industries expect some travel in their line of work. "Sales and consulting jobs often require travel. It's a good idea to have a percentage of time you are willing to travel in mind as companies typically assign a travel percentage to those positions, (for example), 'willing to travel 40 percent of the time' or such."

Relocating for a new job can be a major milestone in your career, and with thoughtful preparation, can also be a major life moment for you to enjoy.

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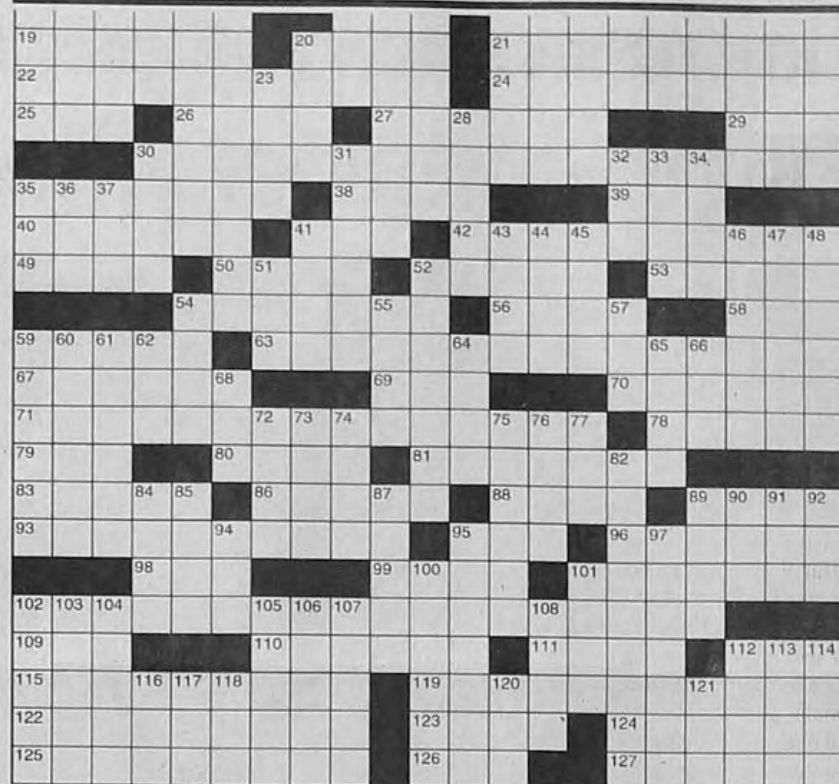
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# Car Report

## Fiat, Scion Beat Back Small-Car Blues with Impressive New Models



By Dale Buss

Small crossovers are in vogue, but small cars aren't. But if you sell small cars, you have to keep trying even though the gasoline-price curve has turned against you lately.

Fiat and Scion are nothing but small-car brands, and their sales have suffered because of it. But as summer ended, each brand was celebrating the arrival of new vehicles that, company executives hoped, would begin to spell a turnaround because their overall appeal outstrips the mere fact that they are small.

So the arrival of the Fiat 500X crossover is expected to boost the flagging Fiat Chrysler-owned brand. And for Toyota's Scion brand, the early-September launch of its first two new vehicles in years provided new hope.

Fiat has done some clever and memorable marketing over the past few years as it sought to establish firm footing in the U.S. market. These include appearances by a manic Charlie Sheen, a Fiat 500 that crosses the Atlantic Ocean — underwater — and, in last year's Super Bowl commercial, a little blue pill that supercharged the latest version of the brand's minicar.

But nothing sells cars like new cars—and in Fiat's case, a new vehicle that is aimed at a hot segment. Thus 500X went on sale on June but only became fully available in July. Since then, Fiat has sold

about 2,000 of the 500X models.

It is likely to essentially replace the sagging base 500 as Fiat's main vehicle in the US market; sales of the original 500 declined 19 percent for the year through August.

Fiat is finally zigging instead of zagging when the US car market is zigging. The 500X is built in Italy—in the same plant as the Jeep Renegade crossover—but is designed with Americans in mind, combining the Italian flair for design with all-wheel drive and a significantly larger size.

Overall Fiat sales in the US have stagnated at about 45,000 units, as the 500 minicar was joined by an all-electric 500e and what the Detroit Free Press called the "polarizing" larger 500L.

Much of the fault lies with Americans' slumping demand for vehicles whose main attribute is fuel economy, as gasoline prices have slid significantly and may fall further in the coming years.

"The brand suffers from the same symptoms of all the other brands of the same size in the same segment," Dave Sullivan, an auto analyst for AutoPacific, told the newspaper. "Even vehicles as large as the Ford Focus or Chevrolet Sonic have experienced sales declines and plant downtime."

So now Fiat CEO and Fiat Chrysler CMO Olivier Francois will have the best vehicle yet to serve as a platform for creative marketing schemes. And maybe Fiat will begin its long hoped-for climb in the US

market.

For Scion, the new iM is a sporty and versatile five-door hatchback with premium features and an estimated 37 mpg on the highway, while Scion iA is the brand's first sedan and features tight handling, dynamic styling and an estimated 42 mpg, thanks in part to a manual transmission.

Both are now available at more than 1,000 Scion dealerships. "It's been a little while, so our retailers are excited to get some new blood," Doug Murtha, Toyota's general manager for Scion, told me. "And we've been very favorably impressed with the feedback we've gotten from them on the cars."

Part of that feedback has come because Scion recently brought many dealership salespeople to Dallas for an orientation and enthusiasm-building session for the new vehicles, which are the first in about three years.

"They came in expecting to like the iM, because it's at a higher price point, and it's what they most likely see in their own garage," Murtha said of the Scion dealership personnel.

"But the iA was a pleasant surprise to them. A lot of people dismiss products at that [low] end of the market, but both from a design standpoint and feature content, as well as in drivability and dynamics, they were impressed on all fronts. [iA] is a unique value, there's a



lot of unexpected content, and it delivers its own unique take on fun-to-drive."

Over time, sales of some existing Scion models have faded, while declining gasoline prices lately have made it less urgent for the brand's millennial consumer base to purchase vehicles based on good mileage.

Of course, Scion has always been more about providing "little" vehicles, with an initial brand that emphasized off-beat nameplates that also would appeal to customizers. Now the brand is more interested in appealing with more practical vehicles that still have an edge and speak to young sensibilities.



The 2016 Fiat 500X



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